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## Notice of Official Comment to Commission Action: Withdrawal of Accreditation (34 CFR §602.26(d) and NACCAS Rules of Practice and Procedure Section 11.6)

Case Management Team – Atlanta

Date: April 30, 2015

### School Filing Official Comment

Jolei's Hair Institute, LLC  
203 East Main Street  
Olanta, SC 29114  
Ref. # 050040-00

### Notes:

- The Institution was notified by letter dated March 23, 2015 that its accreditation was withdrawn (all appeal rights exhausted) for failure to comply with NACCAS' Admissions Policies and Procedures Standard – *NACCAS Standard IV, Criterion 1(c)*. The Institution was further notified of its right to file written comments on this decision within sixty (60) days, and that such comments would be made available to the public.
- The United States Department of Education was notified of the Commission's action by E-Notice dated March 24, 2015.
- The attached Official Comment of the Institution was received by NACCAS on April 29, 2015.

### To The Following:

#### United States Department of Education

- Ms. Kathleen Hochhalter- Special Assistant-- Administrative Actions & Appeals Division
- Ms. Mary Gust- Director-- Administrative Actions & Appeals Division
- Department of Education Accreditation Division- USDOE-- Washington, DC

- ☒ Ms. Cathy Sheffield- Accreditation & State Liaison Office-- USDOE--- Washington, DC
- ☒ Ms. Rachael Shultz- Accreditation and State Liaison Office-- USDOE --- Washington, DC
- ☒ Ms. Lauren Pope- Administrative Actions and Appeals Services Group-- Washington, DC
- ☒ Mr. Christopher Miller- Team Leader-- School Participation Team--- Atlanta

### **Accreditors**

- ☒ Mr. Bill Larkin- Executive Director-- ACCET
- ☒ Mr. Michale McComis, Ed.D.- Executive Director-- ACCSC
- ☒ Mr. Albert Gray, Ph.D.- Executive Director-- ACICS
- ☒ Dr. Gary Puckett- Executive Director-- COE

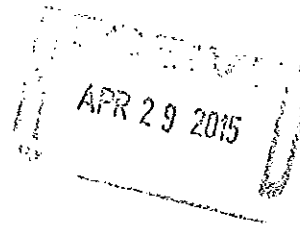
### **State Authorities**

- ☒ Ms. Theresa Richardson- SC Board of Barber Examiners-- Columbia, SC

### **Other**

- ☒ Ms. Tammy Burkhardt- Educause
- ☒ Accredited Schools List Help Desk-- Westat

Re: Jolei's Hair Institute  
203 E. Main Street  
Olanta, SC 29114  
Appeal Denied; Withdraw- Final  
Comments on the final  
Reference # 050040-00



Date: April 8, 2015

Dear Darin M. Wallace, Esq.,

Jolei's Hair Institute is submitting this comment in regards to the Appeal Denied; Withdraw Final decision. After reading the reason for denial from the commissioner; which was solely his decision based on passed responses from Jolei's Hair Institute. Jolei's Hair Institute is asking that you look into this matter leading to the loss of its accreditation. We have consulted with our school representative on many occasions prior to submitting its appeal information and have been guided by [REDACTED] which we have been misguided during the submissions as it relates to Reason of Withdrawal #1. The commissioner also commented that there were no changes in our responses and no narratives regarding this Reason of Withdrawal #1. Our response is that we have communicated with [REDACTED] and to the best of her knowledge and guidance she did not see where changes were needed. She also said she had consulted with others prior to her responses to us. Jolei's Hair Institute have worked diligently on our responses and we would have not allowed a situation this minor to interrupt the continuation of our Accreditation. Jolei's Hair Institute have also experienced times where phone calls were not returned and no responses on some issues. Jolei's Hair Institute trusted the guidance that was provided by our representative and now it has cost us the time, labor, and finances that has been poured into this institution over the last 3 years. This past December 2014 through March 2015 Jolei's Hair Institute was inquiring information for the Department of Education from [REDACTED] and we did not receive it until the information was addressed to Darin Wallace; which we received the information within 2 days which we never received from our school representative. When Jolei's Hair Institute received its letter from NACCAS with the decision from the Appeals Panel on January 6, 2015 regarding the referral to the Commissioner we immediately contacted Darin Wallace after talking to our school representative once again and she could not answer the question of what's was happening. Only then the issue was clarified of what the Commissioner was asking and the appeal process was exhausted. Jolei's Hair Institute requests that the decision made by the commissioner be reconsidered due to the inconsistency of our school representative and have the alternative option to submit the change for Reason of Withdrawal #1.

Thanking you in Advance,

Shawonda Thomas

President

APR 29 2015

**COMMENT DISCLOSURE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This Comment Disclosure Acknowledgement is submitted this 26 day of April, 2015, by an authorized signatory of the institution named below (the "School").

The undersigned person ("I") hereby certifies to the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences, Inc. ("NACCAS") that s/he is authorized by the School to execute this Comment Disclosure Acknowledgement, and make the acknowledgements and agreements herein, on behalf of the School.

By letter dated September 12, 2014, NACCAS notified the School that NACCAS' Board of Commissioners (the Commission") had withdrawn the School's accreditation, with the right to appeal (the "Commission Action"). The School exercised its right to appeal in accordance with Part 9 of NACCAS' *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the "Rules"). By letter dated January 6, 2015, NACCAS notified the School that the NACCAS Appeal Review Panel had remanded the School's appeal to the Commission for reconsideration and final action, pursuant to Section 9.8(b)(4) of NACCAS' Rules. By letter dated March 20, 2015, NACCAS notified the School that its appeal had been denied by the Commission and that, in accordance with NACCAS' *Rules*, the Commission Action described above had become final and no longer subject to appeal.

I understand and agree that, pursuant to Section 11.6 of NACCAS' *Rules*, NACCAS will make available to the public a summary of the reasons for the Commission Action described above, together with any comments submitted by the School. I understand and agree that the attached comments constitute the School's public comments on the Commission Action. 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 of slanderous or defamatory comments. I acknowledge that any comments which do not meet these requirements will not be made available to the public.

I understand and agree that, pursuant to Section 11.6 of NACCAS's *Rules*, the School's written comments will not be added to NACCAS' summary disclosure of the Commission Action if this Comment Disclosure Acknowledgement and the School's comments are not submitted in the required format on or before May 19, 2015.

I understand and agree that NACCAS has no responsibility for how the School's comments may be used or interpreted by others when made publicly available.

JOLE'S HAIR INSTITUTE, LLC  
NACCAS REF. #050040-00

By:

Shawonda Thomas  
School's Owner or Authorized Signatory

4/18/14  
Date

Shawonda Thomas  
Print Name (Clearly)

President  
Title