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9	BOARD MEETING FOR THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF
LO	EXAMINERS OF CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS, HELD AT THE
L1	BENSON TOWER, SUITE 739, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA ON THE
L2	18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, COMMENCING AT 9:08 A.M.,
L3	BEFORE ELICIA H. WOODWORTH, CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER IN
L 4	AND FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.
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1	APPEARANCES:
2	Judge Paul A. Bonin, Chairman
3	Vincent P. Borrello, Jr., CCR, RPR, Secretary
4	Milton Donegan, Jr., CCR
5	Suzette M. Magee, CCR
6	John H. Andressen, CCR
7	May F. Dunn, CCR
8	Elizabeth Methvin, CCR
9	Laura Putnam, Attorney
10	Kimya M. Holmes, Attorney
11	Nhung C. Nguyen, Administrator
12	David Marcello, CSR Board Attorney
13	Christian Helmke, CSR Board Investigative Counsel
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2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	Let's stand. I'm advised we think we
4	have a quorum. We still don't have a flag in here.
5	We're going to say the Pledge of Allegiance without the
6	flag.
7	(Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
8	conducted.)
9	JUDGE BONIN:
10	All right. Vicky, you want to go ahead
11	and call the roll?
12	MS. NGUYEN:
13	Yes.
14	Judge Paul A. Bonin.
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	Present.
17	MS. NGUYEN:
18	Laura Putnam.
19	MS. PUTNAM:
20	Here.
21	MS. NGUYEN:
22	Elizabeth Methvin.
23	MS. METHVIN:
24	Here.
25	MS. NGUYEN:



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          Suzette Magee.
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     MS. MAGEE:
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         Here.
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     MS. NGUYEN:
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         Milton Donegan.
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     MR. DONEGAN:
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         Here.
     MS. NGUYEN:
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         David Marcello.
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     MR. MARCELLO:
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         Here.
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     MS. NGUYEN:
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         Christian Helmke.
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     MR. HELMKE:
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         Here.
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     MS. NGUYEN:
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         May Dunn.
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     (No response.)
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     MS. NGUYEN:
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         Not here.
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         John Andressen, not here.
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         And Vinny Borello, not here.
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         Oh, Kimya Holmes, not here.
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     JUDGE BONIN:
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         Okay.
                 Well, we have a quorum.
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1	Do I have a motion about the approval of
2	the minutes? I saw that they had come over.
3	MR. DONEGAN:
4	So moved.
5	MS. MAGEE:
6	Second.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	All in favor, "aye."
9	(Several members respond "aye.")
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Any opposed?
12	(No response.)
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Minutes are adopted.
15	All right. The committee reports.
16	We'll start with well, we'll pass on Finance and
17	Operations until John gets here, and we'll go to
18	Licensing and Continuing Education. Suzette.
19	MS. MAGEE:
20	Yes. The committee met last night and
21	approved L I think that's Louisiana Clerk of Courts
22	seminar, so we approved that. That's the one that David
23	spoke at.
24	We had several continuing education
25	requests, and they're all listed under Licensing A.



1	They were individual requests. I make a motion that we
2	accept all of those.
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	Okay.
5	MS. PUTNAM:
6	Second.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Any discussion?
9	(No response.)
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	All in favor?
12	(Several members respond "aye.")
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Any opposed?
15	(No response.)
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Okay. What was the program, Reporter
18	Rescue?
19	MS. MAGEE:
20	It's here. It was some software
21	training
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Oh, okay.
24	MS. MAGEE:
25	that someone had.



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1	And we got a report on the September
2	examination that was given.
3	MS. NGUYEN:
4	Yes. We had 17 applicants for that, and
5	of the 17, 16 were stenomask. Fourteen passed, one no
6	show and one failed. And the stenotype also failed. So
7	that was a great turnout of passing.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	So how many passed altogether?
10	MS. NGUYEN:
11	Fourteen.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Fourteen.
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	So have we already licensed them?
16	MS. NGUYEN:
17	I just sent out their certification
18	yesterday because they sent in their payments.
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	Okay.
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	Okay. I see on here CE credits, Leah
23	Andressen. I know that she called me. I'm not sure why
24	you put her on here. She did call me.
25	MS. NGUYEN:



1	Okay.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	But she attended the seminar that David
4	spoke at, so she got her credits. I think she was
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Well, then that I think what the
7	problem was is she had contacted or contacted the
8	Board. There was an issue about whether we were going
9	to do online ethics credits. She normally, I think,
10	went to a program in Mississippi that needed but it
11	was short these credits. But if she attended the
12	David the thing, I think it's moot now. I think we
13	can if she wants to raise the issue back. Vicky, why
14	don't you get in touch with her and just let her know,
15	Vicky, if she wants to, maybe she can submit a written
16	proposal to the Licensing Committee as to what it is
L7	that she's asking us to do.
18	MS. MAGEE:
19	I see that it's under "Discussion,"
20	so
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Okay. But we did tell her to come to
23	the meeting today, huh?
24	MS. NGUYEN:
25	Yes.



