

**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  
**Thursday, October 19, 2017**  
(1:30 p.m. Until Adjournment)

The meeting of the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board (Board) was called to order by the Hon. William Sowder, Presiding Officer, at approximately 1:34 p.m. The members present by teleconference were Judge Sowder, Deborah Hamon, Robin Cooksey, Whitney Lehmborg Riley, and Kim Tindall. Molly Pela and Janice Eidd-Meadows did not attend. The staff members present were Michele Henricks, Scott Gibson, Tyees Holcombe, and Lesley Ondrechen. Jeff Rinard attended by teleconference.

Judge Sowder provided opening remarks and welcomed the Board members.

The Board members reviewed and approved the prior Board meeting minutes from the September 27, 2017 meeting.

Licensing Manager Lesley Ondrechen provided the Board with an overview of the application for endorsement from a California applicant who appeared by phone.

The Board members reviewed and discussed the application and materials in making their determination. The Board voted to approve Heather Bautista based on her California certification and experience with two in favor and one opposed. Advisory Board member Robin Cooksey recused herself. Judge Sowder abstained from the vote.

Director Jeff Rinard gave an overview of the JBCC draft rules incorporating 2017 legislative changes, including court reporter certification and court reporting firm registration in section 6 of the rules.

Following review and discussion, the Advisory Board voted to recommend to the Commission that the proposed rules be posted for a 30-day public comment period with changes and clerical corrections as discussed by the Board.

Judge Sowder left the meeting at 2:18 p.m., thanking the Board members and staff for their input.

A quorum of four members continued with the meeting.

A future meeting date for the Board was not decided.

Lorrie Schnoor and Susan Perry Miller gave public comment. Art Richardson read public comment from David Ross for the record.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2: 30 p.m.



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Judge William C. Sowder  
Presiding Officer

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