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PUBLIC COMMENT DISCLOSURE FORM

To Be Submitted No Later Than October 15, 2017

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RE: Hollywood Cosmetology Center (School #M057753)
1708 W. Lindsey Street
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

Dear Dr. McComis:

I understand and agree that the Commission, pursuant to *Section X (C)(4)&(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, will make public a summary of the reasons for the final adverse accrediting decision effective October 5, 2017 together with any comments submitted by the school. I further understand that the summary will be accompanied by the attached comments.

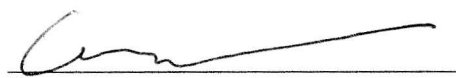
I understand and agree that the attached comments constitute Hollywood Cosmetology Center's public comments on the adverse accreditation action that are to be disseminated with the public notice of the Commission's **May 2017** decision including, but not limited to, dissemination to appropriate federal, state and other accrediting agencies and posting to the ACCSC website (*Section X (C)(4)&(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

I understand and agree that the school is not obligated to submit public comments and acknowledge that the attached comments are provided voluntarily.

I understand and agree that the public comments must be in summary format, professional in tone, and free of profanity and calumnious statements. I acknowledge that any comments which do not meet these requirements will not be disseminated or posted along with the summary of the reasons for the adverse accreditation decision.

I understand and agree that the Commission will release its summary of the adverse accreditation decision to the public pursuant to the Commission's *Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* and that the school's written comments will not be added to this disclosure if this form and comments are not submitted in the required format **on or before October 15, 2017.**

I understand and agree that the Commission has no responsibility for how the school's comments may be used once they are put in the public domain.



Signature

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Date

Crystal Burgess, Owner

Name/Title

PUBLIC COMMENTS BY HOLLYWOOD COSMETOLOGY CENTER

Hollywood Cosmetology Center (“HCC”) strongly disagrees with the decision by ACCSC to withdraw its accreditation. HCC, a small, woman-owned school, has been in business for over 37 years at the same location. During that time, it has been continuously licensed by the state of Oklahoma and fully accredited by the appropriate agencies. It has never been sued, had a complaint filed against it or failed to pass a financial audit.

The withdrawal decision by ACCSC was not based on any issues regarding the HCC facility, faculty, curriculum or financial status. It was further not based on any academic issues or graduation rate issues. Nor did HCC fail any inspection by ACCSC.

Rather, the decision by ACCSC, which cost HCC several thousand dollars to appeal, was based solely on the failure of HCC to submit certain documents to ACCSC by the ACCSC deadlines. This failure was due to circumstances beyond the owner of HCC’s control, including but not limited to a health issue.

HCC regrets that it failed to meet the deadline imposed by ACCSC [it actually did so within 72 hours], but believes the withdrawal of accreditation was excessive, harsh, unfair, a deprivation of HCC’s due process rights and primarily, a disservice to the many current and former students of HCC. Interestingly, after withdrawing HCC’s accreditation for failing to meet an ACCSC deadline, ACCSC failed to meet its own written deadline for notifying HCC of its decision on appeal. This was, apparently, without the kind of consequence that ACCSC imposed on HCC.