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## Nine Named To Newly Created Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board

**AUSTIN** – Nine people have been named to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation’s new Barbering and Cosmetology Advisory Board. The advisory board will provide input, advice and recommendations to TDLR about barbering and cosmetology issues. Members will serve staggered, six-year terms on the board.

The new board replaces the Advisory Board on Barbering and the Advisory Board on Cosmetology, which were dissolved and reconstituted as one program through the TDLR Sunset legislation in 2021.

“The members of this new combined advisory board have a wealth of knowledge about the barbering and cosmetology professions, and they will provide excellent advice to TDLR staff as we move toward a unified program,” said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director. “We’re looking forward to working with them.”

The members of the new board are:

- Mary Lindsay of Houston. Lindsay, who works for San Jacinto College South, will serve as the board’s presiding officer. On the board, she will represent licensed schools.
- Aurora Farthing of Lubbock. Farthing, who works for Quarter Pence Holding LLC, will be the public member of the board.
- Salvador Flores of McAllen. Flores, who works for the McAllen Independent School District, will represent Cosmetology Operator licensees.
- Naylan Holman of Plano. Holman, who works for Naylan Joi Hair/N Joi Beauty, will represent licensees who hold an establishment license.
- Natalie Inderman of Lubbock. Inderman, who works for Rouge Beauty Parlor, will represent individual licensees.
- Ron Jemison, Jr. of Houston. Jemison, who works for Franklin Beauty School, will represent individual licensees.
- Le’Detrick Leonard of Austin. Leonard, who works for Bevelle Barber School, will represent Class A Barber licensees.

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- Darren Peterson of Lakeway. Peterson, who works for Finley's Barbershop, will represent licensees with an establishment license.
- Laura Valdez of Austin. Valdez, who works for Paul Mitchell, The School, will represent school licensees.

To receive important updates about the Barbering and Cosmetology programs, sign up for the TDLR email list at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDLR/subscriber/new>.

#### About TDLR

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