BOARD OF COURT REPORTER MINUTES

A meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Court Reporters was held on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at OPLC offices at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH. The public could join in-person as well as via teleconference.

Board Members present: Denise Cascio Bolduc and Theresa McGuire-Harkins. Two members constitute a quorum as there are only two members currently appointed by the Governor.

Also present from OPLC: Board Administrator Bobbie Mayo and Board Administrator Dawn Couture. Tina Kelley from the Rules Department was also present.

- **1. Call to order** 9:04 a.m.
- **2.** Approval of the minutes of the October 26, 2021, meeting A motion was made by Board Member McGuire-Harkins and seconded by Chair Cascio Bolduc to approve the October 26, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. <u>Interviews/meetings</u> –

Chair Cascio-Bolduc opened the rules hearing at 9:05 a.m. The Board thanked Tina Kelley for all her hard work. The Board member reviewed the rules and made minor corrections. There was one member of the public present, she did not have any comments nor were any written comments received by staff. The hearing closed at 9:30 a.m. The rules will be amended and provided to the Board for final approval at the next meeting.

4. Reading of Communications – None.

5. Reading and Consideration of Applications –

Dineen Squillante – Chair Cascio Bolduc made a motion to approve the candidate for licensure. The motion was seconded by Board Member McGuire-Harkins. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Lynn Jorgenson - Chair Cascio Bolduc made a motion to approve the candidate for licensure. The motion was seconded by Board Member McGuire-Harkins. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Old/Pending Business –

Review of Forms – The Board reviewed the forms and made minor changes. The forms will be amended and submitted back to the Board, with the rules, for approval at the next meeting.

7. New Business –

Discussion regarding HB 1182 & HB 1509 – Chair Cascio Bolduc voiced her concerns regarding testimony provided by the Executive director at one of the hearings. The testimony relayed the message that the Board of Court Reporters was not meeting because of quorum issues. Board Member McGuire-Harkins asked staff if they followed the statute for meeting requirements. Staff confirmed that the Board of Court Reporters met five times in 2021 and the requirement set forth in the statute is three. Division Director Joe Shoemaker joined the meeting to disseminate the differences between an advisory board and a licensure board.

Date and Time of next meeting – May 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn -

Chair Cascio Bolduc made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member McGuire-Harkins. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bother Mayo

Bobbie Mayo

Board Administrator III