

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

JOHN WESLEY INTERNATIONAL BARBER AND BEAUTY COLLEGE

920 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 200

Long Beach, CA 90813

Institution Code: 1921371

BPPE Case No. BPPE22-122

OAH Case No.: 2026030182

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval is hereby accepted and adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs as the Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on June 26, 2026.

It is so ORDERED May 22, 2026.

"Original Signature on File"

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16 **Approval to Operate Institution Code No.**
17 **1921371**

18 Respondent.

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC
REPROVAL**

[Bus. & Prof. Code § 495]

19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
20 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

21 **PARTIES**

- 22 1. Deborah Cochrane is the former Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary
23 Education (Bureau). She brought this action solely in her official capacity. Elizabeth Elias
24 (Complainant) is the Deputy Bureau Chief of the Bureau and is represented in this matter by Rob
25 Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Stephanie J. Lee, Deputy Attorney General.
- 26 2. Respondent John Wesley International Beauty College, Inc., dba John Wesley
27 International Barber and Beauty College (Respondent) is representing itself in this proceeding
28 and has chosen not to exercise its right to be represented by counsel.

1 **CULPABILITY**

2 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
3 No. BPPE22-122.

4 9. Respondent agrees that its Approval to Operate is subject to discipline and entity to
5 be bound by the Disciplinary Order below.

6 **CONTINGENCY**

7 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of the Department of
8 Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for
9 Complainant and the staff of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education may communicate
10 directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this
11 stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the
12 stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that it may not withdraw its agreement or seek to
13 rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director
14 fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and
15 Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it
16 shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall not be
17 disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

18 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
19 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval, including PDF
20 and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

21 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval is intended by
22 the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment
23 of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements,
24 understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated
25 Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval may not be altered, amended, modified,
26 supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative
27 of each of the parties.

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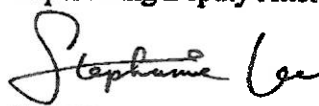
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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Repeval is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 5/14/2026

Respectfully submitted,
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. BPPE22-122

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ACCUSATION

15 **Institution Code No. 1921371**

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18 Respondent.

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20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Deborah Cochrane (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official
22 capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau), Department of
23 Consumer Affairs.

24 2. On April 29, 1992, the Bureau issued an Approval to Operate Institution Code
25 Number 1921371 to John Wesley International Barber and Beauty College (Respondent).
26 Respondent is owned by John Wesley International Beauty College, Inc. (Arouni Blount).
27 Respondent was initially issued a full approval to operate in 1992 and was subsequently issued an
28 approval to operate an accredited institution on June 13, 2012, which has since been maintained.

1 **JURISDICTION**

2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer
3 Affairs (Director) for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, under the authority of the
4 following laws. All section references are to the Education Code (Code) unless otherwise
5 indicated.

6 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Business and Professions Code provides that the
7 suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Director of
8 jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may
9 be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

10 5. Section 94932 of the Education Code states:

11 The bureau shall determine an institution's compliance with the requirements
12 of this chapter. The bureau shall have the power to require reports that institutions
13 shall file with the bureau in addition to the annual report, to send staff to an
14 institution's sites, and to require documents and responses from an institution to
15 monitor compliance. When the bureau has reason to believe that an institution may
16 be out of compliance, it shall conduct an investigation of the institution. If the bureau
17 determines, after completing an investigation, that an institution has violated any
18 applicable law or regulation, the bureau shall take appropriate action pursuant to this
19 article.

20 6. Section 94937 of the Code states:

21 (a) As a consequence of an investigation, which may incorporate any
22 materials obtained or produced in connection with a compliance inspection, and
23 upon a finding that an institution has committed a violation, the bureau may place an
24 institution on probation or may suspend or revoke an institution's approval to
25 operate for:

26 (1) Obtaining an approval to operate by fraud.

27 (2) A material violation or repeated violations of this chapter or
28 regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter that have resulted in harm to students.
For purposes of this paragraph, "material violation" includes, but is not limited to,
misrepresentation, fraud in the inducement of a contract, and false or misleading
claims or advertising, upon which a student reasonably relied in executing an
enrollment agreement and that resulted in harm to the student.

(b) The bureau shall adopt regulations, within one year of the enactment of
this chapter, governing probation and suspension of an approval to operate.

(c) The bureau may seek reimbursement pursuant to Section 125.3 of the
Business and Professions Code.

(d) An institution shall not be required to pay the cost of investigation to more
than one agency.

1 institution approved the student's request in accordance with the institution's
2 policy.

3 (B) CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO RETURN.—If a student does
4 not return to the institution at the expiration of an approved leave of absence
5 that meets the requirements of subparagraph (A), the institution shall calculate
6 the amount of grant and loan assistance provided under this title that is to be
7 returned in accordance with this section based on the day the student withdrew
8 (as determined under subsection (c)).

