

ALABAMA BOARD OF COURT REPORTING
Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting held a called board meeting on January 18, 2024, pursuant to a meeting notice published on the Alabama Secretary of State's web site and the ABCR web site on December 13, 2023. The meeting was held at the Doubletree Hilton Perimeter Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by Board vice chair Margaret Turner, with the following Board members in attendance in person: Jennifer Egbe, Mary King, Dylan Marsh, and Alan Peacock. Board chair Parian Tidwell attended via Zoom due to weather-related travel issues in north Alabama. In Ms. Tidwell's absence in person, Ms. Turner chaired the meeting. Ms. Turner noted the presence of a quorum. Also present were Victor Biebighauser, ABCR executive director, and Mark Wilkerson, Board counsel, of the law firm Wilkerson & Bryan. There were eight members of the public in attendance either to address the Board on business matters or as observers.

Mr. Wilkerson briefed the Board on provisions within Alabama law for remote participation by a board member or members, in this case Chair Tidwell, due to emergency weather conditions.

Ms. Turner brought up the draft minutes of the September 22, 2023, meeting for the Board's consideration. On motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Peacock, and unanimously adopted via roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

Ms. Turner recognized Ms. Dana Hayden with Arkansas Realtime Reporting for purposes of addressing the board on a complaint she had filed against an Alabama licensee. Ms. Hayden joined the meeting remotely via Zoom due to weather conditions that impeded her travel to Birmingham. Ms. Hayden stated to the Board the bases of her complaint against the Alabama licensee and requested the Board to take appropriate action. After some questions for Ms. Hayden and dialogue, Ms. Hayden exited the meeting.

Ms. Turner recognized Board counsel Mr. Wilkerson for the legal counsel's report. Mr. Wilkerson recommended that the Board enter executive session for reasons allowable by law, specifically to discuss the professional competence and reputation of individuals. On motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Peacock, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, the Board went into executive session at approximately 2:30 pm.

Following the executive session, on motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Egbe, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, the Board resumed public session.

On motion made by Mr. Peacock, seconded by Ms. Egbe, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, with Chair Tidwell ineligible to vote pursuant to the Board's statute, the Board adopted, subject to specified conditions, a consent order for case #2023-001 for licensee Erica Petix (ACCR #714).

On motion made by Ms. Egbe, seconded by Mr. Marsh, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, with Chair Tidwell ineligible to vote pursuant to the Board's statute, the Board adopted, subject to specified conditions, consent orders for the following cases and licensees:

2023-002	Sandra Bain Moon (ACCR #99)
2023-003	Laurie Green (ACCR #384)
2023-004	Tami Guthans (ACCR #469)
2023-005	Danielle Bowman (ACCR #651)
2023-006	Paul Morse (ACCR #588)

2023-007

Rhonda Head (ACCR #264)

2023-008

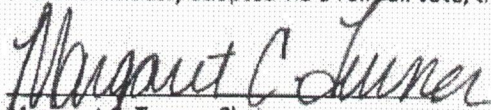
Jennifer Johnson (ACCR #394)

Ms. Turner then recognized Mr. Biebighauser for the executive director's report. Mr. Biebighauser briefed the Board on the results of the legal compliance examination conducted by the Examiners of Public Accounts. He and Chair Tidwell, Ms. King, and Mr. Wilkerson had participated in an exit interview the Examiners auditor and her manager. Mr. Biebighauser reported that the Examiners report had only minimal findings and no response or remedial actions were required of the Board.

Ms. Turner then invited Board input on the matter of Rule 30 being misrepresented as it related to digital transcripts. The Board also discussed reciprocity based on issues that had arisen recently. No action was taken by the Board.

Ms. Turner opened the meeting for election of officers for 2024. On motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Egbe, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, Ms. Turner was elected chair. On motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, Mr. Peacock was elected vice chair. On motion made by Chair Tidwell, seconded by Ms. Egbe, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, Ms. King was elected secretary.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. Egbe, and unanimously adopted via a roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.



Margaret C. Turner, Chair

10/23/24

Date