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LORI JUDD – Board Member

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, January 9, 2017
Start Time: 5:30pm
End Time: 6:10pm

Location: Litigation Services, LLC
3770 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 300
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

Present: Lori Judd Peggy Elias Heidi Konsten Christine Alaimo
 Dan Waite Christopher Eccles Asheesh Bhalla Debbie Uehara

Attendance by TelCon: Donna Mize Gina Shelton Jocelyn Galvan
 Barbara Johnson Kimberly Waldie Sherry Graham
 Judy Kelly John Nagle Kim Farkas

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

Lori Judd – Present
Peggy Elias – Present
Heidi Konsten – Present
Christine Alaimo – Present
Dan Waite - Present

ITEM #2: **Public Comments:** No public comments.

ITEM #3: **Approval of Agenda:**
MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board approves the agenda in its entirety. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all other in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #4: **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board approves the September 26, 2016 open meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Christine Alaimo, Dan Waite abstained, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board approves the November 3, 2016 workshop meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, Dan Waite abstained, all others in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board approves the December 1, 2016 open meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #5: Annual Appointment of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board:

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board appoints Peggy Elias as the Chairperson and Heidi Konsten as the Vice Chairperson of the Board for period of January 10, 2017 through January 10, 2018. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #6: Annual Appointment of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to the Legislative Regulations Committee: Lori Judd and Peggy Elias volunteered to be members of the committee. Ms. Judd invited all those present to join the committee; no response from the attendees. No further comments.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board appoints Heidi Konsten as the Chairperson and Dan Waite as the Vice Chairman of the Legislative Regulations Committee for the period of January 10, 2017 through January 10, 2018. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #7: Annual Appointment of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to the Exam and Grading Committee: Lori Judd invited all those present to join the committee. Judy Kelly volunteered to be a member of the committee. No further comments.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board appoints Lori Judd as the Chairperson and Christine Alaimo as the Vice Chairperson of the Exam and Grading Committee for the period of January 10, 2017 through January 10, 2018. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

Items taken out of order.

ITEM #9: Establishing Annual Reinstatement Fee to Renew a Suspended Certificate:

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board set the reinstatement fee for a suspended certificate holder who failed to renew their certificate at \$125.00 for the 2017 calendar year. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #10: Seeking Christopher Eccles, Esq. to Serve as the Board's Legal Counsel:

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board will hire Christopher Eccles, Esq. of Hawkins Melendrez Attorneys at Law to oversee all legal matters for the Board with the exclusion of disciplinary matters. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #8: Establishing a Research Committee Regarding the Practices of Notaries and Videographers Serving as Officers:

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board will not create a research committee but will seek the direction of the Board's legal counsel Christopher Eccles, Esq. to determine the correct means to protect the public from notaries and videographers serving as officers and providing certified transcripts. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forwards.

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ITEM #11: **Approval of NVCRA’s Program to Earn Nevada Law Credits:** Kim Farkas of the Nevada Court Reporter’s Association (NVCRA) presented their continuing education program to earn Nevada law credits to be presented at their annual convention held on February 24 – 26, 2017 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada. A copy of the program proposal is attached and will be kept on file.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board approves NVCRA’s proposal to earn 2 Nevada law credits at their annual 2017 convention and request NVCRA to submit a sign in sheet to verify attendance. Motion seconded by Christine Alaimo, Heidi Konsten abstained, all others in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #12: **Seeking a Sponsor for the 2017 Legislative Session:** The Board established the necessity to obtain the services of a sponsor to represent their bill draft requests (BDRs) at the 2017 legislative session. Dan Waite will seek out a potential sponsor. In addition to obtaining a sponsor, a discussion ensued on the benefits of the Board utilizing a lobbyist to support their BDRs. It was determined that the Executive Secretary will contact William Horne and Joseph Guild to request their scope of services and costs to represent the Board. No further comments.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board take active steps to obtain a sponsor to represent the Board’s bill draft requests at the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #13: **Update Signatories for Board’s Financial Accounts:**

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board will remove Severin Carlson, Esq. as a signatory from all financial accounts with Nevada State Bank and add all current Board members; Peggy Elias, Heidi Konsten, Christine Alaimo, Lori Judd and Dan Waite as signatories. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #14: **Executive Secretary’s Report:** Debbie Uehara presented the financial reports for Board review. A copy is attached and will be kept on file. Ms. Uehara reported there are 3 on-going investigations and 1 pending investigation. No written comments were received. No further comments.

ITEM #15: **Board Member Comments:** No comments.

ITEM #16: **Next Scheduled Open Meeting and Agenda:** The next open meeting date and location will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

ITEM #17: **Public Comments:** Peter Hellman questioned if a non-court reporter could be a member or the head of a committee. No further comments.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.