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OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Revised: March 8, 2017 Open Meeting

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017
Start Time: 5:30pm
End Time: 6:38pm

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

Present: Lori Judd Peggy Elias Heidi Konsten Gloria Perry
Asheesh Bhalla Debbie Uehara Peter Hellman Lars Bangen

Attendance by TelCon: Dan Waite Jocelyn Galvan Angelique Ferrio
Pauline May Christine Amundson Kathy DiLorenzo Tiffany Elkington
Barbara Johnson Cindy Wells Becky Parker Christine Alaimo

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 via TelCon Until 6:03pm

ITEM #2: **Public Comments:** In regards to agenda item #4, Peter Hellman stated that members of the Board are in violation of NRS 281A.420 and refers to sections of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. In reference to the proposed definition of an officer in NRS 656.030, Mr. Hellman stated by limiting the scope of an officer, it places certain Board members in a financial advantage; therefore they should refrain from voting on this agenda item and recuse themselves. Lars Bangen stated there are potential ethical conflicts to agenda item #4 and asked the Board to refer to NRS 281A.420 and Ethics in Government Manual for Nevada Public Officers and Public Employees. A copy of Mr. Bangen's full statement is attached and will be kept on file. No further public comments.

ITEM #3: **Approval of Agenda:**

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

ITEM #4: Discussion of 2017 Bill Draft Requests to Provide New Definitions:

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approves the proposed definitions submitted by the Board with the amendments to add certified voice writer to NRS 030(13) and change certified court reporter and certified voice writer in NRS 656.030(14) to lower case and submit them as bill draft requests for the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

A copy of the bill drafts is attached and will be kept on file.

ITEM #5: Discussion of 2017 Bill Draft Request That Outlines the Eligibility Requirements to Take the Certification Exam:

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approves the certification exam eligibility requirements as proposed by Asheeh Bhalla, D.A.G. with the amendments to NRS 656.170(2) to read, "...person first presents, *at the time of application*, satisfactory evidence..." and replace the word "or" with the word "and" after NRS 656.170(f) and NRS 656.170(g) and submit them as bill draft requests for the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

A copy of the bill drafts is attached and will be kept on file.

ITEM #6: Discussion of 2017 Bill Draft Request That Provides the Board the Authority Over Unlicensed Court Reporting Practices:

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approves the amendments made in NRS 656.340 and NRS 656.360 and new language that prohibits any person to practice court reporting without a license or certificate as proposed by the Board and submit them as bill draft requests for the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board approves the amendments to NRS 656.145 as proposed by Asheesh Bhalla, D.A.G. to read, "...practice without *license*, certificate..." and to add the words "or firm" after the word "person or court reporter" in subsection 1 and submit them as bill draft requests for the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

A copy of the bill drafts is attached and will be kept on file.

ITEM #7: Discussion of 2017 Bill Draft Request That Requires Firms to Abide by the Same Laws, Rules and Regulations That Apply to Court Reporters:

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the proposed language submitted by the Board that requires court reporting firms to abide by the same laws as court reporters and submit them as bill draft requests for the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Christine Alaimo, all in favor, motion moves forward.

A copy of the bill drafts is attached and will be kept on file.

ITEM #8: Discussion of 2017 Bill Draft Request That Outlines the Requirements to Apply for a Temporary Certificate:

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the proposed language submitted by the Board that outlines the requirements for a person to apply for a temporary certificate and submit them as bill draft requests for the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the amendments to NRS 656.160 that outlines the requirements for a person who files for an application to take the examination and submit them as bill draft requests for the 2017 Legislative Session. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

A copy of the bill drafts is attached and will be kept on file.

ITEM #9: Board Member Comments: Peggy Elias reminded the Board to submit all language amendments to Debbie Uehara for compilation for the next Legislative Regulations Committee Meeting. Lori Judd asked that a copy of all bill draft requests that were approved at this meeting be submitted to Senator Scott Hammond. No further comments.

ITEM #10: 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 #11: Public Comments: Peter Hellman stated that members of the Board are in violation of NRS 281A.420 and refers to sections of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. In reference to the proposed definition of an officer in NRS 656.030, Mr. Hellman stated by limiting the scope of an officer, it places certain Board members in a financial advantage; therefore they should refrain from voting on this agenda item and recuse themselves. No further comments.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Board adjourns the meeting at 6:38pm. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.