9 (3) CALCULATION OF AMOUNT OF TITLE IV ASSISTANCE
10 EARNED.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of grant or loan assistance under this
12 title that is earned by the recipient for purposes of this section is calculated
13 by— (i) determining the percentage of grant and loan assistance under this title
14 that has been earned by the student, as described in subparagraph (B); and (ii)
15 applying such percentage to the total amount of such grant and loan assistance
16 that was disbursed (and that could have been disbursed) to the student, or on
17 the student's behalf, for the payment period or period of enrollment for which
18 the assistance was awarded, as of the day the student withdrew.

19 (B) PERCENTAGE EARNED.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(i),
20 the percentage of grant or loan assistance under this title that has been earned
21 by the student is— (i) equal to the percentage of the payment period or period
22 of enrollment for which assistance was awarded that was completed (as
23 determined in accordance with subsection (d)) as of the day the student
24 withdrew, provided that such date occurs on or before the completion of 60
25 percent of the payment period or period of enrollment; or (ii) 100 percent, if the
26 day the student withdrew occurs after the student has completed (as determined
27 in accordance with subsection (d)) 60 percent of the payment period or period
28 of enrollment.

(C) PERCENTAGE AND AMOUNT NOT EARNED.—For purposes of
subsection (b), the amount of grant and loan assistance awarded under this title
that has not been earned by the student shall be calculated by— (i) determining
the complement of the percentage of grant assistance under subparts 1 and 3 of
part A, or loan assistance under parts B, D, and E, that has been earned by the
student described in subparagraph (B); and (ii) applying the percentage
determined under clause (i) to the total amount of such grant and loan
assistance that was disbursed (and that could have been disbursed) to the
student, or on the student's behalf, for the payment period or period of
enrollment, as of the day the student withdrew.

(20 U.S.C. 1091b.)

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

10. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71920 states, in pertinent part:

1 (a) The institution shall maintain a file for each student who enrolls in the
2 institution whether or not the student completes the educational service.

3 (b) In addition to the requirements of section 94900, the file shall contain all of
4 the following pertinent student records:

5 ...

6 (3) Copies of all documents signed by the student, including contracts,
7 instruments of indebtedness, and documents relating to financial aid;

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9 (5) In addition to the requirements of section 94900(b) of the Code, a
10 transcript showing all of the following: (A) The courses or other educational
11 programs that were completed, or were attempted but not completed, and the
12 dates of completion or withdrawal;

13 ...

14 (9) A document showing the total amount of money received from or on
15 behalf of the student and the date or dates on which the money was received;

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17 11. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 75100 states:

18 (a) The Bureau may suspend, revoke or place on probation with terms and
19 conditions an approval to operate.

20 (b) "Material violation" as used in section 94937 of the Code includes
21 committing any act that would be grounds for denial under section 480 of the
22 Business and Professions Code.

23 (c) The proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with
24 Article 10 (commencing with Section 11445.10) of Chapter 4.5 or Chapter 5
25 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the
26 Government Code, as requested by the institution.

27 12. Federal Code of Regulations, title 34, section 668.22 states, in pertinent part:

28 (a) General.

(1) When a recipient of title IV grant or loan assistance withdraws from an
institution during a payment period or period of enrollment in which the
recipient began attendance, the institution must determine the amount of title IV
grant or loan assistance that the student earned as of the student's withdrawal
date in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section.

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(e) Calculation of the amount of title IV assistance earned by the student —

(1) General. The amount of title IV grant or loan assistance that is earned by the student is calculated by—

(i) Determining the percentage of title IV grant or loan assistance that has been earned by the student, as described in paragraph (e)(2) of this section; and

(ii) Applying this percentage to the total amount of title IV grant or loan assistance that was disbursed (and that could have been disbursed, as defined in paragraph (1)(1) of this section) to the student, or on the student's behalf, for the payment period or period of enrollment as of the student's withdrawal date.

(2) Percentage earned. The percentage of title IV grant or loan assistance that has been earned by the student is—

(i) Equal to the percentage of the payment period or period of enrollment that the student completed (as determined in accordance with paragraph (f) of this section) as of the student's withdrawal date, if this date occurs on or before—

(A) Completion of 60 percent of the payment period or period of enrollment for a program that is measured in credit hours; or

(B) Sixty percent of the clock hours scheduled to be completed for the payment period or period of enrollment for a program that is measured in clock hours; or

(ii) 100 percent, if the student's withdrawal date occurs after—

(A) Completion of 60 percent of the payment period or period of enrollment for a program that is measured in credit hours; or

(B) Sixty percent of the clock hours scheduled to be completed for the payment period or period of enrollment for a program measured in clock hours.

...

(f) Percentage of payment period or period of enrollment completed.

