Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2019

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting met on May 17, 2019, at the Board Office in Montgomery for the purpose of conducting Board business. Those present were as follows: Shannon Ball, Chair; Parian Holderfield, Vice-Chair; Tammy August, Member; Linda Flippo, Member; and Alan Peacock, Member. Not present was Judge Aubrey Ford, Secretary; and David Rains, Member. Also present were Paula McCaleb, Executive Director; Frank Mitchell, Investigator; and Mark Wilkerson, Legal Counsel.

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. with a quorum established in the following Members: Shannon Ball, Parian Holderfield, Tammy August, Linda Flippo, and Alan Peacock.

The meeting was advertised on the Secretary of State's website and the Board's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Ms. August made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the February 22, 2019, meeting. Ms. Flippo seconded. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. August, Ms. Flippo, Ms. Holderfield and Mr. Peacock).

Ms. August made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to consider the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, and mental health of licensee A in accordance with Section VII(1) of the Open Meetings Act." Ms. Holderfield seconded. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Ball, Ms. Flippo, Ms. Holderfield, Mr. Peacock, and Ms. August). The time being 10:18 a.m., the Chair announced that the Board would reconvene in open session in approximately ten minutes. Ms. Ball having served on the Investigative Committee excused herself from the Executive Session.

At 10:40 a.m., Ms. August made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Peacock seconded. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Ball, Ms. Flippo, Ms. Holderfield, Mr. Peacock, and Ms. August).

Ms. August made a motion to accept the hearing officers' recommendation in the matter of Tara Seay Hunter and in addition to send an application for reinstatement with her notice of revocation with instruction that she can reapply in one year. Ms. Holderfield seconded. Ms. Ball recused herself from the deliberation and the vote due to serving on the Investigative Committee. The motion carried with all remaining Members in favor (Ms. August, Ms. Holderfield, Ms. Flippo, and Mr. Peacock).

A motion was made by Ms. August to accept the following Rule and Regulation Amendments as advertised without change: Chapter 257-X-2.01; 257-X-5-.07; 257-X-6-.02; 257-X-6-.04; and

257-X-6-.05. Ms. Flippo seconded. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Flippo, Ms. Holderfield, Mr. Peacock, and Ms. August). Rules and Regulations as adopted attached to official Minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Flippo for the Board to renew the Administrative Services Contract with Leadership Alliance and to acquiesce to the request for a 5% fee increase. Ms. August seconded. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Flippo, Ms. Holderfield, Mr. Peacock, and Ms. August).

A motion was made by Ms. Flippo to reschedule the August 16, 2019 Board Meeting to August 9, 2019. Mr. Peacock seconded. Motion carried with all in favor (Ms. Flippo, Ms. Holderfield, Mr. Peacock, and Ms. August).

There being no further business, The Chair announced that the next currently scheduled Board meeting would be held on August 9, 2019, at the Board office in Montgomery. The meeting adjourned with the time being 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shannon Ball, Chair

Parian Holderfield, Vice-Chair

Paula McCaleb, *Executive Director* /Recorder