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#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

KC Beauty Academy Unilateral
Committee

DAS File No. 5223

DECISION ON DEREGISTRATION

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS or Division) submitted a Report and Recommendation to Deregister the KC Beauty Academy Unilateral Committee (KC Beauty) Apprenticeship Program (DAS File No. 5223). The deregistration of the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program cancels the approval of the program to operate and automatically terminates each apprentice's individual registration. Now, having considered the report, findings of fact, and recommendation submitted by the Chief, I adopt the recommendation and deregister the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Division received information that the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program had not had any active apprentices for a period of at least two (2) years.
- 2. On April 26, 2024, the Division sent KC Beauty a 30-Day Notice of Deregistration via certified mail. The 30-Day Notice of Deregistration served as written notice to KC Beauty that the Division had information that the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program has had no active apprentices for a period of two (2) years, and that the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program will be deregistered unless the program can show good cause within thirty (30) days why it should not be deregistered.
  - 3. KC Beauty never responded to the notice and did not show good cause

for why its program should not be deregistered. Not having had active apprentices for a period of two (2) years "shall be considered grounds for deregistration." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 212.4.)

- 4. On June 10, 2024, the Division sent KC Beauty a Notice of Recommendation to Deregister pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 212.4, subdivision (b)(4) via certified mail. The Notice explained to KC Beauty that the Chief will be recommending that the Administrator of Apprenticeship deregister its program, unless KC Beauty requested a hearing within fifteen (15) days of the Notice.
- KC Beauty failed to respond to the Notice of Recommendation to Deregister.
- 6. Having received no communications from KC Beauty, the Chief prepared a Report and Recommendation on the Deregistration of the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program (Report and Recommendation) and delivered the Report and Recommendation to the Administrator of Apprenticeship on July 1, 2024, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 212.4, subdivision (b)(5).
- 7. The Report and Recommendation included the record of notices sent to KC Beauty and the manner of service of those notices to KC Beauty. Also included was evidence from the Division's records that the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program did not have any active apprentices for a period of at least two (2) years.
- 8. In his Report and Recommendation, the Chief recommended that the Administrator of Apprenticeship deregister the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program for not having had any active apprentices for a period of at least two (2) years, failing to show good cause for why the program should not be deregistered, and failure to respond to the Division's notices.

#### **DISCUSSION**

## A. The Division's Power to Deregister Programs

The Chief and the Division "shall foster, promote, and develop the welfare of

the apprentice and industry, improve the working conditions of apprentices, and advance their opportunities for profitable employment." (Lab. Code, § 3073, subd. (a).) In fulfilling this statutory mandate, the Division has been granted broad authority to oversee apprenticeship programs and monitor whether they comply with relevant laws and standards. For instance, the Division is responsible for evaluating apprenticeship programs to "ensure that the program evaluated is complying with its standards." (§ 3073.1, subd. (a).) The Division may also obtain a civil injunction against any violation of apprenticeship laws. (§ 3084.5.)

As the state agency that grants approval of apprenticeship programs (§ 3075), the Division may also withdraw state approval through what are known as "deregistration" proceedings. (See Regulation § 212.4.) Among other grounds, if an apprenticeship program has willfully violated any relevant laws, regulations, or orders, the Division "may initiate the deregistration process to withdraw state approval of the program." (§ 3073.1, subd. (b).) Inactive programs that have essentially ceased operations may also be deregistered, as inactive programs no longer serve the apprenticeship community: "Where the Chief has information that a program has had no active apprentices for a period of two (2) years, that shall be considered grounds for deregistration." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 212.4, subd. (b)(1).)

#### **B.** The Deregistration Process for Inactive Programs

To initiate the deregistration process for inactive programs, the Chief first sends a notice of deregistration by certified mail to notify the program that it has not had any active apprentices for a period of two years and that it will be deregistered unless it shows good cause within 30 days why it should not be deregistered. (Regulation § 212.4, subd. (b)(1).)

If the program fails to show good cause within 30 days of the notice, the Chief must then send to the program a notice of intent to recommend deregistration via certified mail. (Regulation § 212.4, subd. (b)(4).) This notice must explain to the program that the Chief will recommend that the program be deregistered unless the

program requests a hearing within 15 days of the notice. (Ibid.)

Whether or not a hearing is requested, the Chief must "transmit to the Administrator a report containing all pertinent facts and circumstances concerning the violation, including the findings and recommendation for deregistration, and copies of all relevant documents and records." (Regulation § 212.4, subd. (b)(5).) If no hearing is requested, the Administrator issues a decision on the record. (*Ibid.*) If a hearing is requested, the Administrator will hold a hearing and issue a decision thereafter on the basis of the record. (Regulation § 212.2, subd. (b)(6).)

## C. The Program Has Not Had Any Active Apprentices for Over Two Years

As detailed above, the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program has not had any active apprentices for a period of two years. All notices were served on KC Beauty properly via certified mail and provided KC Beauty with an opportunity to show cause why its program should not be deregistered. KC Beauty failed to respond. There being no reason why the program should not be deregistered, my decision is to deregister and withdraw state approval of the KC Beauty Apprenticeship Program.

## CONCLUSION AND DECISION

Having duly considered the Chief's Report and Recommendation on the Deregistration of the KC Beauty Academy Unilateral Committee Apprenticeship Program, I find the Chief's recommendation meritorious and in this decision, I adopt the recommendation to deregister and withdraw state approval of the KC Beauty Academy Unilateral Committee Apprenticeship Program. The deregistration of the KC Beauty Academy Unilateral Committee Apprenticeship Program cancels the approval of the program to operate and automatically terminates each apprentice's individual registration.

Date: July 2, 2024

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Director of Industrial Relations Administrator of Apprenticeship