



State of Nevada  
**Certified Court Reporters Board**

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SEVERIN CARLSON – Board Member

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
Start Time: 5:39pm  
End Time: 7:19pm

Locations: State of Nevada Certified Court Reporters Board  
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10775 Double R Boulevard  
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Present in Las Vegas:	Lori Judd	Sherrill Grotheer	Peggy Elias	Rose Marie Reynolds
	Bill LaBorde	Debbie Uehara	Teri Ward	Ann Salisbury
	Mickey Chan	Brandy Roberts	Margie Carlson	Diana Del Bosque Morales
	Rene Hannah	Kevin Daniel	Mary Cox Daniel	Vicki Turner
	Kathy Silva	Gloria Perry	Tracy Manning	

Present in Reno: Peggy Hoogs Severin Carlson Barbara Brosnan Deborah Greco

Present by TelCon: Patricia Blevins

**ITEM #1:** Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Lori Judd.  
Board Members:

Lori Judd – Present  
Sherrill Grotheer – Present  
Peggy Elias – Present  
Peggy Hoogs – Present  
Severin Carlson - Present

**ITEM #2:** Approval of Agenda: No public comments.

MOTION by Sherrill Grotheer: That the Board approve the May 15, 2012 open meeting agenda.  
Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #3:** Disciplinary Matters Against Depo International, Firm #054F, Case Nos. NV04-2012, NV02-2011 and NV05-2011.

MOTION by Severin Carlson: That the Board will not accept the stipulated agreement regarding Case Nos. NV04-2010, NV02-2011 and NV05-2011 against Depo International, Firm #054F.  
Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, Peggy Hoogs in favor, Sherrill Grotheer recused and Lori Judd opposed, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #4: Approval of Minutes:** No public comments.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the meeting minutes listed below are approved in its entirety. Motion seconded by Peggy Hoogs, all in favor, motion moves forward.

- January 30, 2012 Open Meeting
- March 19, 2012 Workshop
- April 17, 2012 Workshop
- April 21, 2012 Closed Meeting
- April 23, 2012 Open Meeting
- May 10, 2012 Closed Meeting

**ITEM #5: Ratify April 21, 2012 Certification Exam Results:** Kevin Daniel stated he has been involved with testing in California for over 20 years with groups as large as 700 with statistics of a 17-27% pass rate. No further comments.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board ratify the test results from the April 21, 2012 certification exam. Motion seconded by Severin Carlson, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #6: Continuing Education Program Created by CourtReporterCEU.com:** Kevin Daniel commented 20 questions may be a little thin and suggested that they also look into the Nevada interpreter's statutes. Lori Judd offered clarification to Mary Cox Daniel that this program would satisfy the 2 Nevada law CEU requirements. No further comments.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board approve the home study program to earn Nevada law continuing education credits created by CourtReporterCEU.com. Motion seconded by Peggy Hoogs, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #7: Governor Sandoval's Executive Order 2012-11 to Provide Reciprocity to Court Reporters:**

Rene Hannah stated the requirements would be equal or higher before being considered for reciprocity. Gloria Perry reiterated that the Governor's Executive Order clearly states if we proceed to offer reciprocity; the requirements for licensure in that jurisdiction must be substantially equivalent to the requirements in Nevada. Kevin Daniel is in support of utilizing NCRA's RPR as the skills exam alongside with the Nevada written exam. Mr. Daniel shared that he is certified in 5 states, earned every certificate offered by NCRA and written numerous exams; he went on to say that Nevada is a high qualification state and we would not be protecting the state if the individual was not required to take and pass a certification exam. Deborah Greco stated that the Governor's Order is not requesting reciprocity; he is ordering reciprocity for court reporters. Ms. Greco feels it would only apply to a small group of people and the Governor is a strong supporter of court reporters. No further comments.

MOTION by Severin Carlson: That the Board refer this matter to the Legislative Regulations Committee to review and consider possible statutory changes to allow for reciprocity pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2012-11. Motion seconded by Peggy Hoogs, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #8: CEUs Offered to Individuals Who Serve on the Board or any Committee Established by the Board:**

No public comments. Without motion, it was determined by the Board that NAC 656.240(7) would allow a member of the board or committee to earn 2.5 CEUs per year of service as allowed by NCRA. No further comments.

**ITEM #9: Feasibility to Offer the Certification Exam More Than 2 Times a Year:**

Rene Hannah offered to donate her time to support the exams and suggested to raise the annual licensing fee to offset the costs to administer the certification exams. William LaBorde stated he would not like to see an increase in licensing fees; rather, the Board should raise the exam fees to offset the costs. Kevin Daniel shared that the Board has a limited supply of exams available and by offering the exam more than 2 times a year, the Board would cycle through the rotation quicker and the same exam would be offered

more frequently. Mr. Daniel went on to say that NCRA's testing committee is made up of 10-12 members and can barely write 2 tests per year and based on the Board's limited resources, it would be difficult to offer the exam more than 2 times a year. Mickey Chan expressed she was under the impression the current exam facility was more affordable which would allow the Board to offer the exam more frequently. Brandi Roberts stated Everest College offers a court reporting program and questioned why the Board did not utilize their facility. Debbie Uehara informed Ms. Roberts that the Board researched Everest College and their facility was not available for Board use on Saturdays. Diana Del Bosque Morales suggested that the Board offer unofficial expedited exam results for a fee. Mary Cox Daniel stated she is the Chief Examiner for NVCRA and used Everest College on Saturdays to administer the RPR exam; 2 years ago Everest College began to offer Saturday classes and the school was no longer available. Leah Jorgensen stated the RPR is being offered 3 times this year in Nevada. Mary Cox Daniel and Kevin Daniel who administer the RPR stated after 2012, the RPR will only be offered 2 times a year. No further comments.

Without motion, the Board determined it would not be feasible to offer the certification exam more than 2 times a year due to budgetary and staffing limitations. No further comments.

**ITEM #10:** **Executive Secretary's Report:** Debbie Uehara submitted the financial report for Board review. A copy is attached and will be kept on file. Ms. Uehara reported the only major expense expected in the third quarter would be the voice writer training scheduled for September. Ms. Uehara will send out a courtesy reminder on 5/1/12 to those who have not renewed their certificate or license due on 5/15/12 and gave the following update:

329 Active CCRs – 36 Did Not Renew  
68 Inactive CCRs – 6 Did Not Renew  
46 Firms – 5 Did Not Renew

Ms. Uehara reported there are 6 active disciplinary matters. No written comments submitted to the Board. No further comments.

**ITEM #11:** **Board Member Comments:** No board member comments.

**ITEM #12:** **Public Comments:** No public comments.

**ITEM #13:** **Next Scheduled Meeting and Agenda Items:** The next scheduled open meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 5:30pm. The Board will address the restitution payment from former employee Dawn Jackson. Additional agenda items will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION to adjourn at 7:19pm by Severin Carlson: Motion seconded by Peggy Hoogs, all in favor, motion moves forward.