

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS

165 CAPITOL AVENUE
HARTFORD, CT 06106

JULY 23, 2003

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened July 23, 2003 at 8:53 A.M. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present: Susan K. Whitt, Chairperson (Shorthand Reporter)
Donald E. Hubbard (Shorthand Reporter)
John C. Brandon (Shorthand Reporter)

Board Counsel Present: Mee Wong, Assistant Attorney General

Board Vacancies: One Attorney Member
Two Public Members

DCP Staff Present: Vicky Bullock, DCP Attorney
Nelson Leon, Board Secretary

Public Present: Chris VanDehoef, TCORS
Bill Mangini, Stone Academy

Note: The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division.
For information call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2003 at 8:34 a.m..

MINUTES

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes of the January 22, 2003 meeting with an amendment to page 2 under "new business" to reflect Valerie Stolfi as Kenna Warner's replacement at TCORS.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT ISSUES

Bill Mangini stated that his application to sit on this Board has not resulted in his appointment as of yet. Susan Whitt is also waiting for her re-appointment.

APPLICATIONS

Kimberly White – Naugatuck, CT **Approved**
Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

J. Edward Varallo – Grafton, MA **Approved**
Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

Nancy Catuogno Varallo – Grafton, MA **Approved**
Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

Denise M. Carideo – Groton, CT **Approved**
Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

Andrea Hawkins – Enfield, CT **Approved**
Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

LICENSE RENEWALS

Donna L. Oliver – Waterbury, CT **Approved**
Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

Rosanne Morgillo – North Haven, CT **Approved**
Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Whitt asked Ms. Bullock to refer to our application for licensure and on page 2 under "examination" delete the phrase regarding grandfathering. Ms. Bullock said the call to the Department of Consumer Protection Managing Attorney has already been made on this matter.
2. Ms. Whitt asked if the Board will accept the legs of other state tests that are equal or higher than ours, rather than the entire test. Discussion related to whether our Board should recognize legs of other states' tests. We do accept legs of the RPR exam and will continue to do so.

A vote was taken on accepting legs of other states' tests, one leg at a time, and that was voted down, so we will not accept legs, only completed tests.

3. Ms. Whitt said that the CCRA Executive Committee and some agency owners met regarding temporary or provisional licensure and discussion regarding provisional licensure. Ms. Bullock mentioned that other professions in Connecticut offer provisional licensure. Mr. Brandon asked how do we determine who gets the provisional license. Would we have to replace one standard with another one? We need a bright line regarding licensure. Ms. Whitt reminded us that we allow our testers to pass one leg at a time, give the test frequently, and give double sessions each time, more than any other state.

A vote was taken as to whether to table the issue of provisional licensure for now. The Board voted affirmatively to table this issue until further discussion is deemed necessary.

4. Ms. Whitt asked whether reporters currently working Federal Grand Jury should be licensed. Mr. Brandon said no, it's not an issue or a problem with the United States Attorney's Office, and we should not intrude on their situation. The Board decided to take a reactive position on this issue and deal with any formal complaint.
5. Ms. Bullock said the Attorney Generals' office is researching a letter received over a year ago regarding "financial interest." It has been stalled because the paralegal doing the research was laidoff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Whitt
Chairperson