

Stylist Article – October 2021 – New Board Officers and Members

On April 26, 2021, Steve Weeks was unanimously elected to take over the president position of the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology as Lisa Thong's term expired. Calimay Pham was also unanimously elected to take over the vice president position from Dr. Kari Williams as her term expired as well.

Steve Weeks of Los Angeles has served on the Board since 2017. Mr. Weeks was formerly president of a national mortgage banking company and an international business finance company. He also serves as an executive board member of Southern Methodist University and has served on several Los Angeles County Commissions.

Calimay Pham of Los Angeles has been an attorney for the County of Los Angeles, Child Support Services Department since 2017. Ms. Pham is a graduate of UCLA School of Law and currently serves as President of the Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance and Secretary of the Multicultural Bar Alliance of Southern California.

The nine-member Board consists of four industry members and three public members appointed by the Governor, and two public members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and Senate Committee on Rules. Most Board members serve four-year terms, with two of the public and two of the industry members appointed by the governor serving initial two-year terms. Board members perform their duties without compensation. There is currently one vacancy on the Board.

The recently appointed board members are:

- **Tonya Fairley, Industry Member**

Tonya Fairley of Pasadena has been the Owner of Strandz on Grand Inc. since 2017, TS Fairley Leadership and Personnel Development Co. since 2015, and Strandz Hair Studio since 2013. She is a member of the John Maxwell Team and the International Association of Women.

- **Megan A. Ellis, Public Member**

Megan A. Ellis, of Sacramento has been a Grant Writer and Coordinator at One Community Health since 2018. She held multiple positions at the California Department of Education from 2012 to 2018, including Legislative Analyst for the Executive Office, in Strategic Initiatives, and Staff Services Analyst for the Mirant Education Office. Ellis was a Policy Analyst Intern for the Napa Valley Unified School District in 2011. She earned a Master of Arts degree in educational policy and leadership from the University of Michigan, Rackham School of Education.

- **Reese A. Isbell, Public Member**

Reese A. Isbell of San Francisco has been a Senior Account Executive at Gravitare PR since 2021. He was Campaign Manager for the San Francisco Health and Recovery Bond in 2020 and Director of Local Government and Community Relations at the California Life Sciences Association from 2013 to 2018. He is a member of the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, where he was chair from 2011 to 2013. Isbell is a member of Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, where he served as a board member from 2014 to 2019.

The remaining board members are:

- **Jacquelyn Crabtree, Industry Member**

Jacquelyn Crabtree of Sacramento has served on the Board since 2017. Mrs. Crabtree has been owner of four Aveda Salon and Spa Stores since 2005. She was manager and a hairstylist at

Maida's Touch Salon from 1999 to 2005 and a bookkeeper at Wild Carter and Oliver Law Firm from 1991 to 1999.

- **Derick Matos, Industry Member**

Derick Matos of Concord has been owner of Empire Barbershop since 2013. He was a licensed barber at VIP Barbershop from 2009 to 2013 and a barber apprentice from 2007 to 2009. Mr. Matos is a member of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

- **Christie Tran, Industry Member**

Christie Tran of Stanton has been owner and manager of Happy Nails of La Habra since 2013. She was owner and manager of Happy Nails of Costa Mesa from 2005 to 2012, manager of Happy Nails of Newport Coast from 2002 to 2005, nail technician at Happy Nails of Rancho Santa Margarita from 2001 to 2002, and a travel agent at Travel World from 1990 to 2001.