



Biennial Report

Period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026

Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners

335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 120

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

(651) 201-2820

bbe.board@state.mn.us

<https://mn.gov/boards/barber-examiners/>

Table of Contents

Our Mission	1
Strategy	1
Board Activities.....	1
Board Members.....	2
Board Meetings and Activities	2
Board Staff	3
Receipts and Disbursements	3
Summary of Rules Proposed or Adopted	3
Number of Licensees	3
Registrations Revoked, Suspended or Otherwise Altered	4
Examination Data	4
Locations and Dates of Examinations	4
Applicants Examined by the Board	4
Applicants Licensed after Examination	5
Applicants Not Licensed After Examination	5
Reciprocity Applicants	6
Reciprocity Applicants Licensed Without Examination	6
Reciprocity Applicants Denied Licensure	7
Complaints	8

Our Mission

The Board of Barber Examiners protects public health and safety by ensuring barbers are properly trained and skilled to provide services in a safe, sanitary environment that prevents the spread of disease through proper disinfection.

The Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners provides regulatory services that are responsive and reliable in assisting the State of Minnesota to meet its goals of keeping Minnesotans safe and providing efficient and accountable government services.

Strategy: Continuous Improvement Utilizing Skilled and Engaged Staff

A staff of three full-time employees manage Board operations, consisting of the Executive Secretary, Law Compliance Officer, and Office Administrative Specialist. Procedures are in place to ensure prompt credentialing and registration, and inquiries from registrants, the public, and stakeholders are handled courteously and efficiently. Additionally, all barbershops and barber schools across the state undergo annual inspections to verify compliance with registration, sanitation, and infection control standards.

Board Activities

The Board meets five times per year, with additional sessions scheduled as needed. Barber examinations are held four times annually—in February, May, August, and November—for graduating students and applicants seeking reciprocity or registration reinstatement. Up to two additional exams are conducted each year for the State correctional barber school. To handle complaints, investigations, and disciplinary actions, the Board's complaint committee meets five times per year with the support of the Attorney General's Office.

During the reporting biennium, the Board worked on a comprehensive review of barber-related statutes and rules to use plain language, clarify requirements, and modernize standards. In doing so, the Board incorporated recommendations from the Office of the Legislative Auditor's 2021 Board of Cosmetology Licensing evaluation report. Through its Legislative Committee and with support of the full board, the bill was designed to reduce entry barriers into the profession, grant the Board greater flexibility in offering examinations, and ensure clear communication. Enacted into law on August 1, 2026, the Board looks forward to implementing these new requirements.

Board Members

The Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners consists of four barber members and one public member. Board members serve four-year terms and are appointed by the governor. The following table shows all board members that served during the biennium.

Name	Residence	Occupation	Date of Appointment	Reappointment Date	Term Expiration
Kevin Ayers	Mankato	Barber	7/1/2020	6/12/2024	1/3/2028
John Vinson	Brooklyn Park	Barber	5/10/2023	n/a	1/4/2027
Joshua Franklin	Saint Paul	Attorney	6/12/2024	n/a	1/4/2027
Joshua Kirkpatrick	Waconia	Barber	7/5/2022	03/04/2026	1/7/2030
Lamberto Vergara	Woodbury	Barber	4/5/2021	03/12/2025	1/1/2029

Board Meetings and Activities

In the reporting biennium, the board hosted 12 regular board meetings. In addition, there were 14 committee meetings and 14 examinations. In total, 454 cumulative hours were spent on board meetings and activities by board members.

Board Member Meetings and Activities	Number	Cumulative Hours
Regular Board Meeting	12	120
Complaint Committee Meeting	12	24
Executive Committee Meeting	2	4
Registered Barber Examination	10	264
Instructor Examination	4	36
Totals	40	448

Board Staff

A staff of three full-time employees, the Executive Secretary, Investigator, and Office Administrative Specialist manages the board's operations. Because of this small team size, staff retention is critical, as losing even a single employee results in a significant loss of institutional knowledge.

Name	Classification	Working Title
Brent Grebinoski	Executive Secretary	Executive Director
Emily Kohns	Office & Administrative Specialist Intermediate	Office Manager
Logan Dutcher	Investigator	Investigator

Receipts and Disbursements

As a General Fund Board, all receipts received by the Board of Barber Examiners are deposited into the General Fund and the Board receives an annual General Fund appropriation for operating costs.

Fiscal Year	Receipts	Disbursements
FY25 – July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025	\$340,112.00	\$401,776.73
FY26 – July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026	\$345,179.00	\$444,962.21
Biennium Total	\$685,291.00	\$846,738.94

Summary of Rules Proposed or Adopted

There were no rules proposed or adopted during this biennium.

Number of Licensees

The board has 3,447 active registered licensees as of June 30, 2026. The following table shows the number of licensees by license type.

License Type	Total licensees as of June 30, 2026	Total licensees as of June 30, 2024	Total licensees as of June 30, 2022	Total licensees as of June 30, 2020
Registered Barber	2,322	2,115	1,914	1,969
Registered Barber Shop	844	812	748	788
Barber School	8	8	7	6
Barber Instructor	57	48	35	26
Student Permits	216	185	179	147
Total Licensees	3,447	3,168	2,883	2,936

Registrations Revoked, Suspended or Otherwise Altered

The board suspended 78 registered barber registrations during the 2024-2026 biennium. Of these, 76 were for delinquent child support per MN Statute § 214.101 and 2 were for delinquent taxes owed to the state per MN Statute § 270C.72.

