

**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
Friday, February 22, 2019
(1:00 p.m. Until Adjournment)

The meeting of the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board (Board) was called to order by the Hon. Lori Valenzuela, Presiding Officer, at approximately 1:02 p.m. Judge Valenzuela, Molly Pela, Kim Tindall, Deborah Hamon, and Whitney Lehmberg Riley attended by teleconference. Janice Eidd-Meadows and Robin Cooksey appeared in person. Staff members present were Jeff Rinard, Scott Gibson, Jilian Stengle, and Michele Henricks.

Judge Valenzuela welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Board members reviewed and approved the prior Board meeting minutes from the January 11, 2019 meeting.

Licensing Manager Jilian Stengle provided the Board with an overview of the applications for endorsement. Approved applicants are required to take the written exam. Upon proper motion and second, the Board voted on the following applications:

- Kathryn Mills (Alabama, application tabled January 11, 2019) - Ms. Mills was not in attendance. Application not approved based on lack of experience.
- Michelle Smith (Kansas, application tabled January 11, 2019) - Ms. Smith appeared by phone. Application approved based on experience.
- Mayleen Ahmed (Oregon and Washington) - Ms. Ahmed was not in attendance. Application approved based on experience.

Judge Valenzuela presented agenda item V, Discussion and Recommendation on Court Reporter Shortage in Texas, and listed the 4 topics for discussion proposed at the January 11, 2019 meeting; 1) reciprocity and endorsement, 2) other states substantially equivalent to Texas, 3) Statement of Proficiency, and 4) provisional and apprentice certifications.

Under the topic of reciprocity and endorsement, Board member Whitney Lehmberg Riley requested that California be added to the list of states to be contacted for reciprocity agreements as outlined by Attorney Steve Bresnen, representing the Texas Court Reporters Association.

Under the topic of other states substantially equivalent to Texas, the Board voted on the following requirements for states to be deemed substantially equivalent to Texas; 1) 3 legs of skills test passed in one sitting, 2) applicant has 3 of 5 years experience in state of certification,

and 3) certification is in good standing.

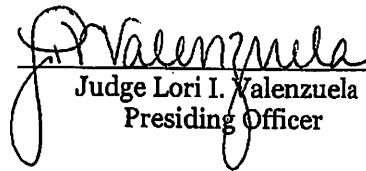
The Board voted to grant staff authority to approve endorsement applications for 8 states identified as having certification requirements substantially equivalent to Texas, upon successful completion of the Texas written knowledge test. The 8 states are Alabama, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oregon, and West Virginia (officials only).

Applications for endorsement submitted by applicants from other states not considered to be substantially equivalent to Texas, will be brought before the Advisory Board for consideration.

Public comment was provided by Attorney Steve Bresnen, Susan Miller, and Patrick Stephens.

Judge Valenzuela thanked everyone for attending and recognized progress made on addressing the court reporter shortage.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.



Judge Lori I. Valenzuela
Presiding Officer

July 2019
Date