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OFFICE OF NEVADA BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS STANDARDS
NEVADA STATE CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS BOARD

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Start Time: 5:30pm
End Time: 6:15pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present Via Zoom:	Heidi Konsten	William LaBorde	Kevin Diamond	Linda Shaw
	Salli Phillips	Debbie Uehara	Cynthia Hudak	Pamela Manning
	Brittney Head	Jocelyn Galvan	Pamela Cotten	Monique Gentry
	Shanyelle King	Carrie Hewerdine	LaTia Ely	Nicole Hansen
	Vicki Larsen	Sharon Cahn	Lori-Ann Landers	Kath Jackson
	Carolyn Harkins	Jazlein Taylor	Lori Judd	Jo Gray
	Carol Chase	Kim Farkas	Debra Farfan	Suzanne Stone
	Jane Efaw	Jualitta Stewart	Karen Bryson	Nicole Hansen
	Shellie	Jeeyeon Kim		

ITEM #1: **Meeting Called to Order and Board Member Roll Call:**

Without motion, Heidi Konsten called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Board Members:

Heidi Konsten	Present
William LaBorde	Present
Kevin Diamond	Present
Linda Shaw	Present
Salli Phillips	Present

ITEM #2: **Public Comments:** Jane Efaw

ITEM #3: **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion by Linda Shaw: That the Board approves the meeting agenda in its entirety.
Motion seconded by Salli Phillips, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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ITEM #4: Approve Meeting Minutes:

Motion by William LaBorde: That the Board approves the following meeting minutes in its entirety:

- November 17, 2025 Open Meeting
- January 26, 2026 Closed Meeting

Motion seconded by Linda Shaw, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #5: Ratify the January 16, 2026 Test Results: Debbie Uehara reported 4 applicants registered for the certification exam. 1 applicant cancelled her application. 3 applicants appeared for the exam. There were no applicants for the firm exam. After grading each exam at the January 26, 2026 closed meeting, it was confirmed that 2 applicants passed the exam with 52 errors or less and 1 applicant failed the exam with 53 errors or more. No further comments.

Motion by William LaBorde: That the Board ratify the test results from the January 16, 2026 certification exam. Motion seconded by Linda Shaw, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #6: Appoint a New Chair for the Legislative Regulations Committee:

Motion by William LaBorde: That pursuant to NRS 656.110, the Board will appoint Kim Farkas as the Chair of the Legislative Regulations Committee. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #7: Review LCB File No. R096-25: Kevin Diamond presented LCB File No. R096-25, a copy is attached and will be kept on file. Lori Judd suggested changing the word “employed” to “affiliated” in Section 8, Subsection 2(b) since court reporters are independent contractors. No further comments.

Motion by Kevin Diamond: That the Board approves LCB File No. R096-25 with the change to replace the word “employed” with “affiliated” and proceed to workshop. Motion seconded by William LaBorde. All in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #8: Review LCB File R108-25: Kevin Diamond presented LCB File No. R108-25, a copy is attached and will be kept on file. No further comments.

Motion by Kevin Diamond: That the Board approves LCB File No. R108-25 and will proceed to workshop. Motion seconded by William LaBorde, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #9: Preparation for the Sunset Committee Review: In preparation for the March 27, 2026 Sunset Committee Review, Debbie Uehara confirmed Heidi Konsten will give the introduction of the Board and Kevin Diamond will share the current events of the Board. Salli Phillips will sit at the dais and Linda Shaw will appear via Zoom. William LaBorde will be in Portugal and unable to attend. Without motion, the discussion concluded.

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ITEM #10: Interim Option from the Office of Nevada Boards and Commissions: Nikki Haag, from the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions, and Councils Standards provided 2 temporary options to help stabilize the Board. A copy is attached and will be kept on file. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to contact Ms. Haag's office to schedule a meeting. Heidi Konsten, Kevin Diamond, and Debbie Uehara will represent the Board. Without motion, no further discussion took place.

ITEM #11: Executive Secretary's 2026 Employment Contract: Debbie Uehara presented her contract for the remainder of her employment. Ms. Uehara's last day will be May 28, 2026. No further comments.

Motion by Kevin Diamond: That the Board approves Debbie Uehara's employment contract for the period of February 15, 2026 through May 28, 2026. Motion seconded by William LaBorde. All in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #12: Procedures to Hire a New Executive Secretary: Debbie Uehara shared there is an interested candidate applying for her position. Heidi Konsten will conduct the final interview. Ms. Konsten and Debbie Uehara were tasked to amend the hours and salary to meet the Board's financial budget. Without motion, no further discussion.

ITEM #13: NVCRA Continuing Education Program: Kim Farkas of NVCRA, presented a continuing education program to earn 1 Nevada law credit. The 1 hour Zoom program will focus on NRS 656 and NAC 656 and highlight any updates from the 2025 legislative session. Former Board member, Lori Judd will lead the presentation and discussion. A multiple choice quiz will also be included. No further comments.

Motion by Kevin Diamond: That the Board approves NVCRA's continuing education program to earn 1 Nevada law credit. Motion seconded by Linda Shaw, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #14: Public Comments: No public comments.

ITEM #15: Next Open Meeting and Agenda Items:

- Heidi Konsten: Can Board and committee members be exempt to the \$50 fee to earn 1 Nevada law credit by attending a designated meeting?
 - Kevin Diamond: Update on Nevada State College court reporting program.
- The meeting date and additional agenda items will be determined at a later date.

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Shaw to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kevin Diamond. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.