



State of Nevada  
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## LEGISLATIVE REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
Start Time: 5:33pm  
End Time: 6:38pm

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

Present: Heidi Konsten                      Dan Waite                      Peggy Elias                      Lori Judd  
                 Kim Farkas                      Debbie Uehara

Present via Telcon:                      Diane Lusich                      Angelique Ferrio                      Clara Casey  
                 Vicki Turner                      Peggy Isom                      Sharon Bradley                      Gina Shelton  
                 Lori Unruh                      Matthew Spievak                      Alex Nagle                      John Nagle

**ITEM #1: Meeting Called to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson, Heidi Konsten:

Committee Members:

Present: Heidi Konsten, Chairperson  
Present: Dan Waite, Vice Chairman  
Present: Peggy Elias  
Present: Lori Judd  
Present: Kim Farkas

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

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

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Legislative Regulations Committee adopt the agenda in its entirety. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #4: Discussion to amend the General Provisions and Continuing Education Sections of NAC Chapter 656:** Peggy Elias was assigned to these sections to determine if any sections should be amended or repealed. Her proposed amendments are reflected on the attached document. Ms. Elias suggested to follow NCRA's continuing education requirements and deadlines. A discussion ensued and it was determined it would not be feasible for the Board to replicate NCRA's requirements for continuing education. No further comments.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Legislative Regulations Committee adopt the amendments made in the General Provisions section as outlined in the attached document and keep NAC 656.065 unchanged. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Legislative Regulations Committee approve the amendments made in the Continuing Education section, specifically NAC 656.230 and NAC 656.240. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #5:** **Discussion to Amend the Certification Section of NAC Chapter 656:** Lori Judd was assigned to this section to determine if any section should be amended or repealed. Her proposed amendments are reflected on the attached document. Ms. Judd reported that a thorough review was conducted by the Exam Committee to ensure all regulations are consistent with current and new statutes that go into effect on January 1, 2018 regarding the certification and designated representative exams. Before moving forward with amended language, specifically NAC 656.150(4)(5)(6), Ms. Judd is seeking an opinion from the Board's Deputy Attorney General regarding the examination appeals process. No further comments.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Legislative Regulations Committee adopt the proposed changes outlined in the Certification section in NAC 656.120 with the exception to amend sub-section 7 to read, "The Board will not provide any equipment." And not adopt NAC 656.130 and leave as is, strike out NAC 656.140 and adopt NAC 656.150, NAC 656.160 and NAC 656.170 as is. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #6:** **Discussion to Amend the Practice By Firm Section of NAC Chapter 656:** Kim Farkas was assigned to this section to determine if any section should be amended or repealed. Her proposed amendments are reflected in the attached document. After further discussion, it was determined to raise the designative representative's exam fee from \$100.00 to \$250.00. No further comments.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Legislative Regulations Committee adopt the proposed changes outlined in the Practice By Firm section with the amendment to change the examination fee to \$250.00 in NAC 656.261(3). Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #7:** **Discussion to Amend the Professional Conduct Section of NAC Chapter 656:** Heidi Konsten was assigned to this section to determine if any section should be amended or repealed. After careful review, it was determined that no amendments were needed for this section. No action taken.

**ITEM #8:** **Discussion to Amend the Miscellaneous Provisions and Disciplinary Procedure Section of NAC Chapter 656:** Dan Waite was assigned to these sections to determine if any section should be amended or repealed. His proposed amendments are reflected on the attached document. A discussion ensued on the challenges and benefits of creating an aspirational goal for court reporters to provide pro bono services on an annual basis. No further comments.

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MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Legislative Regulations Committee adopt the proposed changes outlined in the Miscellaneous Provisions section. NAC 656.400 will be amended to read:

**Cooperation with organizations that provide legal services to indigents.** The Board encourages each court reporter to cooperate with and donate services to organizations that provide legal services to indigents, including, without limitation, programs for legal service described in NRS 12.015. The aspirational goal is for each court reporter to donate a half day of pro bono service annually.

NAC 656.415 will be adopted as outlined. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Lori Judd: That the Legislative Regulations Committee adopt the proposed changes outlined in the Disciplinary Procedure section, specifically in NAC 656.420, NAC 656.430 and NAC 656.440. Motion seconded by Kim Farkas, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #9:** **Public Comments:** Diane Lusich asked if the items discussed at the meeting were laws that would go into effect immediately. It was clarified that all items were reviewed and discussed by the Legislative Regulations Committee and will be presented to the Board. No further comments.

**ITEM #10:** **Next Scheduled Meeting and Request for Agenda Items:** The next scheduled meeting and agenda items will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION by Kim Farkas to adjourn at 6:38pm. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.