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**LISA McGRANE – Board Member**

*Public Member*

**KEVIN DIAMOND – Board Member**

*Attorney Member*

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Start Time: 5:30pm

End Time: 7:21pm

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting via Zoom

Present Via Zoom:	Peggy Elias	William LaBorde	Lisa McGrane	Kevin Diamond
	Debbie Uehara	Yolanda Henry	Janet Trimmer	Robert Balian
	Debra Morris	Laura Locascio	Cindy Hudak	Susan Naylor
	Vicki Larsen	Pamela Cotten	Jennifer O’Neill	Shannon Taylor
	Kathy DiLorenzo	Dana Young	Jocelyn Galvan	Susan Belingheri
	Karen Bryson	Romona McGinnis	Michelle Johnson	Rhonda Hall
	Janice David	Matthew Spievak	Peggy Hoogs	Laurie Miller

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

Without motion, Peggy Elias called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Board Members:

Peggy Elias	Present
Heidi Konsten	Not Present
William LaBorde	Present
Lisa McGrane	Present
Kevin Diamond	Present

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

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

MOTION by William LaBorde: That the Board approves the agenda in its entirety. Motion seconded by Lisa McGrane, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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

MOTION by Lisa McGrane: That the Board approves the January 24, 2023 open meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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MOTION by Lisa McGrane: That the Board approves the February 1, 2023 Legislative Regulations Committee meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Lisa McGrane: That the Board approves the February 15, 2023 Legislative Regulations Committee meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #5:** **Delegate Board Members to Appear Before the Legislature:** Per memo dated January 27, 2023, issued by Rosalie Bordelove, Chief Deputy Attorney General, a discussion ensued to authorize representatives from the Board to appear before the Legislature to explain the effect of legislation or any other legislative action related to the Board. Regarding SB 160, Kevin Diamond stressed appearing in person in Carson City would be priority. Due to the 2 day notice of appearance; if it's not possible to appear in Carson City, a personal appearance by himself and William LaBorde will take place at the Grant Sawyer Building. No further comments.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board authorize Board members, Kevin Diamond and William LaBorde to appear before the Legislature for all legislative action related to the Board. Peggy Elias will serve as an alternate. Motion seconded by Lisa McGrane, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #6:** **Report on Senate Bill 160:** Peggy Elias shared there were a couple of meetings with Senator Hammond to discuss SB160. When SB 160 is introduced to the Legislature, Kevin Diamond will present the background and necessity of the bill. William LaBorde will present the court reporter's aspect of the bill. Ms. Elias stated there are several witnesses confirmed to testify. She shared the exhibit list as follows:

- Judge Escobar Order
- Commissioner Bulla Hearing Transcript
- Commissioner Bonnie Bulla Order
- Judge Williams Hearing Transcript
- Judge Williams Order
- 1995 Legislative Minutes
- Michael Lowry, Esq. Blog
- Nevada Secretary of State Notary Handbook Excerpt
- Nevada Secretary of State Notary Divisions FAQs
- Videographer Certificate
- Certified Court Reporter Certificate

Kevin Diamond met with Senator Hammond, Victoria Coolbaugh of NJA, Jamie Cogburn, President of NJA, Keith Lee and Tom Clark on February 24, 2023. Mr. Diamond expressed the bill is not to eliminate legal videographers; the bill preserves the working relationship between the court reporter and legal videographer. He felt once everyone has the opportunity to review the bill, they will come to understand the purpose of the bill. No further comments.

**ITEM #7: Review NAC Chapter 656 per Executive Order 2023-003:** William LaBorde presented proposed amendments made by the Legislative Regulations Committee pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003, Section 1 to streamline NAC Chapter 656. Committee meetings were held on February 1, 2023 and February 15, 2023 to review and prepare the proposal for Board review and approval. A copy of the proposed amendments is attached and will be kept on file. No further comments.