MR. MARCELLO: 1 2 I think she had a conflict, but she was planning to come to a subsequent meeting, and she does 3 4 care deeply about the online credit. JUDGE BONIN: 5 6 Well, that's fine. I think there was a little misunderstanding as to what she thought we had 7 8 said we were going to do. 9 Okay. 10 MS. MAGEE: And then we issued a license to Tina 11 12 Wallace, who passed the --13 MS. NGUYEN: 14 I waiting for payment. 15 MS. MAGEE: 16 Okay. We had one CDR who was tested 17 through AAERT, so we're waiting on payment. 18 We also discussed at the meeting a 19 retest of the girls in Bossier. We discussed this at 20 the last meeting. They failed it twice last year, and 21 we discussed it and then sent the Judge a letter. 22 JUDGE BONIN: 23 Did we do that or no? 24 MS. MAGEE: 25 We did that.



JUDGE BONIN:
Okay.
MS. MAGEE:
And she has called Vicky.
JUDGE BONIN:
The Judge did or
MS. MAGEE:
No. The test applicant, and she is
adamant about retesting sooner than one year from now.
So we discussed last night the possibility of setting
maybe some test dates, and when we have enough people
signed up to test, that we would because I have to
tell you, we're testing people three times a month.
MS. NGUYEN:
CDRs.
JUDGE BONIN:
Yes.
MS. MAGEE:
So we thought maybe we could do it four
times a year unless there was an emergency.
JUDGE BONIN:
Well, what did we resolve about CDRs
having to go to their court to test them?
MR. MARCELLO:
That's in the process. Actually, we



1	adopted an emergency rule and we published a Notice of
2	Intent for permanent rulemaking, so we relieved that
3	obligation. We don't have to do it any longer in the
4	court.
5	MS. MAGEE:
6	And if they're using FTR Gold equipment,
7	they can come to Lafayette and I can test them in my
8	courtroom.
9	JUDGE BONIN:
10	Well, I think, unless anybody has any
11	objection, why don't you just set up a testing schedule
12	and that's and we'll abide by that. They can come
13	there and then we could make an exception, I guess
14	MS. MAGEE:
15	If there's an emergency.
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	if we need to go to a court or
18	there's an emergency situation, but otherwise do we
19	have any rule about how long they have to sit out after
20	they have failed or anything like that?
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	We do not have a rule.
23	JUDGE BONIN:
24	Do they have to pay to take the test?
25	Well, that's enough of a



1	MS. PUTNAM:
2	It's not for these women, but
3	MS. MAGEE:
4	She's ready to come January 2nd.
5	MS. METHVIN:
6	If she's going to pay and she feels
7	confident she can pass it.
8	MS. PUTNAM:
9	Let her take it.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Why don't you do this: Why don't you
12	and your committee set, what do you think, four testing
13	dates is adequate?
14	MS. MAGEE:
15	Four testing dates a year.
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Set four testing dates and just publish
18	it, and then, unless somebody has an objection, let her
19	come to the next testing.
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	All right. So
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Do we have any emergency requests
24	pending or anybody that needs to get testing?
25	MS. NGUYEN:



1 Not at the moment. I pretty much told 2 all the courts that we're going to set the location and let them know the date. 3 4 JUDGE BONIN: 5 Okay. 6 MS. MAGEE: So the only other thing that we 7 8 discussed last night was an issue that Milton had raised 9 about seal vendors. It seems that they're not asking 10 for any verification that this person is a licensed 11 court reporter. You could call on the phone and say, "I 12 want a seal and my number is this, " and whether that's 13 valid or not, they don't... 14 MR. HELMKE: Just to disclose, I had probably five 15 16 people come up and bring that same issue up to me at one of the presentations at a seminar that I spoke about. 17 MS. MAGEE: 18 19 That's why Milton put it on the agenda. 20 MR. HELMKE: 21 Actually, I think the last two that we 22 spoke at, we had people walking up saying, "I just want to let y'all know," because it had come up at a previous 23



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Board meeting that this was happening, and I think we

had talked about trying to get a list and let them know.

1	And they came up and said, "They're still not asking."
2	And so we made the call and they'll just issue three
3	seals with a name, and all of a sudden, people have
4	seals and
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Do the seals require them to have their
7	number on it?
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	Uh-huh.
10	MR. HELMKE:
11	I think it's just like a notary seal, I
12	think.
13	MS. MAGEE:
14	Yeah.
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	Well, what suggestions do you have?
17	MS. MAGEE:
18	We don't have any. We don't know how
19	to
20	MR. DONEGAN:
21	There's no reason to really push the
22	issue right now because we're at the end of the cycle,
23	so we can start in January discussing what we want to
24	do. We found somewhere in our rules or we gave, just
25	for information purposes, three different vendors, one



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1	in Baton Rouge, one in Lafayette and one in New Orleans.
2	And if I'm not mistaken, when it first started, Tonya,
3	for some reason, said we had to let it out for bid, and
4	that's how Rebel Stamp Company in Baton Rouge first
5	started, and then it filtered down to where you get it
6	wherever you want to get it from as long as they had the
7	specifications. So we're trying to figure out how could
8	we get a list of vendors to inform the vendors that you
9	need proof before you could submit the seal.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Right.
12	MS. METHVIN:
13	I went to Office Depot, and, I mean,
14	it's not on the list, but I just went and they just
15	asked me my name.
16	MR. DONEGAN:
17	Yeah. That's the problem. You can get
18	it anywhere.
19	MR. HELMKE:
20	Ed's Stencils doesn't even request that,
21	I don't think, for notaries.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Right.
24	MS. METHVIN:
25	We used to get the blue stamp. It was



