

COURT REPORTERS CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting

John H. Reagan Building
105 W. 15th Street
Room 131
Austin, TX 78701
Thursday, October 23, 2014
(2:00 p.m. Until Adjournment)

The meeting of the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board was called to order by the Hon. William Sowder, Presiding Officer, at 2:20 p.m. The members present were Presiding Officer Judge Sowder, Kim Tindall, Robin Cooksey, Debbie Hamon, and Whitney Riley. Molly Pela and Janice Eidd-Meadows attended the meeting by teleconference. The staff members present were Jeff Rinard, Michele Henricks, Lesley Ondrechen, Katie Bond, and Veena Mohan.

Judge Sowder gave opening remarks and welcomed the Board members. Board members and staff introduced themselves.

Mr. Rinard welcomed the Board and provided an overview of the JBCC and its rules and procedures, public meetings policy, and access to Commission records policy.

Judge Sowder acknowledged the Court Reporter Certification Complaint Review Committee Members. The members appointed are Molly Pela (Attorney), Robin Cooksey (Official Court Reporter), and Kim Tindall (Freelance Court Reporter and Firm Owner).

The Advisory Board members discussed the JBCC Criminal Conviction Guidelines and voted to recommend adding crimes involving tampering with government records and crimes involving drug offenses to the Court Reporter Certification portion of the Guidelines.

The Advisory Board discussed the JBCC Administrative Dismissal policy and voted to accept and approve the Court Reporter Certification section of the policy.

The Advisory Board discussed a review of the Code of Professional Conduct for the Court Reporter Certification program and created a committee composed of Kim Tindall, Janice Eidd-Meadows, Robin Cooksey, Debbie Hamon and Whitney Riley to meet and update the code for consideration by the Advisory Board and the JBCC. Staff will set a future meeting date.

The Advisory Board discussed placing several items on the agenda for the next Advisory Board meeting, including the Code of Professional Conduct. A future meeting date was not selected.

Mr. Art Richardson addressed the Advisory Board briefly.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Judge William C. Sowder
Presiding Officer

3-26-15

Date