

ALABAMA BOARD OF COURT REPORTING
Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2023

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting held a called board meeting on September 22, 2023, pursuant to a meeting notice published on the Alabama Secretary of State's web site and the ABCR web site on July 18, 2023. The meeting was held at the Administrative Office of Courts in Montgomery.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Board chair Parian Tidwell, with the following Board members in attendance: Parian Tidwell, Jennifer Egbe, Claude Hundley, Mary King, Dylan Marsh, Alan Peacock, and Margaret Turner. Ms. Tidwell noted the presence of a quorum. Also present were Mark Wilkerson, Board counsel, of the law firm of Wilkerson & Bryan, and Victor Biebighauser, ABCR executive director. There was one member of the public in attendance as an observer.

Ms. Tidwell brought up the draft minutes of the June 16, 2023, meeting for the Board's consideration. On motion made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Peacock, and unanimously adopted, the minutes were approved as presented.

Ms. Tidwell recognized Board counsel Mr. Wilkerson for the legal counsel's report. Mr. Wilkerson reported that there were no pending legal matters related to the Board. Mr. Wilkerson also reported that the inventory of Rules & Regulations required by Executive Order 735 had been compiled, submitted to the governor's office, and posted to the Board's web site.

Ms. Tidwell then recognized Mr. Biebighauser for the executive director's report. Mr. Biebighauser reported on four things. First, the Board's review by the legislative Sunset Committee on August 24 was favorable. The committee indicated satisfaction with the sunset review report by the Examiners of Public Accounts and offered numerous positive comments. Board members attending the Sunset Committee meeting were Ms. Tidwell, Ms. King, and Judge Hundley. Second, he reported that the renewed two-year legal services contract with the Board's legal counsel was approved by the Contracts Committee on September 7. Third, he updated the Board on progress with the license renewal process that opened on August 1. Fourth, he advised the Board that a routine, periodic legal compliance examination had been initiated by the Examiners. In connection with that, he advised the Board members that they would be receiving via e-mail a survey from the examiner conducting the review.

Ms. Tidwell brought up the proposed revisions to Chapter 257-X-3-.02 of the Rules & Regulations and the public hearing scheduled per the agenda. On motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Judge Hundley, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was recessed, and the Board moved into a public hearing. There was no one present who asked to address the Board on the proposed revisions. The executive director confirmed that no written comments had been received on the matter. Ms. Tidwell then closed the public hearing, and the Board meeting was resumed. After discussion of the proposed revisions, on motion made by Mr. Peacock, seconded by Ms. King, and unanimously adopted, the proposed revisions to the Rules & Regulations pertaining to revised requirements for licensing were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. King, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Parian Tidwell, Chair

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Date