(1) For purposes of paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section, the percentage of the payment period or period of enrollment completed is determined—

(i) In the case of a program that is measured in credit hours, by dividing the total number of calendar days in the payment period or period of enrollment into the number of calendar days completed in that period as of the student's withdrawal date; and

(ii)

(A) In the case of a program that is measured in clock hours, by dividing the total number of clock hours in the payment period or period of enrollment into the number of clock hours scheduled to be completed as of the student's withdrawal date.

(B) The scheduled clock hours used must be those established by the institution prior to the student's beginning class date for the payment period or period of enrollment and must be consistent with the

1 published materials describing the institution's programs, unless the
2 schedule was modified prior to the student's withdrawal.

3 (C) The schedule must have been established in accordance with
4 requirements of the accrediting agency and the State licensing agency,
5 if such standards exist.

6 COST RECOVERY

7 13. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
8 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
9 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
10 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being
11 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
12 included in a stipulated settlement.

13 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

14 14. Respondent is an institution that offers vocational barbering and cosmetology
15 programs, located in Long Beach, California.

16 15. Between February 2022 and January 2023, the Bureau received complaints from three
17 students regarding Respondent's operations. One of the complaints was made by student T.R.,
18 who alleged that Respondent knowingly prepared and made false or fraudulent written or oral
19 statements as part of the financial aid documents for student T.R. T.R. discovered the false
20 information and confronted Respondent. Thereafter, T.R. left the institution on or around June 14,
21 2022.

22 16. An investigation revealed the Respondent failed to properly calculate the amount of
23 Title IV funds earned by T.R. Title IV refers to the financial aid programs for postsecondary
24 students and the calculation determines the amount of federal financial aid a student has "earned"
25 based on the percentage of the enrollment period they completed. T.R. was eligible to retain
26 100% of the Title IV funds disbursed in his final payment period prior to his withdrawal from
27 Respondent's institution.

28 17. Despite T.R.'s eligibility to retain 100% of the Title IV funds, Respondent issued a
Notification of Return of Title IV Funds letter to T.R. incorrectly stating that T.R. owed to

1 Respondent a balance of \$846.26 in Title IV funds. Respondent also recorded this incorrect
2 balance on its Tuition Account record for T.R.

3 18. Respondent prepared and maintained attendance records stating that T.R. had
4 attended a specific number of hours for the Technical Instruction and Physical Operations
5 educational components within Respondent's barbering program. However, Respondent's
6 attendance records contained multiple discrepancies regarding the total number of T.R.'s
7 attendance hours for June 21, 2022 to June 24, 2022. Furthermore, on T.R.'s Proof of Training
8 Document submitted to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, Respondent recorded that T.R.
9 completed a total of 1280 instruction hours at the institution. However, the total number of
10 instruction hours could not be substantiated because Respondent's attendance records contained
11 multiple discrepancies regarding the total number of T.R.'s attendance hours.

12 19. Respondent prepared and maintained attendance records stating that T.R. had
13 completed the Technical Instruction and Physical Operations educational components within
14 Respondent's barbering program. However, T.R.'s academic transcript did not note the
15 completion of any of the Technical Instruction or Physical Operations components.

16 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

17 **(Violation of the HEA)**

18 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 94937 and 94919,
19 subdivision (a), in conjunction with Higher Education Act (HEA) section 484B and Code of
20 Federal Regulations (CFR), title 34, section 668.22, in that Respondent failed to properly
21 calculate the amount of Title IV funds earned by student T.R. Complainant refers to, and by this
22 reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in paragraphs 14 through 19, above, as though set
23 forth fully herein.

24 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

25 **(Untrue or Misleading Statements)**

26 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 94937 and 94897,
27 subdivision (j), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71920,
28 subdivision (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(9), in that Respondent made untrue or misleading statements:

1 related to the amount of Title IV funds earned by T.R. on the Notification of Return of Title IV
2 Funds letter and Tuition Account record; related to T.R.'s attendance and instructions hours on
3 Respondent's attendance records and T.R.'s Proof of Training document; and related to T.R.'s
4 completion of Technical Instruction and Physical Operations components on T.R.'s academic
5 transcript. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth in
6 paragraphs 14 through 19, above, as though set forth fully herein.

7 **PRAYER**

8 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
9 and that following the hearing, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs issue a
10 decision:

11 1. Revoking or suspending Institution Code Number 1921371, issued to John
12 Wesley International Barber and Beauty College (Respondent), owned by John Wesley Beauty
13 College, Inc. (Arouni Blount);

14 2. Ordering John Wesley International Beauty College, Inc., dba John Wesley
15 International Barber and Beauty College to pay the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
16 the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and
17 Professions Code section 7403;

18 and,

19 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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21 DATED: 12/22/2025

Deborah Cochrane

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