COURT REPORTERS CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes

Office of Court Administration Tom C. Clark Building 205 W. 14th Street, Rm. 605 Austin, Texas 78701 Thursday, March 26, 2015 (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 2:10 p.m. The members present by teleconference were Presiding Officer Judge Sowder, Kim Tindall, Robin Cooksey, Deborah Hamon, Molly Pela and Janice Eidd-Meadows. Whitney Lehmberg Riley did not participate in the meeting. The staff members present were Jeff Rinard, Michele Henricks, Lesley Ondrechen, Scott Gibson, and Tyees Holcombe.

Judge Sowder provided opening remarks and welcomed the Board members.

The Advisory Board members reviewed and approved the prior Board meeting minutes from the October 23, 2014 meeting.

The Advisory Board members deliberated on the Request for Reconsideration of a Denial of a Request for Endorsement by Arizona Certification from applicant Lisa Blanks. The Advisory Board members voted to recommend denial of the Request for Reconsideration by the JBCC at the May 1, 2015 meeting of the Commission. The denial was based on the lack of examination from Arizona, and the Illinois examination taken by Ms. Blanks was not substantially equivalent to the Texas examination.

The Advisory Board discussed the appointment of alternate members for the Court Reporter Advisory Board Complaint Review Committee. At the May 1, 2015 JBCC meeting, the certification staff will request the authority to replace members on the review committee when a quorum is not available.

Jeff Rinard provided an overview of the process to update the Court Reporter Code of Professional Conduct. The Code of Conduct Review Committee is made up of Kim Tindall, Robin Cooksey, Whitney Lehmberg Riley, Janice Eidd-Meadows, and Deborah Hamon. Certification staff will select a future meeting date.

Curtis High, Dale Guedry, and Lorrie Schnoor attended the Advisory Board meeting as members of the public. No public comment was given at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Judge William C. Sowder Presiding Officer