COURT REPORTERS CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Office of Court Administration
Tom C. Clark Building
205 W. 14th Street
First Floor Conference Room
Austin, Texas 78701
Friday, August 10, 2018
(1:30 p.m. Until Adjournment)

The meeting of the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board (Board) was called to order by the Hon. Lori Valenzuela, Presiding Officer, at approximately 1:32 p.m. The members present by teleconference were Judge Valenzuela, Molly Pela, Deborah Hamon, Robin Cooksey, and Janice Eidd-Meadows. Kim Tindall appeared in person and Whitney Lehmberg Riley did not attend. Staff members present were Jeff Rinard, Scott Gibson, Jilian Stengle, Michele Henricks, and Tyees Holcombe.

JBCC Director Jeff Rinard introduced Judge Valenzuela as the new Presiding Officer.

Judge Valenzuela welcomed everyone followed by introductions from Board members and staff.

The Board members reviewed and approved the prior Board meeting minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting.

Licensing Manager Jilian Stengle provided the Board with an overview of the applications for endorsement. Approved applicants are required to take the written exam. Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted on applications with Judge Valenzuela, Chair, abstaining from the vote. As follows:

- Angela Hartsock (California, appeared by phone) – Application approved based on California certification and experience; four in favor and one opposed.
- Robin Johnson (California, appeared by phone) – Application denied by majority vote, three to two, following discussion on certifications and experience.
- Stephanie Klingaman (California, appeared by phone) – Application approved based on California certification and experience; four in favor and one opposed.
- Christie Erickson Leiter (California, appeared by phone) – Application approved based on California certification and experience; four in favor and one opposed.
- Marta Johnson (Arizona, appeared by phone) – Application denied by majority vote, four to one, based on a previous ruling that the Arizona exam is not substantially equivalent to the Texas exam.

The first meeting of the Uniform Format Manual Committee was confirmed for Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Court reporter members appointed to the committee are Janice Eidd-Meadows, Chair, Kim Tindall, Debbie Hamon, Robin Cooksey and Whitney Lehmberg Riley.

Jeff Rinard presented agenda item VII, Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings. Related to the shortage of court reporters in Texas, statistics show a 20% decrease in the court reporter population since 2005. Due to school closures, there are currently three court reporting schools in Texas. Continuing education credits for pro bono court reporting services was proposed by members of the profession to apply to continuing education requirements for renewal of certification.

Public comment was provided by Art Richardson, Susan Perry Miller, Glyn Poage, Steve Bresnen, and Patrick Stephens.

Judge Valenzuela thanked the Board and staff for their warm welcome and advised that for the next meeting of the Board, members are requested to attend in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Valenzuela

Judge Lori I. Valenzuela
Presiding Officer

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Date