Tonya sent it to the reporter. 1 sent to us. So, I mean, 2 is that just too much of a hassle to have that process where it has to come through the Board? 3 4 MR. DONEGAN: 5 It was a cost. It was a time factor, 6 because this time of year, you'd be here with piles of 7 boxes, stuffing in cards and putting stamps in, and that's when they said, well, let's put it on the backs 8 9 of the reporters, but they can get them wherever they want to get them from. So I don't --10 11 MS. METHVIN: 12 Also, anybody can get them, whoever 13 wants them, so... 14 MR. DONEGAN: Exactly. 15 16 MS. METHVIN: 17 So we have to weigh that out. 18 JUDGE BONIN: 19 Well, it seems like there's several ways 20 we could do this, but what I'd like to suggest -- and, 21 Christian, I'm going to ask you to handle this. Why 22 don't you -- who were the people that we have said 23 they're available? You know, in other words --24 MR. DONEGAN: 25 Rebel.



1	JUDGE BONIN:
2	we haven't approved them exactly.
3	MR. DONEGAN:
4	Right. Rebel Stamp Company in Baton
5	Rouge, Ed's Stencils out of New Orleans, and there was
6	one in Lafayette. I can't remember right now, but it's
7	somewhere in the papers that we have.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	Okay. Christian, why don't you write a
10	letter to them
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	These three?
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	here and ask them what they require
15	before they will, you know, issue a stamp. In other
16	words, what sort of
L7	MR. HELMKE:
18	Type of verification, right.
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	And maybe check the I don't know what
21	it would be. Check the law on printers or whatever
22	the if there is something, you know, like if it would
23	seem like you would need the people who do seals, it
24	would seem like they would have to have some notary.
25	MR. HELMKE:



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I may talk -- I think Ed's Stencils had this problem with notaries, and I think, like the bar association or some notary group went to them and said, "Look, before you issue these things, here's a checklist of stuff that we'd like for you to have." So I can try to talk with them. I think something like that happened before.

JUDGE BONIN:

Well, find out from all of them, all of the three that we -- we don't -- what is that status with us? Would you say that that's -- we just make that as a convenience to the reporter that you can go there?

MR. DONEGAN:

Right. This is just informational purposes. As long as they have the specifications, you can go to any of these three places. I mean, typical, like me, I have none in Thibodaux. I just make a phone call to Rebel in Baton Rouge and tell them who I am and they send me the stamp.

MS. METHVIN:

When it was done before, can I ask, we paid for the stamp. We paid for the blue stamp.

MS. MAGEE:

Paid and then Tonya printed it.

MR. DONEGAN:



1	Right.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	Tonya had them made.
4	MS. METHVIN:
5	And it came could it maybe be a
6	process of putting that back into, when we get our
7	licenses and then we pay, because now it's just a clip
8	that goes inside your press, and then Vicky letting
9	Rebel or whoever know that this person is current and
10	you can go ahead and make their stamp and drop ship it
11	to the reporter itself and just take the reporter from
12	getting their own. See, we're taking I mean, so then
13	you wouldn't
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	Then Vicky's going to have to call every
16	vendor and tell them this person's licensed.
17	MS. METHVIN:
18	No, no, we could only use these three
19	vendors or whoever you have to bid it out.
20	MR. DONEGAN:
21	I don't know if you can limit it to
22	those three vendors. That's the question, I guess.
23	MS. METHVIN:
24	I don't know how that works, but make it
25	somehow where she's the one saying, "We took the money



1	in," and then calling and saying, "Elizabeth Methvin has
2	paid her money. She's current. Make her stamp and drop
3	ship it Natchitoches."
4	MR. DONEGAN:
5	The reporter is supposed to send them a
6	copy of the card, your card that you get, before they
7	print the release the stamp.
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	There would be some extra costs if we
10	did that because we'd have pay for all the shipping
11	anyway.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	My recollection is is that's why we got
14	rid of it, and it was just such a nightmare of whether
15	we actually we actually sent the it was other kind
16	of stamp.
17	MS. METHVIN:
18	The regular stamp.
19	MR. DONEGAN:
20	The physical labor of doing it.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Yes. And so we wanted to go to the
23	seal, and we figured that was even going to be even more
24	onerous because of the weight and so forth.
25	MS. METHVIN:



1	You roll that into the cost. If Rebel
2	says it cost us 12.95 to ship it, so the stamp's \$42
3	plus the 12.95. I mean, I'm paying that anyway if I
4	order from Rebel.
5	MR. DONEGAN:
6	Well, that's what I'm saying. We have
7	two years before we, you know, come back up with our
8	cycle where they need a stamp again.
9	MS. MAGEE:
10	No. Next year.
11	MR. DONEGAN:
12	Next year, yeah, but I mean, we're at
13	the end right now, so we can
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	Well, why don't you put that back at
16	your committee and address you know, Christian will
17	go ahead and find out
18	MR. HELMKE:
19	I'll write the letters and look at the
20	law and make contact with some of them and see if we can
21	come up with something.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	And see if we come up and then consider
24	if, you know, we are going to need to go back to
25	handling the issuance of it ourselves. To date, we



1	haven't had a problem that we know of, though, of
2	unauthorized stamp.
3	MR. DONEGAN:
4	Other than people coming to Christian
5	and I saying, "I just want to let y'all know I got my
6	stamp and no one asked me anything."
7	MS. MAGEE:
8	Yeah, and that's not a problem.
9	MR. DONEGAN:
10	And the other thing is, like Elizabeth
11	said, you don't have to buy the whole stamp, just the
12	little symbol.
13	MS. MAGEE:
14	I know our court orders them, so I'm
15	sure the court administrator is ordering them from the
16	guy, they're not asking for documentation.
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	Right. Okay.
19	MS. MAGEE:
20	All right. So then we discussed in "Old
21	Business" some items that are listed down further on the
22	agenda. I don't know if you want to cover them now or
23	wait.
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	Where at on the agenda?



