

ALABAMA BOARD OF COURT REPORTING
Board Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2020

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting held a special emergency meeting on April 24, 2020, using video conference technology, for the purpose of conducting Board business pursuant to a meeting notice published on the Alabama Secretary of State's website on April 17, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with a quorum established with the following members: Shannon Ball, Chair; Parian Holderfield, Vice-Chair; the Hon. Claude Hundley, Member; Linda Flippo, Member; Alan Peacock, Member and Margaret Turner, Member. Mark Wilkerson, Board legal counsel, and Ms. Ashley Dickey, representative of the Alabama Court Reporters Association, were also present.

On motion of Ms. Flippo, seconded by Ms. Holderfield, the minutes of the February 17, 2020, meeting were approved as distributed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was called to consider enactment of a proposed emergency rule 257-X-3-.07E, which would extend the validity of existing temporary licenses until the earlier of (a) thirty (30) days after the results of the next statewide court reporters' licensing exam; or (b) one hundred and twenty (120) days after the effective date of the emergency rule. This is necessitated by the suspension of state testing due to Covid-19. As more particularly described in the draft emergency rule presented to the Board, without adoption of an emergency rule extending temporary licenses, court reporters engaged in essential legal, judicial, and administrative proceedings will be unable to continue to work, constituting a danger to the welfare of citizens of this state. The unanticipated and immediate nature of this threat requires adoption of an emergency rule with less than thirty-five (35) days' notice as prescribed under normal rulemaking procedures.

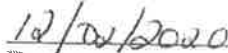
After a discussion, upon motion of Mr. Peacock, seconded by Ms. Flippo, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Emergency Rule 257-X-3-.07E as distributed to the Board.

The Chair noted that, following the Board's February 17, 2020, recommendation to the Purchasing Department, the Board had been unexpectedly notified that the bid process had been terminated in its entirety by the Purchasing Department, leaving the Board without an administrative services provider.

There being no further business, upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Shannon Ball, Chair



Date