



State of Nevada  
**Certified Court Reporters Board**

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## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

*As of 4/6/17 Open Meeting Amendments*

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017  
Start Time: 5:39pm  
End Time: 6:21pm

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

Present: Peggy Elias                      Lori Judd                      Christine Alaimo                      Heidi Konsten  
Debbie Uehara                      Asheesh Bhalla                      Don Fritsch                      Karen Jones  
Humberto Rodriguez                      William LaBorde

Present by TelCon: Dan Waite                      Jocelyn Galvan                      Becky Parker  
Diane Lusich                      Paulina Balbuena                      Dina Marcus                      Trina Sanchez  
Josie Roper                      Erin Ferretto                      Becky Van Auken                      Linda Shaw  
Debora Cecere                      Peggy Jones                      Donna Prather                      Holly Larsen  
Barbara Johnson                      Susan Naylor                      Marcia Ferrell                      Allyson Harris  
Shawn McCusker                      Christie Main-Cabrajac

**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 comment.

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

**ITEM #4:** Approval of Meeting Minutes:  
MOTION by Lori Judd: That the March 8, 2017 open meeting minutes are approved in its entirety. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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**ITEM #5:** **Senate Bill 406:** SB406 was reviewed by the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy on March 29, 2017. Videographers and notaries were in attendance and challenged section 32; stating it would prohibit them from providing their court reporting services. A discussion ensued and in order to safeguard the overall bill, the Board elected to remove section 32 from the bill. No further comments.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board will strike the entirety of section 32 from SB406 and will submit the amendment to the Board's sponsor, Senator Scott Hammond. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #6:** **Jurisdictional Matters on Notaries and Videographers Serving as Officers:** Peggy Elias presented the notarial acts as provided on the Nevada Secretary of State's website. Ms. Elias highlighted sections of the FAQ sheet that confirms the authority to take a deposition was removed from the list of notarial acts by the 1995 Legislature and notaries are prohibited to certify their own work, transcripts and are governed by a fee structure.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board ask Deputy Attorney General, Asheesh Bhalla to contact the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Secretary of State's office to seek direction on how to proceed with these notarial matters. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board ask the Executive Secretary of the Board to direct all future complaints against notaries to the Secretary of State's office. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #7:** **Supreme Court Rules Committee:** The Board has not secured an appointment to meet with the committee. Lori Judd expressed the committee may not be active at this time due to the current legislative session. Ms. Judd requested that the Board keep an active look out for any opportunities to meet with the committee. No further comments.

**ITEM #8:** **Board Member Comments:** Dan Waite thanked those who worked so hard throughout the years preparing SB406 and to those who attended the hearing. Mr. Waite extended his appreciation for everyone's involvement. Lori Judd asked that everyone remain vigilant on the bill process. Ms. Judd suggested that Asheesh Bhalla, DAG give his rule making presentation at a future NVCRA convention; his presentation will provide a better understanding on how laws are made. Peggy Elias stated that she has been approached that some licensed court reporting firms are of the mindset, "if you can't beat them, join them" and using videographers instead of a court reporter and providing a notary to certify the transcripts. Ms. Elias stated that it is not the position of the Secretary of State's office that notaries certify transcripts and gave a reminder that the Board has jurisdiction over licensed court reporting firms.

**ITEM #9:** **Next Scheduled Open Meeting and Agenda:** The next open meeting date and agenda items will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

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**ITEM #10: Public Comments:** Diane Lusich apologized for interrupting the opening of the meeting and expressed her appreciation to the Board. Karen Jones acknowledged Peggy Elias' efforts in outlining the duties of a notary. William LaBorde asked if there is a fine against notaries who violated the law. Ms. Elias confirmed the fine is up to \$2,000.00 per occurrence. No further comments.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board adjourns the meeting at 6:21pm. Motion seconded by Lori Judd, all in favor, motion moves forward.