1	MS. MAGEE:
2	After Compliance and Discipline
3	Committee, Discussion & Action.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Oh, yeah. Okay. Well, let's do this
6	first.
7	So do we have a motion to accept and
8	approve the report of the committee?
9	MS. PUTNAM:
10	So moved.
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Any second?
13	MR. DONEGAN:
14	Second.
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	All in favor?
17	(Several members respond "aye.")
18	JUDGE BONIN:
19	Any opposed?
20	(No response.)
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Okay. Motion carries.
23	Okay. You want we're going to skip
24	Compliance and Discipline because Ms. Holmes isn't here
25	anyhow right now. So let's go to Discussion & Action,



1	Online CE credit for Ethics and Rules and Regulations.
2	Is that something that you wanted to discuss right now?
3	MS. MAGEE:
4	Well, we discussed it last night at the
5	committee meeting, and, Milton, you want to
6	MR. DONEGAN:
7	We talked about one specific item as of
8	right now, online training for software, be
9	MS. MAGEE:
10	One-on-one.
11	MR. DONEGAN:
12	one-on-one, not webinar or anything.
13	So we discussed that, and we weren't sure how many
14	credits to give for it, you know, because we don't know
15	how long it takes to get done, so we're going to look
16	into it again. I was going to call NCRA and see some of
17	the online courses they offer for credit, you know, to
18	give us an idea. David had a program that he talked
19	about last time, but they didn't use it, but we talked
20	about maybe come up with some English or
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Right. Yeah.
23	MR. DONEGAN:
24	something, you know.
25	MS. MAGEE:



1	But not the ethics.
2	MR. DONEGAN:
3	Right. Yeah.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Okay. Well
6	MS. MAGEE:
7	And I think that was what the
8	Andressen
9	JUDGE BONIN:
10	Right. That was her request, right. So
11	what we're talking about here about online continuing
12	education credits would be subject matter other than
13	ethics?
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	Other than ethics.
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Okay.
18	MR. DONEGAN:
19	I'm not in favor everybody knows I'm
20	not in favor of online credit for ethics. Just in light
21	of two seminars I went with Christian, I mean, it's
22	obvious to me these people need information, you know,
23	because they just some of them just don't get it, you
24	know. And you know, Judge, as well, you know, you go
25	over the same material and you get the same questions



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and you wonder, well, these people have been attending seminars for two years, you know, and they're still asking the same questions.

And Christian could have spoke another hour the other day, I mean, at the seminar with the questions that was being asked.

MR. HELMKE:

I thought it was because I was such an invigorating speaker.

MR. MARCELLO:

So the exception was a very specific exception, and the suggestion that I made during the meeting was that we regard this as a sort of declaratory statement or interpretation by the CR Board of what online means. And if it's online with one-on-one, live instruction, then that is not to be construed as prohibited under our published rule. That would be a way of doing this for a while and seeing how well it works. If we want to get more substantial, then we will need to deal directory with the prohibition on our rules on online training.

MR. DONEGAN:

That's part of the problem we have of prohibition against online courses, just a blanket prohibition.



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1	JUDGE BONIN:
2	Okay. So what does the committee
3	where do y'all want to go on this?
4	MR. MARCELLO:
5	You have notes, Suzette, didn't you?
6	MS. MAGEE:
7	I wrote down that we would make a motion
8	at the first meeting of next year because Milton was
9	concerned that there were so many Board members that
10	weren't going to be here today that might want to weigh
11	in on it, but that it would be similar to a one-on-one
12	remote software training or one-on-one training over the
13	computer with a live person, would get not to exceed
14	four credits in a two-year cycle. So they get two
15	credits for every one hour of training, and they could
16	only do that they couldn't get all of their credits
17	that way.
18	MR. DONEGAN:
19	And I'm going to call NCRA to see what
20	online courses they accept to see if we can, you know.
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	So we're going to table this until the
23	first of the year.
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	All right. Vicky, what I would like you



1	to do is do you have something yet in writing or,
2	David, do have done something written on this or
3	MR. MARCELLO:
4	Yes. And we did this is April 29,
5	and I can't recall whether it was 2016 or 2015. It's a
6	memo about CE credit for online hours.
7	MS. MAGEE:
8	It was this year.
9	JUDGE BONIN:
LO	Okay. Well, why don't we do this:
11	Would you make sure Vicky has that, and, Vicky, send
12	that to all of the Board members by e-mail telling them
13	that this is going to be a big issue for us to decide
14	and maybe get the language here that Betty
15	MS. MAGEE:
16	Suzette.
L7	JUDGE BONIN:
18	Suzette. I dont know where Betty came
19	from.
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	My middle name is Elizabeth.
22	MR. DONEGAN:
23	And, Judge, I'd like for Suzette to have
24	a committee meeting before our next meeting well in
25	advance so all Board members can know and put in their



