

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Laylah Binat Beauty Education Center

DAS File No. 5230

DECISION ON DEREGISTRATION

INTRODUCTION

The Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS or Division) submitted a Report and Recommendation to Deregister the Laylah Binat Beauty Education Center (Laylah Binat) Apprenticeship Program (DAS File No. 5230). The deregistration of the Laylah Binat 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 Laylah Binat Apprenticeship Program.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Division received information that the Laylah Binat 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 Laylah Binat a 30-Day Notice of Deregistration via certified mail. The 30-Day Notice of Deregistration served as written notice to Laylah Binat that the Division had information that the Laylah Binat Apprenticeship Program has had no active apprentices for a period of two (2) years, and that the Laylah Binat Apprenticeship Program will be deregistered unless the program can show good cause within thirty (30) days why it should not be deregistered.
- 3. Laylah Binat 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 Laylah Binat 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 Laylah Binat that the Chief will be recommending that the Administrator of Apprenticeship deregister its program, unless Laylah Binat requested a hearing within fifteen (15) days of the Notice.
- Laylah Binat failed to respond to the Notice of Recommendation to
 Deregister.
- 6. Having received no communications from Laylah Binat, the Chief prepared a Report and Recommendation on the Deregistration of the Laylah Binat 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 Laylah Binat and the manner of service of those notices to Laylah Binat. Also included was evidence from the Division's records that the Laylah Binat 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 Laylah Binat 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

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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 Laylah Binat Apprenticeship Program has not had any active apprentices for a period of two years. All notices were served on Laylah Binat properly via certified mail and provided Laylah Binat with an opportunity to show cause why its program should not be deregistered. Laylah Binat 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 Laylah Binat Apprenticeship Program.

CONCLUSION AND DECISION

Having duly considered the Chief's Report and Recommendation on the Deregistration of the Laylah Binat Beauty Education Center 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 Laylah Binat Beauty Education Center Apprenticeship Program. The deregistration of the Laylah Binat Beauty Education Center 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