MOTION by William LaBorde: That the Board approves the amendments made in the General Provisions section of NAC Chapter 656. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board approves the amendments made in the Certification section of NAC Chapter 656, along with the new amendments made by Lisa McGrane. Motion seconded by Lisa McGrane, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Lisa McGrane: That the Board approves the amendments made in the Continuing Education section of NAC Chapter 656. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by William LaBorde: That the Board approves the amendments made in the Practice by Firm section of NAC Chapter 656. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by William LaBorde: That the Board approves the amendments made in the Professional Conduct section of NAC Chapter 656. Motion seconded by Lisa McGrane, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board replace “him or her” with “the court reporter” in the Professional Conduct section. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Peggy Elias: That the Board move NAC 656.400 to NAC 656.300 and create a new subsection. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board delete “a member of the staff of” in NAC 656.415(7). Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board approves the amendments made in the Disciplinary Procedure section of NAC Chapter 656 and R104-19. Motion seconded by Lisa McGrane, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by William LaBorde: That the Board approves the amendments made in R003-19 and R104-19 of NAC Chapter 656. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #8:** **Remove Not Less Than 10 Regulations per Executive Order 2023-003:** William LaBorde presented 11 regulations to be removed from NAC Chapter 656 per Executive Order 2023-003. The proposal was prepared by the Legislative Regulations Committee for Board review and approval. It was determined that 3 of the 11 regulations were partial regulations and did not fulfill the requirements to be removed. After further discussion, Kevin Diamond suggested to remove NAC 656.035, NAC 656.055, NAC 656.070 and NAC 656.400. No further comments.

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board remove the following 12 regulations from NAC Chapter 656 pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003, specifically Section 2. Motion seconded by Lisa McGrane, all in favor, motion moves forward.

To be removed, ranking in descending order: NAC 656.470, NAC 656.400, NAC 656.070, NAC 656.060, NAC 656.055, NAC 656.054, NAC 656.050, NAC 656.045, NAC 656.040, NAC 656.035, NAC 656.030 and NAC 656.020.

**ITEM #9:** **Consider LCB File No. R193-22 as an Exemption per Executive Order 2023-003:**

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board assign the Executive Secretary to seek R193-22 as an exemption per Executive Order 2023-003. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #10:** **Consider LCB File No. R078-22 as an Exemption per Executive Order 2023-003:**

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board assign the Executive Secretary to seek R078-22 as an exemption per Executive Order 2023-003. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #11:** **Request Alternate Deputy Attorney General:** A discussion ensued to determine the possibility of seeking a replacement for the Board's current Deputy Attorney General to serve the Board. The Board is seeking a D.A.G that is more versed with Nevada laws, resulting in more timely responses and less legal research fees. No further comments.

MOTION by Kevin Diamond: That the Board assign the Executive Secretary to contact Rosalie Bordelove, Chief Deputy Attorney General to seek a replacement for Joel Bekker, D.A.G. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

**ITEM #12:** **Provide Additional Educational Information to Nevada Attorneys:** This matter was moved to the next scheduled open meeting.

**ITEM #13:** **Electronic Renewal:** Debbie Uehara presented a cost saving measure to the Board by introducing online renewals for its licensees and exam applicants. The Board obtained electronic payment services from Nevada State Bank. Online applications would work hand-in-hand with electronic payment services; this would eliminate a time consuming process of printing, stapling, folding and inserting forms into envelopes, a labor intensive process. Electronic services will also eliminate postage costs. Without motion, the Board recommended to introduce electronic services at the next renewal term in 2024. A notice will be included in each licensee's 23/24 renewal packet informing them of the up-coming change. No further comments.

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**ITEM #14:** **Executive Secretary's Report:** Debbie Uehara presented the disciplinary action report and financial statement to the Board. A copy of both reports is attached and will be kept on file. No further comments.

**ITEM #15:** **Public Comments:** No public comments.

**ITEM #16:** **Next Open Meeting and Agenda Items:** The next open meeting date will be determined at a later date. Kevin Diamond requested the Executive Secretary's job duties be reviewed. Lisa McGrane proposed online exam options.

**ITEM #17:** **Final Roll Call.**

Adjournment:

Motion by William LaBorde to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond.