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## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

*Revised: March 8, 2017 Open Meeting*

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017  
Start Time: 5:30pm  
End Time: 6:47pm

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                      Asheesh Bhalla                      Debbie Uehara                      Peter Hellman  
Ken Pollock

Attendance by TelCon: Diane Lusich                      Kim Waldie                      Judy Kelly  
Shawn McCusker                      Becky Van Auken                      Ramona McGinnis                      Donna Prather  
Brett Kandt                      Sharon Sherr Remy                      Denise Hinxman

**ITEM #1:** **Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Peggy Elias.

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 Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the agenda in its entirety.  
Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #4:** **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approves the January 9, 2017 open meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #5:** **Legal Services Provided by the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office:** Brett Kandt, Chief Deputy Attorney from the Office of the Attorney General gave a self introduction and expressed his appreciation to take part in the meeting. Lori Judd conveyed her concerns regarding the high rotation of Deputy Attorney Generals (DAG) assigned to the Board; creating financial concerns due to the additional costs charged by each new DAG to "get up to speed". Peggy Elias shared her concerns regarding the lack of oversight from the previous and

temporarily assigned DAGs. Dan Waite stated if legal counsel would be proactive and help the Board to identify issues; it would bring more value to the services the Board is paying for. Mr. Kandt informed the Board that without a statutory change, the Board cannot seek outside legal counsel. Christopher Eccles, Esq. restated the Board would require a statutory change to hire outside legal counsel. Based on the assurances given by Mr. Kandt, Mr. Waite stated he is looking to the future and good communication between the 2 offices and looks forward to working with the AG's office. No further comments.

**ITEM #6:** **Outside Legal Services Provided by Christopher Eccles, Esq.:** It was determined in agenda item #5 that the Board does not have the statutory authority to hire outside legal counsel. This matter is closed and no further action will be taken.

**ITEM #7:** **Sponsor Update to Represent 2017 Bill Draft Requests:** Dan Waite confirmed Senator Scott Hammond as the Board's sponsor to represent their bill draft requests at the 2017 Legislative Session. No further comments.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That Senator Scott Hammond will serve as the Board's sponsor and will represent their bill draft requests at the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #8:** **Review of Lobbyist Services for the 2017 Legislative Session:** The Board reviewed proposals submitted by Joseph Guild and William Horne to serve as a lobbyist for the 2017 Legislative Session. Upon review, it was determined; it would not be feasible for the Board to incur the costs to hire a lobbyist due to the Board's limited fiscal budget. No further comments.

Motion by Dan Waite: To table agenda item #8. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #9:** **Development of Bill Draft Request to Provide the Board the Authority Over Unlicensed Court Reporting Practices:** This agenda item will be placed on hold until the Board receives feedback from the Attorney General's Office (Asheesh Bhalla). No further comments.

**ITEM #10:** **Development of Bill Draft Request to Provide the Board the Authority to Seek Outside Legal Counsel:** This item was removed from the agenda. No further comments.

**ITEM #11:** **Designation of Annual Examination Fee for an Applicant to Register for the Certification Exam:**

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board will adopt the certification examination fee at \$150.00 per applicant and \$125.00 per applicant for the student skills exam for the calendar year of 2017. Motion seconded by Christine Alaimo, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #12:** **Designation of Annual Fee for the Issuance of a Certificate:**

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board will adopt the annual fee of \$200.00 for the issuance of a certificate for the calendar year of 2017. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #13:** **Designation of Annual Renewal Fee for a Certificate Holder:**

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board will adopt the annual renewal fee of \$200.00 for a certificate holder for the calendar year of 2017. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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**ITEM #14: Board Member Comments:** Dan Waite shared that he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Senator Hammond in the very near future and requested Lori Judd be present at the meeting. No further comments.

**ITEM #15: Next Scheduled Open Meeting and Agenda:** The next open meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, starting at 5:30pm, held at Litigation Services, LLC. The agenda items will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

**ITEM #16: Public Comments:** No public comments.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.