1	input to it so we can sit down, and when we come back in
2	January or February or whenever, we can have something
3	concrete.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Right. And so what y'all are thinking
6	is not actually a rule, but just some sort of a
7	statement that would give an official interpretation of
8	what is not online training.
9	MR. DONEGAN:
10	Right.
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Okay. Well, good. So we're going to
13	table that, as you said, on that for the time being.
14	All right. What was the deal on
15	inactive and retirement status? Did y'all discuss that
16	and come to some
17	MS. MAGEE:
18	Yes, we did, and I think there are
19	people here and I okay. So we have already
20	approved oh, that was the discussion about how if
21	we would change how long they had not been reporting,
22	and I think we decided we were going to leave that as it
23	is on a case-by-case basis.
24	MR. DONEGAN:
25	The Board has the discretion right now



1	to look at all factors, health factors, any reasons why
2	they haven't been practicing rather that just a blanket,
3	"In six months, you've got to do this."
4	MS. MAGEE:
5	Blanket, yeah.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	Okay. So my recollection was is that we
8	had some lack of clarity, let's say, on what was the
9	difference between inactive and retirement, and we were
10	thinking about merging the two statuses, but we're not
11	going to do we're going to leave it the way it is?
12	MR. DONEGAN:
13	We can't find anything on retirement,
14	but I think we came to the conclusion we'll use the
15	inactive status rules basically for retirement.
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Okay.
18	MR. DONEGAN:
19	You know, because when somebody I
20	don't think we've ever had anyone come out of, quote,
21	"retirement," but we'd use the same thing, you know,
22	"You want to come out of retirement? Okay. How long
23	have you been retired? How long have you been since you
24	touched the machine? Have you done anything?" You



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know, "Any health reasons why?" And we'll have the

1	discretion of making them go back and take a test.
2	That's all written into the rules already. But there is
3	no such thing as, quote, "retirement" defined.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Okay. Do we have this is on a
6	separate issue. So, in other words, we're just going to
7	leave everything as it is?
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	Leave it as it is.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Is everybody okay with that? Does
12	anybody got any
13	(No response.)
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	Let's say you're a steno writer and you
16	become, you know, carpal tunnel syndrome or something,
L7	so you can't do that anymore, what do we have any
18	provision for a person that becomes disabled in a type
19	of or, say, vice versa, you're a stenomask writer and
20	you lose your voice, does that
21	MS. PUTNAM:
22	To switch methods?
23	JUDGE BONIN:
24	To easily switch methods, yeah.
25	MS. MAGEE:



1	You have to test.
2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	So there's no you don't get any
4	MS. PUTNAM:
5	No grace period.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	Yeah, right.
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	Except that you do not have to take the
10	written. You only have to take the skills portion, and
11	we have had people do that. One pen writer went to
12	voice and she retested.
13	MR. DONEGAN:
14	They had a reporter in Terrebonne that
15	was a steno writer and actually had carpal tunnel
16	syndrome, had surgery and couldn't go back and she
17	tested for the voice and that's what she's doing.
18	JUDGE BONIN:
19	Okay. Good. Somebody had called me
20	about it, and I really wasn't sure whether that that
21	makes sense, you know, what you're saying.
22	Okay. We'll go back to well, let's
23	go back up on Part II on the agenda to Compliance and
24	Discipline now that Kimya Holmes has arrived.
25	Do you have anything you want to report?



1	MS. HOLMES:
2	Yes. Sorry I'm late.
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	That's all right.
5	MS. HOLMES:
6	We had our committee meeting on
7	yesterday on the five different complaints, and the
8	Board has decided to take no action the committee
9	decided to take no action on the Cassidy Davis
10	complaint. The complaints against Kathy Matthews, Pinky
11	Ferdinand, Lillie Burch and Ms. Hendrickson, we decided
12	to defer because we need more information.
13	And that's it. That is the report for
14	Compliance and Discipline.
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	Okay. Do we have a motion to accept the
17	report of the Compliance and Discipline Committee?
18	MS. MAGEE:
19	So moved.
20	MS. PUTNAM:
21	Second.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Any discussion?
24	(No response.)
25	JUDGE BONIN:



1	All in favor?
2	(Several members respond "aye.")
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	Any opposed?
5	(No response.)
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	Motion carries. Thank you.
8	All right. We'll go back down, then, to
9	the was there anything else that you wanted to raise?
10	MS. HOLMES:
11	No. That was all.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Okay. We'll go down to Number IV on
14	Licensing, and we'll go to Part B, Request
15	Reinstatement, Cristy Ann Burnett, is are any of
16	these people here?
17	MS. NGUYEN:
18	Yoranda Said is here.
19	MS. SAID:
20	I'm Yoranda.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Yoranda. Okay.
23	MS. MAGEE:
24	You are the only one I had as a not
25	coming.



