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Board Meeting Minutes of 7/1/2024

Board Members Present:	Andrea Wecker - Chair Valerie Nunemacher Ryan Scott Lewis Christina Boisvert	Division Staff:	Kent Absec, Executive Officer Cesley Metcalfe, Board Services Program Manager Greg Loos, General Counsel Meagan Graves, Board Support Specialist
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Board Members Absent:
Darren B. Simpson

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Andrea Wecker.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 9/28/2023 as amended and the 2/15/2024 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Annie Nice, DepoIdaho stated that she was attending to learn about new testing processes in Idaho. She also asked where the rule changes will be published for court reporters to review.

Jahnene Admire, M&M Court Reporting, asked if the rulemaking process was already complete or if the rule changes were published for court reporters to review and make comments.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2024 Legislative Session Overview: Mr. Absec gave an update on House Bill 705, House Bill 563, House Bill 767, House Bill 505, and Senate Bill 1429.

Public Board Member Training: Mr. Loos presented training to the Board on the role and importance of public members appointed to regulatory boards.

Open Meeting Law Training: Mr. Loos gave a presentation on the obligations of Board members in ensuring the Board follows all Open Meeting requirements.

Financial Update: Mr. Absec gave a financial update.

BOARD BUSINESS

Delegated Authority to Close Unfounded Complaints: A motion was made and seconded to delegate authority to DOPL staff to close unfounded claims. The motion was carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority to Close Expungement Requests: A motion was made and seconded to delegate authority to DOPL staff to expunge records under Idaho Code § 67-9413. The motion was carried unanimously.

NCRA RPR Statute Update: Mr. Absec updated the Board on the status of the proposed changes to the listed schools in Idaho Code § 54-3109. This would allow for more candidates to apply for licensure in the state of Idaho. Mr. Absec informed the Board this matter may not go before Legislation until 2026.

Public Comment:

Ms. Metcalfe referred to the verbal and written comments received during negotiated rulemaking and stated that the majority of the comments voiced concern over removing the Idaho certified shorthand reporter examination from the rule.

Dianne Cromwell, Tucker & Associates, stated her concern that NCRA may not be around in the future as an exam provider. She asked what was wrong with the current licensure requirements and processes and what problems the changes would fix. She expressed concern over difficulties with Real Time Coaching as an exam administrator.

Brooke Bohr, DepoIdaho, asked if the Idaho certified shorthand reporter exam is being replaced with the NCRA RPR certification as long as the applicant holds a current certificate when they apply for licensure in Idaho.

Jahnene Admire stated that if an applicant is granted a license through endorsement because they hold an RPR certification, they should be required to maintain the RPR certification as long as they hold an Idaho license.

David Cromwell, DepoIdaho, shared some concern about the close ties between NCRA and Veritext.

Annie Nice, DepoIdaho, stated that the redline rule changes are confusing and alarming when you see all the strikethroughs.

Division staff and Board members explained that the purpose of Zero-Based Regulation is to streamline the administrative rules by removing rules duplicative of statutes and barriers to employment while retaining rules necessary to protect the public. They stated that the Idaho certified shorthand reporter examination was removed from the rules because it is no longer offered due to a lack of interest by applicants and the cost-prohibitive nature of updating and providing the exam. They also stated that there are multiple exam options listed in Idaho Code § 54-3108 and that continued certification through the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is not required to obtain or maintain Idaho licensure.

Zero-Based Regulation: Changes to Board Rules: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rules as proposed and to post them in the Administrative bulletin. The motion was carried unanimously.

Licensing Report: Mr. Absec presented the licensing report.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.

The next meeting is on 09/19/2024.