

IDAHO CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS BOARD
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/2/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Wecker - Chair
Valerie Nunemacher
Ryan Scott Lewis
Darren B Simpson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Christina Boisvert

DIVISION STAFF: Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief
Kent Absec, Licensing Program Manager
John Price, Investigative Unit Manager
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM MDT by Andrea Wecker.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Nunemacher introduced herself as a new Board member.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Ms. Wecker made a motion to elect Mr. Simpson as Vice-chair. It was seconded by Ms. Nunemacher. Motion carried.

UNIVERSAL AND ENDORSEMENT LICENSING

Mr. Absec reviewed Idaho Codes §§ 54-3108, 54-3109A, and 67-9409 regarding shorthand reporter licensure requirements, endorsement, and universal licensure. The Board discussed the process for licensure in Idaho and how to simplify Idaho licensure for out of state shorthand reporters. Ms. Wrecker stated that the Board needs to determine what is equivalent to licensure for states that do not license shorthand reporters, as referenced in Idaho Code § 54-3109(b)(i). The Board is going to work with Division staff to create a new application.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Simpson made a motion that the Board enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to be granted a license or registration. It was seconded by Ms. Wecker. The vote was: Ms. Wecker, aye; Mr. Simpson, aye; Ms. Nunemacher, aye; and Mr. Lewis, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to leave executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve applicant 901192480 for licensure. It was seconded by Ms. Nunemacher. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Absec presented a legislative update. He informed the Board that the following bills passed the 2022 Legislative Session: House Bill 612 allows expungement of continuing education or late renewal disciplinary action older than seven years upon request of the licensee; Senate Bill 1368 prevents Boards from denying licensure to applicants based on vague terms such as good moral character or moral turpitude and requires that criminal offenses must be deemed relevant to the profession; Idaho Code § 67-9410 allows an applicant to present details of prior criminal convictions for Board consideration prior to submitting an application for licensure; and House Bill 629 establishes the Office of Administrative Hearings.

DIVISION UPDATE

Mr. Absec informed the Board that the Division is scheduled to move into its permanent location on June 15th. The Division will resume in-person meetings at the end of August, allowing time to get settled and ensure that equipment is functioning properly.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Absec gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of (\$5,717.46) as of March 23, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022. It was seconded by Mr. Lewis. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for September 1, 2022, at 3:30 PM MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wecker adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM MDT.