1	MS. NGUYEN:
2	I know because Brenda Taquino was
3	adamant about coming.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Okay. Well, let's go to you.
6	MS. SAID:
7	I came from Georgia.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	We are going to take you right now. So
10	you're Number 2 on the agenda, Yoranda, I have you as
11	Said.
12	MS. SAID:
13	Yes, that's correct.
14	Hi. Some of you are familiar, but
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	Wait. Before I get into that, I don't
17	know, because I'm really not up to speed on it, does
18	this involve anything personal, like a medical condition
19	or something that you would be entitled to a private
20	hearing?
21	MS. SAID:
22	No, sir.
23	JUDGE BONIN:
24	Okay. Go ahead.
25	MS. SAID:



1	In fact, I came before the Board in 2014
2	in Natchitoches for the same reason, and at that time, I
3	didn't have my RPR, which was what gave me a Louisiana
4	license in the first place, and I hadn't kept my CE
5	course credits up. At that point, I lived in Georgia.
6	So you guys approved it anyway and told me that I would
7	have to pay \$400, and so that's what happened. I didn't
8	have the \$400 at the time
9	JUDGE BONIN.
10	This was the one in Natchitoches?
11	MS. SAID:
12	Exactly.
13	MS. MAGEE:
14	And you went to the seminar the next
15	day.
16	MS. SAID:
17	I went to the seminar, correct. I
18	didn't have the money for the seminar. The lady was
19	kind enough to let me pay for it later.
20	So I never made more than 20,000 as an
21	official in Georgia. I always had to supplement my
22	income with an hourly job, so I just didn't have the
23	money.
24	A few months after that, I started
25	working for Fulton County Superior Court, and then they



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hired me permanently, so I just decided to stay there and, you know, try to work. So I currently am an official for Fulton County for a particular judge there. I'm still trying to get back to Louisiana. So there's a job available in Caddo Parish at my old courthouse, and, of course, I can't apply for it until I get my Louisiana license in place. I did take the CE course in October in Baton Rouge a couple weeks ago, so I've been driving everywhere, but I did take that in order to stay current with my CE credits.

I also got my RPR back in place, and I'm also Texas certified now. So I've been continually working, and I am in a position to pay whatever fine I need to pay that I couldn't pay before or, you know, whatever the Board decides.

JUDGE BONIN:

Can one of y'all give me a little more explanation?

MS. MAGEE:

The notes I have say that it's 100 and -- you'd have to pay the license for every year that -- the 125 times, what's it, six years?

MS. SAID:

I can't quite remember. I think I first got Louisiana's license in 2003.



1	MS. MAGEE:
2	But since it's been
3	MS. SAID:
4	I want to say it lapsed in 2013. I'm
5	not sure, though.
6	MS. MAGEE:
7	That's only four years.
8	MS. SAID:
9	When I came in 2014, someone put out a
10	number of 700, and you guys agreed
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	750 is what it was if it was six years.
13	MS. SAID:
14	Or 400. Right. And that was two years
15	ago.
16	MS. MAGEE:
17	And then a cap of \$200 on the fine. So
18	these records say the last time you were active was
19	2011.
20	MS. SAID:
21	Okay.
22	MS. MAGEE:
23	You requested reinstatement in 2014,
24	which is when we were in Natchitoches, so
25	JUDGE BONIN:



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	2014. You did not get your license in
2014?	
MS	METHVIN:
	You didn't get the license in 2014?
MS	S. SAID:
	No. I didn't pay the 400. I took the
CE course. I	didn't have the 400, and then a few months
after that, I	started working in Fulton County.
MS	MAGEE:
	So I don't know, Judge, where we are.
MS	S. SAID:
	Whatever it is, I'm I can pay it
because I do w	ork now.
JU	DGE BONIN:
	Well, it might be \$7,000.
MS	S. SAID:
	Well, no.
ர	DGE BONIN:
	Why don't we do this: Let's we're
going to delay	r
MS	. NGUYEN:
	It's five years that she would have to
pay for the li	cense fee.
	DGE BONIN:
	Well, just come on over here and get
	CE course. I after that, I MS because I do w JU going to delay MS pay for the li



1	with Vicky for a second.
2	What's that?
3	MS. MAGEE:
4	David's reading of the rules says that
5	she would only have to get current with this year.
6	MR. MARCELLO:
7	This is the reactivation of an inactive
8	status, which is not exactly the same as suspended, but
9	it says, (Reading rules.)
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Okay. Let's do this: I'm going to
12	suspend
13	MS. PUTNAM:
14	She's kept up with her hours.
15	MS. METHVIN:
16	She kept up with her hours and she's
17	currently working.
18	And you're going to take the job in
19	Caddo Parish?
20	MS. SAID:
21	Yes.
22	MS. METHVIN:
23	You're going to move here this time?
24	MS. SAID:
25	They want my to get in contact with them



1	in January to sit down and discuss the terms and all of
2	that. They had three positions. They filled one of
3	them. So they still have two open. They remember me
4	from being there for five years before.
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Y'all want to make a motion?
7	MS. METHVIN:
8	She'd be able to pay just for this
9	coming year?
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	You can make whatever motion you want to
12	make.
13	MS. METHVIN:
14	I'm just asking. I don't know. I was
15	thinking because she's been working, just pay for her
16	current license.
17	MS. MAGEE:
18	Pay the current year license, and she's
19	already gotten the CE current, so
20	MS. SAID:
21	I got my RPR back because that was an
22	issue with one of the Board members.
23	MS. PUTNAM:
24	So is the motion to reactivate under the
25	inactive status position by paying her



