

Official ABCR Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2007

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting met on Friday, June 21, 2007, in order to conduct regular Board Business. Those present were as follows: Judge Aubrey Ford, Chair; Suzanne Frazier, Vice-Chair; Joseph Fawal, Member; Laura Nichols, Member; Shannon Ball, Member; and Deanna Johnson, Member. Sydney Frazier, Member; was not present. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director; and Bettie Carmack, Assistant Attorney General. Pat Higgins and Greta Duckett, ACRA Board members, joined the meeting prior to adjournment.

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. with a quorum present in the following: Judge Ford, Suzanne Frazier, Deanna Johnson, and Shannon Ball.

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

Suzanne Frazier made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 21, 2007, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Shannon Ball and unanimously approved by the Board.

An Examination Committee Report was presented by Suzanne Frazier, Examination Committee Chair.

At approximately 10:35 a.m. Laura Nichols, Member, joined the meeting in progress.

At approximately 10:40 a.m. Joe Fawal, Member, joined the meeting in progress.

Laura Nichols made a motion to establish the following new committees: Legislative Committee with Joe Fawal and Bettie Carmack; Special Review Committee with Deanna Johnson and Laura Nichols; and Continuing Education Committee with Shannon Ball and Suzanne Frazier. The motion was seconded by Deanna Johnson and the Board passed the motion unanimously.

The Executive Director Report was presented by Paula Scout McCaleb.

At 11:20 a.m. the Board took a brief recess to reconvene in ten minutes.

At approximately 11:35 a.m., the Board reconvened.

At 12:05 p.m., the Chairman announced that the Board would take a ten minute break and reconvene for a working lunch.

At 12:15 the Board reconvened.

A motion was made by Joe Fawal for the Board to go into Executive Session to consider the general

reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, and mental health of Applicant SR1, in accordance with Section VII(1) of the Open Meetings Act. The Motion was seconded by Deanna Johnson. Those voting aye: Joe Fawal, Deanna Johnson, Judge Ford, Suzanne Frazier, Shannon Ball, and Laura Nichols. Those voting nay: 0, the motion passed. The Chairman announced that the time being 12:45 p.m., the Board would reconvene in open session in fifteen minutes.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session.

Suzanne Frazier made a motion to adopt the Board meeting dates of November 30, 2007; February 29, 2008; May 30, 2008; August 29, 2008; and November 28, 2008, as presented. The motion was seconded by Deanna Johnson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Laura Nichols made a motion that due to circumstances that the Board did not perceive, that the September 8, 2007, CCR Examination be null and void with the exception that credit be given to candidates that passed. Shannon Ball seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. Joe Fawal exited the meeting due to a previous engagement.

The Board then entered into discussion with Greta Duckett and Pat Higgins, representatives for the ACRA, regarding documentation of CEU's.

The time being 2:20 p.m. and there being no further Board business, the Board meeting was adjourned. The Chairman announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Board was November 30, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Aubrey Ford, Chair

Suzanne Frazier, Vice-Chair

Paula McCaleb, Executive Director