

**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  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**  
(1:00 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 1:02 p.m. The members present by teleconference were Judge Sowder, Molly Pela, Deborah Hamon, Robin Cooksey, Whitney Lehmberg Riley, Kim Tindall, and Janice Eidd-Meadows. The staff members present were Jeff Rinard, Michele Henricks, Scott Gibson, Tyees Holcombe, and Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General.

Judge Sowder provided opening remarks and welcomed the Board members.

The Board members reviewed and approved the prior Board meeting minutes as amended from the June 27, 2017 meeting.

Michele Henricks provided the Board with an overview of the applications for endorsement for two California applicants and one Georgia applicant who all appeared by phone.

The Board members reviewed and discussed the applications and materials in making their determinations.

The Board determined that the Georgia court reporter exam was not substantially equivalent to the Texas exam and on that basis voted to deny the application for endorsement for Martha Hufstetler.

The Board voted to approve Jennifer Lynne Gill based on her California certification and experience with five in favor and one opposed.

The Board voted to approve Laura Locascio based on her California certification and experience with four in favor and two opposed.

A review of the draft JBCC Rules incorporating 2017 legislative changes was postponed until October at a date to be announced following the meeting.

A future meeting date for the Board was not decided.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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*William C. Sowder*

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Judge William C. Sowder  
Presiding Officer

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