

## BOARD OF COURT REPORTER MINUTES

A meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Court Reporters was held on Thursday, May 24, 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 Administrators Bobbie Mayo, Dawn Couture and Marla Pike. Tina Kelley from the Rules Department was also present.

1. **Call to order** – 9:01 a.m.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the February 3, 2022, meeting** – A motion was made by Board Member McGuire-Harkins and seconded by Chair Cascio Bolduc to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Interviews/meetings** –

Camille Palladino-Duffy joined the meeting via Zoom. She informed the Board that she had been working with high school students who were interested in the profession and was concerned because the law prohibits anyone from licensure until they pass the RPR which restricts people from working. She would like to suggest that the requirements in the statute be changed to add “or requirement of completing a court reporting course and earning a certificate from a school with a 225 words per minute requirement”. The Board thanked Ms. Palladino-Duffy for her input and would take the request under advisement.

4. **Reading of Communications** –

a. Memo from enforcement – Re: Complaint process – noted.

b. Standing order – Bounced/Returned checks – signed.

5. **Reading and Consideration of Applications** – None.

6. **Old/Pending Business** –

Law Change – A brief discussion was held regarding the proposal brought forth by Camille Palladino-Duffy. The Board voiced a few concerns regarding this. Tina Kelley suggested that the Board consider adding a law which would allow a temporary permit for those who are in the process of getting their RPR certification. She explained that this would allow them to work while passing their exams. The Board liked the idea and

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asked staff to draft language for their next meeting.

Final Proposal - Director Lindsey Courtney joined the meeting at 9:53 a.m. to discuss becoming an advisory Board and to request that the Board discontinue the current rule making. She informed the Board that the plan is to take the rules that the Board had worked on and incorporate those changes within the OPLC rules instead. Board member McGuire-Harkins explained the change to the continuing education requirements and the reasons behind the Boards decision to request the change. Director Courtney assured the Board that she had no plans to make any substantial changes to their proposed rules. The Board will not proceed with the current rule making process.

7. **New Business** –

Date and Time of next meeting – ***September 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.***

8. **Adjourn** –

Chair Cascio Bolduc made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member McGuire-Harkins. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbie Mayo  
Board Administrator III