

## **Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 2013**

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting met on Friday, November 1, 2013, in Montgomery at the Board office for the purpose of conducting Board business. Those present were as follows: Sabrina Lewis, Vice-Chair; Tammy August, Secretary; Lois Robinson, Member; David Rains, Member; Shannon Ball, Member; and Robert Esdale Jr., Member. Not present were Judge Aubrey Ford Jr., Vice Chair. 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: Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains, 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.

Lois Robinson made a motion to approve the Minutes from April 19, 2013, as presented. The motion was seconded by Robert Graham Esdale, and unanimously approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Esdale, Jr. made a motion to move all of the licensees that still have not renewed as of November 29, 2013, to revoked status. The motion was seconded by Tammy August. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed.

Robert Esdale, Jr. made a motion to file an injunction on all licensees that have a revoked status as of December 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Tammy August. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed.

Robert Esdale, Jr. made a motion to accept the quote given from ISD to redesign the Board web site. The motion was seconded by Lois Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed.

Lois Robinson made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss controversy that would result in potential attorney client information. The motion was seconded by Tammy August. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed.

The Chair announced that the Board would continue in Executive Session for approximately sixty (60) minutes, the time being approximately 11:13 a.m.

A motion was made by Sabrina Lewis to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Tammy August. The time being approximately 12:05 p.m.

A five (5) minute break was taken at 12:05 p.m. The Board re-convened at 12:08 p.m., with a quorum present.

Robert Esdale, Jr., made a motion to allow Board staff to contact legislature to see if they are receptive to pursue legislation for ethics and firm licensure and submit legislation. The motion was seconded by David Rains. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed.

Robert Graham Esdale made a motion to decline Stephanie Garrets request to count internship as part of her CEU hours. The motion was seconded by Robert Graham Esdale. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rains made a motion to approve Bonnie Waller's reinstatement application pending all fees are received. The motion was seconded by Robert Graham Esdale and unanimously approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains, and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

Tammy August made a motion to accept the proposed 2014 calendar dates of March 14, 2014, July 18, 2014, and November 14, 2014. The motion was seconded by Robert Graham Esdale. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Robert Esdale, Jr., Shannon Ball, David Rains and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

The time being 1:15 p.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 March 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., Chair

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Sabrina Lewis, Vice-Chair

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Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

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