Examination Data

The board conducted 10 registered barber examinations and 4 instructor examinations during this biennium.

Locations and Dates of Examinations

Type of Examination	Location	Date
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School of Minnesota (Columbia Heights)	August 5, 2024
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School of Saint Paul	November 11, 2024
Instructor Exam	Board Office	December 9, 2024
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School of Minnesota (West St. Paul)	February 3, 2025
Instructor Exam	Board Office	April 7, 2025
Registered Barber	Minnesota Technical Training Center – St. Cloud	April 14, 2025
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School (Fridley)	May 5, 2025
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School of Minnesota (Columbia Heights)	August 4, 2025
Instructor Exam	Board Office	October 6, 2025
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School of Minnesota (Columbia Heights)	November 3, 2025
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School (Fridley)	February 9, 2026
Instructor Exam	Board Office	April 13, 2026
Registered Barber	Minnesota Technical Training Center – St. Cloud	April 27, 2026
Registered Barber	Moler Barber School (Fridley)	May 11, 2026

Applicants Examined by the Board

The board examined 385 applicants during the reporting biennium. The tables below provide information by jurisdiction and age. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 13.05, the board only collects data that is necessary for the licensure process. As such, the board does not collect gender data.

Place of Residence	Totals
Minnesota	380
Wisconsin	4
South Dakota	1

Age Range	Totals
18-25	165
26-35	123
36-45	64
46-55	24
56-65	8
66-75	1

Applicants Licensed after Examination

The board licensed 372 applicants after examination during the reporting biennium. The tables below provide information by jurisdiction and age.

Place of Residence	Totals
Minnesota	367
Wisconsin	4
South Dakota	1

Age Range	Totals
18-25	163
26-35	122
36-45	58
46-55	22
56-65	6
66-75	1

Applicants Not Licensed After Examination

The board did not license 13 applicants after examination during the reporting biennium. The tables below provide information by jurisdiction and age.

Place of Residence	Totals
Minnesota	13

Age Range	Totals
18-25	2
26-35	1
36-45	6
46-55	2
56-65	2

Reciprocity Applicants

Reciprocity Applicants Licensed Without Examination

The board licensed 42 applicants without examination during the reporting biennium. The tables below provide information by jurisdiction and age.

Place of Residence	Totals
North Dakota	19
Arizona	3
Georgia	2
Oklahoma	2
Tennessee	2
Texas	2
Colorado	1
Illinois	1
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	1
Massachusetts	1
Mississippi	1
Massachusetts	1
New Mexico	1
Ohio	1
Wisconsin	1

Age Range	Totals
18-25	8
26-35	7
36-45	12
46-55	11
56-65	4

Reciprocity Applicants Denied Licensure

The board denied licensure to 30 reciprocity applicants during the reporting biennium. The tables below provide information on the reasons for denial as well as denied applicants by jurisdiction and age.

Number	Reason for Denial
5	Applicants did not have a current or verifiable documented license, certificate of registration or equivalent as a practicing barber as verified from another jurisdiction. However, they did have 1500 hours of verified barber education substantially similar to Minnesota's requirements. These applicants will be eligible for licensure after passing the registered barber exam.
22	Applicants could not provide documentation that their training was equivalent to the required course of instruction in Minnesota Statutes 154.07. Additional education in a barber school is required for them to be eligible for licensure after passing the registered barber exam.
3	A board-approved document verification company found that the applicant's training was from a school that was not accredited in that country and the training was not equivalent of a barbering education in the United States.

Place of Residence	Totals
Ecuador	3
Florida	3
Kenya	3
Ethiopia	2
Oregon	2
Spain	2
Ukraine	2
California	1
Colorado	1
Columbia	1
Egypt	1
Indiana	1
Iraq	1
Jordan	1
Mexico	1
Nicaragua	1
Palestine	1
Syria	1
Texas	1
Wisconsin	1

Age Range	Totals
18-25	5
26-35	12
36-45	10
46-55	3

Complaints

The board received 90 complaints during the biennium that imply a violation of a statute or rule in which the board is empowered to enforce. The tables below provide information on the number of complaints per fiscal year and by substance and disposition.

Fiscal Year	Totals
FY23 – July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025	50
FY24 – July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026	40
Total	90

Substance of Complaint	Totals	Board Disposition
Unlicensed Activity	64	Case Open/No resolution yet – 8 Closed by Complaint Committee after Compliance – 18 Resolved with Stipulation and Order – 25 Could not substantiate complaint/Unfounded – 9 Board Issued Final Order – 2 Referred to another jurisdiction - 2
Sanitation	14	Case Open/No resolution yet - 2 Closed by Complaint Committee after Compliance – 10 Resolved with Stipulation and Order – 2
Unlicensed Activity and Sanitation	9	Case Open/No resolution yet – 2 Resolved with Stipulation and Order – 1 Closed by Complaint Committee after Compliance – 5 Board Issued Final Order - 1
Other	3	Found to be non-jurisdictional - 3