1	MS. MAGEE:
2	Yes, by just paying her current year's
3	license.
4	I guess the question is, are you going
5	to pay this year and then again for next year since
6	we're at the end of the year?
7	MS. SAID:
8	Whatever I need to do. Just tell me how
9	much.
10	MS. MAGEE:
11	If you can give me if you're not
12	going to start working until January, I would
13	MS. SAID:
14	Right. I mean, I still work right now,
15	so
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Okay. Well, let's do this. Here's what
18	the question is.
19	MS. SAID:
20	Okay.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Do you want us to make you eligible for
23	licensing in 2017 or do you want to become eligible
24	immediately in 2016?
25	MS. SAID:



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1	Immediately.
2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	Okay.
4	MS. MAGEE:
5	Okay. So then you'd have to pay 125.
6	MS. SAID:
7	Okay.
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	And you had already gotten your CEs for
10	this cycle, so they would start again in January, and
11	it's a new cycle
12	MS. SAID:
13	Okay.
14	MS. MAGEE:
15	like everyone else.
16	So I make a motion that we reinstate her
17	license pursuant to her paying her licensing fee of 125
18	for the year 2016.
19	MS. HOLMES:
20	I second.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Okay. Any discussion?
23	MR. DONEGAN:
24	Just for informational purposes, if you
25	would have looked at the rules, you could have been



1	granted inactive status if you hadn't practiced in two
2	years in Louisiana.
3	MS. SAID:
4	Okay.
5	MR. DONEGAN:
6	You know, you would have been in much
7	better shape than what you were going to be.
8	MS. SAID:
9	Right. Right.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	You can still pay the 400.
12	All right. All in favor of the motion?
13	(Several members respond "aye.")
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	Any opposed?
16	(No response.)
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	All right. Well, just wait here, and if
19	you want to take care of all of this after the meeting's
20	over, that's okay. If you want her to wait.
21	MS. NGUYEN:
22	You don't have to. You can just mail it
23	or I'll be in contact with you by e-mail.
24	MS. SAID:
25	Okay. Awesome. Thank you. I



1	appreciate it.
2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	Thank you. Good luck.
4	MS. METHVIN:
5	Good luck in Caddo Parish.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	So this Christy Ann Burnett, have we
8	heard from her or anything?
9	MS. NGUYEN:
10	No. I recontacted her and she hasn't
11	responded, nor has Ms. Brenda Taquino.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Do we have a
L 4	MS. MAGEE:
15	Brenda Taquino called me. She was
16	supposed to be here.
L7	JUDGE BONIN:
18	Well, let's do this: I'm going to pass
19	on those two for right now, and if they get here before
20	the meeting's over with, I'll okay.
21	Who are y'all? Who are you, ma'am?
22	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
23	I'm Bernadette Hoffer-Mathis. I'm not
24	on there.
25	JUDGE BONIN:



1	What are you here for?
2	MS. MATHES:
3	Well, I was late paying my
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Oh, okay.
6	MS. TASSIN:
7	Me as well, Tiffany Tassin.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	Are you not on this?
10	MS. TASSIN:
11	I am not.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Oh, okay. Well, let's just find out
14	what y'all are here for.
15	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
16	All I can say is that
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	What's your name?
19	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
20	Bernadette Hoffer-Mathis.
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	I think she was on the earlier in the
23	year.
24	MS. NGUYEN:
25	Yes.



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1	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
2	Right.
3	MS. MAGEE:
4	She was late paying her reinstatement
5	fee, and we sent her a letter telling her that she's
6	going to have to
7	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
8	And I really thought I had. It's
9	just
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Sit down. Sit down.
12	So how much are you behind on it?
13	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
14	I'm totally paid up.
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	So we just need to authorize her to
17	be
18	MS. NGUYEN:
19	When we had the meeting in Marksville,
20	Vinny had requested that the ones that we renewed after
21	February 28th, which is your extension, to appear at the
22	next Board meeting, and so we sent a letter out to have
23	all of these reporters appear, but then that meeting was
24	canceled and so it's been like deferred, deferred,
25	deferred.



1	JUDGE BONIN:
2	So you haven't been what kind of work
3	do you do? Are you freelance?
4	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
5	I do court work in Hidalgo County in
6	Texas. I'm certified
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Oh, so you haven't been practicing here
9	then?
10	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
11	I haven't been practicing here, but I
12	want to keep my license.
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	All right. Well, let's hear what your
15	situation is.
16	MS. TASSIN:
17	I as well
18	JUDGE BONIN:
19	What's your name?
20	MS. TASSIN:
21	Tiffany Tassin. I paid my fee late, my
22	reinstatement late. It totally slipped my mind. My
23	father-in-law got diagnosed with cancer in October, and
24	as soon as I realized, I guess it was February or March,
25	because she'll tell you, I sent in documentation, my



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1	CEUs, the money. Any and everything that I had, I sent
2	in immediately and caught up and
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	And so you haven't been practicing?
5	MS. TASSIN:
6	I have. I was told, I guess a week or
7	two after everything was caught up, that I could
8	continue to work, that I still had to meet in front of
9	the Board, and like Vicky said, a few of them have been
LO	canceled and pushed back and so forth.
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	Right. So it's just a formality.
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Okay. So let's do we have a motion
15	that anybody wants to make either with respect to one of
16	them or both of them?
L7	MR. DONEGAN:
18	I move that they both be reinstated.
19	MS. PUTNAM:
20	Second.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Okay. All in favor, say "aye."
23	(Several members respond "aye.")
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	All right. Y'all are lucky Mr. Borrello



