

**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, January 11, 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 1:03 p.m. Judge Valenzuela, Molly Pela, Robin Cooksey, Kim Tindall, and Whitney Lehmborg Riley appeared in person. Janice Eidd-Meadows and Deborah Hamon attended by teleconference. Staff members present were Jeff Rinard, Scott Gibson, Jilian Stengle, Michele Henricks, and Tyees Holcombe.

Judge Valenzuela welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Board members reviewed and approved the prior Board meeting minutes from the August 10, 2018 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 to approve the following applications:

- Patricia Ann Jester (Arkansas, appeared by phone) – Application approved based on Arkansas certification in 1990 and experience. Texas written exam was passed in 1986.
- Brandon Combs (California, appeared in person) – Application approved based on California certification and experience. Texas written exam was passed on September 5, 2018.
- Jodi Monroe (California, appeared in person) – Application approved based on California certification and experience.
- Mary Ann Payonk (California, appeared by phone) – Application approved based on California certification and experience.

Endorsement applications for Kathryn Mills (Alabama) and Michelle Smith (Kansas) who attended by phone, were tabled until the next Advisory Board meeting.

Kimberly Schroeder (California) who attended the meeting in person, withdrew her application after passing the Texas exam.

Licensing Manager Jilian Stengle provided an overview of the application for curriculum approval submitted by Patricia Falls for StenoTrain.com, an online school. Ms. Falls appeared

by phone. The Board voted to recommend approval of the curriculum to the Judicial Branch Certification Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting on February 1, 2019.

Jeff Rinard presented agenda item VII, Initial Discussion and Recommendation on Court Reporter Shortage in Texas.

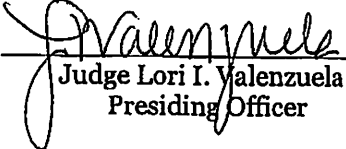
Judge Valenzuela identified 4 topics for discussion; 1) reciprocity and endorsement, 2) other states that may or may not be substantially equivalent to Texas, 3) Statement of Proficiency, and 4) provisional and apprentice certifications.

On proper motion and second, the Board voted in favor of changes to the approval process on California Applications for Endorsement. Applicants that pass the California test, provide a certificate of good standing on their California license, and provide proof that the applicant has 3 of 5 years work experience in California, may be approved by staff without submitting applications to the Court Reporters Certification Advisory Board for approval. The Board voted that the skills portion of the California test was substantially equivalent to the Texas test on January 8, 2016. Approved applicants are required to take the Texas written knowledge test.

Public comment was provided by Judge Craig Enoch, Attorney Steve Bresnen, Shari Krieger, Susan Perry Miller, Pam Marciniak, Art Richardson, David Ross, Glyn Poage, and Patrick Stephens.

Judge Valenzuela thanked everyone for attending and advised that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled on February 22, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

  
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Judge Lori I. Valenzuela  
Presiding Officer

1 July 2019  
Date