

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS

APRIL 22, 2009

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened at 8:52 a.m. in Room-117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present: John Brandon, Chairperson, Shorthand Reporter
Patricia Masi, Shorthand Reporter
William Mangini, Public Member
Walter Rochow, Shorthand Reporter

Board Members Absent: Cheryl Stern, Public Member
Joseph N. DeFilippo, Attorney

Board Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, Board Secretary

Public Present: None

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Chairperson Brandon called the meeting to order at 8:52 a.m. The minutes from the October 22, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brandon asked that a statement be removed from page three of the minutes which referenced the use of unlicensed reporters in a certain locale in the State of Connecticut. Mr. Brandon made a motion to accept the modified minutes, Ms. Masi seconded, and all were in favor.

On the issue of the reading/signing of transcripts, Mr. Brandon had heard from several agency owners who felt that the issue, if pursued, would create more headaches than it is worth. The Board agreed, and the issue has been dropped.

The Board reviewed two new applications, Robert Cuda and Amy Sikora. Both are non-Connecticut residents. Nelson pointed out that applicants must present evidence that they passed the exam. Both of the candidates under consideration did submit such evidence. Mr. Brandon pointed out that this Board historically looks at the details of applications on a case-by-case basis. He said that if the applicant shows current certification, they are automatically approved to be licensed in the State, barring any information on the application that would suggest otherwise. Mr. Brandon made a motion to accept the two applicants, Ms. Masi seconded, and all were in favor.

Mr. Brandon received a phone call from Les Seligson, President of the CCRA, who had heard that the State was considering eliminating this Board. Mr. Brandon called the Governor's office and was told that indeed, this Board and possibly some others were under scrutiny for possible elimination. Mr. Brandon felt strongly that this Board costs the State very little. The issue did not come out of Committee, and as a result all Boards will remain as is.

Chairperson Brandon asked if there was any more business to be conducted and, there being none, adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Brandon
Chairperson

The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 8:15 a.m.