

Board Meeting Minutes July 18, 2014

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting met on Friday, July 18, 2013, in Montgomery at the Board office 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; David Rains, Member; Shannon Ball, Member; and Jana Garner, Member. Also present were Paula McCaleb, Executive Director; Ben Albritton, Assistant Attorney General; Brandy L. Isehour, Operations Manager; and Michael Maynard, Licensing Agent (and serving as Recording Secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present in the following: Judge Aubrey Ford Jr., Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Shannon Ball, 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 November 1, 2013, as presented. The motion was seconded by Tammy August and unanimously approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Shannon Ball, and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

David Rains, Board member, joined the meeting in progress at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Jana Garner, Board member, joined the meeting in progress at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Shannon Ball made a motion to seek an Attorney General's Opinion to determine if the State Bar has authority to enforce gifts received by Alabama Attorneys. The motion was seconded by Lois Robinson. Following discussion, Shannon Ball amended her original motion to seek an Attorney General's Opinion to see if the ABCR has the statutory authority to enforce and adopt a code of ethics in the Rules and Regulations. Lois seconded the amended motion. The Chair called for a vote on the amended motion. Voting "aye" were: Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Shannon Ball, David Rains, and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed unanimously.

Jana Garner, Board member, was given the Oath of Office by Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr.

Sabrina Lewis made a motion to close case number 14:01 without action due to the complaint not being substantiated by the evidence. The motion was seconded by Lois Robinson. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Shannon Ball, Jana Garner, and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. David Rains abstained from voting since he served on the investigative committee. The motion passed.

A five (5) minute break was taken at 11:00 a.m. The Board re-convened at 11:08 a.m.

Lois Robinson made a motion to accept Melissa Odom's request for her application to be approved for licensure. The motion was seconded by Tammy August, and unanimously

approved by the Board. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Shannon Ball, David Rains, Jana Garner, and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed.

Lois Robinson made a motion to approve Anna Bartlett's reinstatement for licensure. The motion was seconded by Tammy August. Voting "aye" were Sabrina Lewis, Lois Robinson, Shannon Ball, David Rains, Jana Garner, and Tammy August. Voting "nay" were none. The motion passed.

A five (5) minute break was taken at 12:02 p.m. The Board re-convened at 12:08 p.m.

Lois Robinson made a motion to nominate Sabrina Lewis as Chair. The motion was seconded by Tammy August and unanimously approved by the Board.

Lois Robinson made a motion to nominate Shannon Ball as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Tammy August and unanimously approved by the Board.

Tammy August made a motion to nominate Lois Robinson as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Shannon Ball and unanimously approved by the Board.

The time being 12:10 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 November 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Aubrey Ford, Jr., Chair

Sabrina Lewis, Vice-Chair

Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

Brandy L. Isenhour, Operations Manager

Michael Maynard, Licensing Agent (and Serving as Recording Secretary)