

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS

MINUTES

MAY 26, 2015

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened May 26, 2015 at 8:20 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

**Board Members Present:** John Brandon, Chairperson, Shorthand Reporter  
Patricia Masi, Shorthand Reporter  
Christine Mannix, Shorthand Reporter  
Kate Kowalyshyn, Attorney  
William Mangini, Public Member

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Board Member Vacancy:** One Public Member

**DCP Staff Present:** Karen Layman, Secretary  
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

**Board Counsel Present:** Jose Rene Martinez, Office of the Attorney General

**Others Present:** Jeremy Pearlman, Office of the Attorney General

*Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils 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 or fax: (860) 706-1255.*

**Agency Web Site:** [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp)

**Division E-mail:** [dcpoccupationalprofessional@ct.gov](mailto:dcpoccupationalprofessional@ct.gov)

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Chairperson Brandon.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Board Member Kate Kowalyshyn made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 24, 2015 meeting, Patty Masi seconded, and all were in favor.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

## **APPLICATIONS:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Continuing Education Credits for Connecticut LSR's**

Tracy Gow, President of CCRA, sent an email to the Board with recommendations for changes to the document entitled, "Continuing Education Credits for Connecticut LSR's." After some discussion, Patty and Christine felt that clarification was needed from Tracy on some of the suggestions she made in this e-mail regarding the topics covered in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this document. The Board agreed that Paragraph No. 1 is acceptable as written, and that Paragraph No. 4 should be changed to reflect the following: "1.0 Personal Development Credits", rather than "10 Personal Development Credits", as currently stated.

Therefore, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Paragraph No. 1 as written and Paragraph No. 4 with the change as noted. In addition, the Board voted unanimously that Paragraphs No. 2 and 3 are to be reviewed at such time that Tracy is present so that she has the opportunity to clarify her recommendations as stated in today's e-mail. The Board requests that Tracy attend the August 25, 2015 meeting.

### **2. DCP Complaint Process**

Tracy Gow, President of CCRA, sent an email asking if the Board should have a complaint form. Mr. Hurlburt stated that the Department of Consumer Protection already has in place a complaint form, and one looking to make a formal complaint should use the existing form.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Appearance from the Office of the Attorney General:**

Attorney Jeremy Pearlman, from the Office of the Attorney General, attended today's Board meeting to discuss the ruling made February 25, 2015 in the Supreme Court of the United States, North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. the Federal Trade Commission case.

Attorney Pearlman felt the decision was "important for Boards such as ours". The question, basically, was: Does a Board such as ours require "active supervision"? He pointed out that judicial review is a "passive" supervision, and Boards such as ours should be State-controlled.

Attorney Pearlman answered some of the Board's questions, and after discussing the ramifications of the decision, concluded that the only way to "fix" this would be through legislative change. Chairperson Brandon thanked Attorney Pearlman for addressing the Board on this matter. Mr. Pearlman invited the Board to contact him with any subsequent questions.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. E-mail sent by Tracy Gow dated 5-26-15 regarding the document "Continuing Education Credits for Connecticut LSR's"

2. E-mail sent by Tracy Gow dated 5-26-15 regarding the complaint process and complaint form

## **ADJOURNMENT**

John asked if there was any other business to address. There was none.

John made a motion to adjourn, Patty seconded, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

**The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for August 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.**