

Official ABCR Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2013

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting met on Friday, April 19, 2013, in Montgomery at the Holiday Inn Express for the purpose of conducting Board business. Those present were as follows: Judge Aubrey Ford Jr., Chair; Sabrina Lewis, Vice-Chair; Tammy August, Secretary; Lois Robinson, Member; Bill Dawson, Member; and Robert Graham Esdale Jr., Member. Not present were Shannon Ball, Member. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director; Ben Albritton, Assistant Attorney General; and Brandy L. Isenhour, Operations Manager and serving as Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with a quorum present in the following: Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., and Tammy August.

This meeting was advertised on the Secretary of State's web site and the Board web site, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Sabrina Lewis made a motion to approve the Minutes from February 1, 2013, as presented. The motion was seconded by Tammy August, and unanimously approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Dawson, Board member, joined the meeting in progress at approximately 10:10 am.

Robert Esdale, Jr., made a motion to table the proposed Rules and Regulations on Ethics for further investigation. The motion was seconded by Sabrina Lewis, and approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., Sabrina Lewis, Robert Esdale, Jr., and Lois Robinson. Voting "nay" were Bill Dawson and Tammy August. The motion passed.

Robert Esdale, Jr., made a motion to authorize the Board Chair to enter into a memorandum of understanding with another state for reciprocity, should the requirements for licensure be equal to or higher to Alabama's. The motion was seconded by Sabrina Lewis, and unanimously approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Tammy August, Robert Esdale, Jr., and Bill Dawson. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

The time being 10:45 a.m. and there being no further Board business, the meeting was adjourned. The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for November 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., Chair

Sabrina Lewis, Vice-Chair---

Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

Brandy L. Isenhour, Operations Manager and Serving as Recording Secretary