

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS

165 CAPITOL AVENUE
HARTFORD, CT 06106

JANUARY 22, 2003

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened January 22, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present:	Susan K. Whitt, Chairperson (Shorthand Reporter)
	Donald E. Hubbard (Shorthand Reporter)
	John C. Brandon (Shorthand Reporter)

Board Counsel Present:	None
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Board Vacancies:	One Attorney Member
	Two Public Members

DCP Staff Present:	Richard Hurlburt, Director
	Vicky Bullock, DCP Attorney
	Nelson Leon, Board Secretary

Note: The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division.
For information call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 25, 2002 & November 20, 2002 Shorthand Reporters meeting and unanimously approved them.

APPLICATIONS

Anita Shemin – Scarsdale, NY

Approved

Ms. Shemin's application was reviewed at the 9/25/02 meeting and deferred until such time the Board receives a signed letter form the Cunningham Group, Inc., attesting that Ms. Shemin has been a Court Reporter with them since 1994. Ms. Shemin was contacted by Nelson Leon, via telephone on 9/25/02 and in writing on 11/5/02. A response was received dated 11/15/02 from the Cunningham Group, Inc. confirming Ms. Shemin's Court Reporter experience with them since 1994.

After further review of Ms. Shemin's Court Reporter experience, the Board unanimously approved her Shorthand Reporter application.

Deanna Veinotte – Uxbridge, MA

Approved

Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

After further review of Ms. Veinotte's application, the Board unanimously approved her Shorthand Reporter application.

Lorene R. Eppley – Hopedale, MA

Approved

Applying for a Shorthand Reporter license.

After further review of Ms. Eppley's application, the Board unanimously approved her Shorthand Reporter application.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Hubbard inquired if Massachusetts has a CSR law. Board member Brandon replied that it does.
2. Mr. Brandon reported that our lobbyist Kenna Warner has left TCORS and that her replacement is Valerie Stolfi.
3. Ms. Whitt said we should strike the date referring to work experience off our application. Ms. Whitt asked if we should strike the whole box. Mr. Hubbard said yes, experience is on the back of the application anyway.
4. Ms. Whitt said we should change our license law exempting municipal reporters from licensure. Mr. Brandon said that we already do that with DMV and Workers Comp, with no problems. Attorney Bullock said its best to leave the issue alone since all licenses are issued at the discretion of the board anyway.
5. Ms. Whitt asked Attorney Bullock how does our board go about changing a regulation, is it done through the legislature or through the board itself? Attorney Bullock said if the change is minor, it can be done through our board, but if it involves a lobbyist and/or extensive changes, it has to go to the legislature. Attorney Bullock said once the proposed language is submitted, she will tell us how to proceed. Ms. Whitt said the state association may hold a plebiscite regarding changes to our law, we'll discuss that further.
6. Ms. Whitt asked about testing. Can Henry Sorenson and Marty from PSI do it? The Hartford facility only seats 6 people, Norwalk 8 and we get 25-40 people per test. Also, out test takes 6 hours, which makes us unique.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Whitt
Chairperson