

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS

JUNE 28, 2006

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened June 28, 2006 at 8:20 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
John C. Brandon, Shorthand Reporter
William Mangini, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Donald E. Hubbard, Shorthand Reporter
Joseph N. DeFilippo, Attorney

Board Vacancies: One Public Member

Board Counsel Present: None

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DCP Staff Present: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Public Present: Valerie Stolfi, TCORS

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The Board voted unanimously to approve minutes of the February 22, 2006 Shorthand Reporters meeting.

Ms. Whitt said we are going to leave the page format issue alone for now. Our first issue is penalties for non-licensed reporters working in Connecticut. Our second issue is whether we license the stenomaskers.

Cheryl Stern was appointed to the Board by letter of April 17, 2006. She is a public member. Her term expires April 10, 2009.

Ms. Stolfi said that, to implement some punishment for non-licensed reporters working in Connecticut, we need a statutory change, not a regulatory change. Mr. Hurlburt said that penalties are applied by all Boards under Consumer Protection, not just our Board.

Mr. Mangini said Stone Academy has no plans to teach stenomasking.

Ms. Stolfi said that licensure for stenomaskers is also statutory, not regulatory.

Mr. Brandon asked if missing three consecutive Board meetings automatically meant that person is off the Board. Mr. Hurlburt said that for all other Boards that is the case, but we don't have that language in our regulations, so that would have to be added. Thus, Mr. DeFilippo is still technically on the Board.

Ms. Stolfi said that the bill regarding penalties can say "Anyone who willfully employs unlicensed reporters" will be subject to penalties. Ms. Whitt suggested the language "Any person sending or assigning any other person" to a job who is not licensed will be penalized.

Ms. Whitt said we'd table the continuing education issue for now.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan K. Whitt
Chairperson

The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at 8:15 a.m.