1	wasn't here today.
2	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
3	I thought that he was my friend.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	You know, I think what the question was,
6	we had a lot of people, and, you know, and it's just
7	it becomes a real effort of we're trying to kind of
8	chase people for no, you know.
9	So good. All right. It's all done. I
10	don't know Vicky, what do they need to do at this
11	point?
12	MS. NGUYEN:
13	Nothing. They paid their reinstatement
14	fee and they paid their licensing fee. They've been
15	practicing since they renewed their license.
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Okay. Very good. Good luck to y'all.
18	MS. HOFFER-MATHIS:
19	Thank you.
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	Ma'am, who are you?
22	MS. BROUX:
23	I'm Rhonda Broux.
24	MS. NGUYEN:
25	She's also one of the late renewals,



1	Judge.	
2		JUDGE BONIN:
3		What is your situation? Tell us what
4	happened.	
5		Vicky, tell us what happened with Ms.
6	Broux.	
7		MS. NGUYEN:
8		Ms. Broux renewed late as well.
9		JUDGE BONIN:
10		Same situation as these two ladies?
11		MS. NGUYEN:
12		Yes. Yes.
13		JUDGE BONIN:
14		She's all caught up?
15		MS. NGUYEN:
16		Yes.
17		JUDGE BONIN:
18		Have you been practicing reporting?
19		MS. BROUX:
20		I have, yeah, the last two months
21		MS. MAGEE:
22		At the 19th?
23		MS. BROUX:
24		Yes, ma'am.
25		MS. MAGEE:
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1 Maybe you can answer a question. 2 MS. BROUX: 3 I'll try. 4 MS. MAGEE: 5 When you go to work there, does someone 6 tell you how to prepare the transcript according to certain guidelines, like --7 8 MS. BROUX: 9 Actually, in the 19th, there are various 10 ways that they prepare the transcripts. I just had a 11 conversation about that last week, as a matter of fact, 12 where I actually have the sample from the Board, from 13 the website, that I go by, and you have a couple other 14 ladies, I told them, "This is what I'm doing. 15 following this." But you have some others where it kind 16 of varies. Some of them do the line numbers; some of them don't. And there's a difference with the speaker 17 18 being on one line and, you know, the conversation after 19 that, and some of them start at just tab over, but those 20 are the basic differences. 21 MS. MAGEE: 22 And the all caps and the blank lines? 23 MR. BROUX: 24 Yes. Yes. 25 MS. MAGEE:



1	Because every one that I've seen and
2	I haven't seen yours. I don't think I have they use
3	all caps; there's no line numbers; they skip if direct
4	examination ends on Line 10, they skip all of rest of
5	the page, which is definitely not in compliance with the
6	rules. You're not supposed to have any blank lines. So
7	I just wondered if there was someone telling y'all what
8	to do there, someone that we should maybe speak to, like
9	a head court reporter in charge.
10	MS. BROUX:
11	That's what I'm saying. I think a good
12	idea for that would be if you spoke with Sharon Ducote,
13	who normally kind of tells us what to do and, you
14	know
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	Is she a judicial administrator?
17	MS. BROUX:
18	Yes, she is. And I'm sure she would be
19	the best person to let you know, to let us know,
20	"Okay. You know, there's no variation, and this is
21	strictly the guidelines to follow." That would be the
22	best person to go to to get that done.
23	MS. MAGEE:
24	Okay.



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JUDGE BONIN:

1	Okay. And let me follow up on that.
2	You know, we had a session with the reports at Criminal
3	District Court to kind of make sure that they were doing
4	it, you know, by the book and also getting the appeals
5	and how you know, getting it done timely. So maybe
6	you could tell Ms. Ducote that if necessary, we'll send
7	up a team of Board members to go there to explain
8	MS. BROUX:
9	I think that would be
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	pertinent to them. You know, maybe
12	get samples of their transcripts and then go in and show
13	what the problem is.
14	MS. PUTNAM:
15	How many reporters are there in the
16	19th?
17	MS. BROUX:
18	Oh, it's a lot of them. Each Judge has
19	two.
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	There's two.
22	MS. BROUX:
23	And then there are I think there are
24	two floaters as well.
25	MS. MAGEE:



1	Each criminal Judge has two; right, and
2	civil have one; right?
3	MS. BROUX:
4	I believe they have two, if I'm not
5	mistaken, or maybe the floater's always there, like
6	available when they have a situation. I'm in criminal,
7	so I know we have two.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	How did y'all identify this? Was this
10	through your program of getting
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	Transcripts, yeah.
13	MS. BROUX:
14	I think that would be an excellent idea
15	because, like I had a spell with me being me, that I
16	want to make sure I'm not doing anything wrong, so I'm
17	kind of asking the ladies that were there before me,
18	you know, have been excellent with showing me things or
19	whatever, but I notice that is one area and they'll kind
20	of go with the older ones, the one that's been there the
21	longest. And even with that particular lady, I saw a
22	difference because she doesn't use the line numbers.
23	MR. DONEGAN:
24	I was going to ask you, what kind of
25	reaction did you get from the reporters when you pointed



1	out "This is the way it should be"?
2	MS. BROUX:
3	Well, it was basically, what I heard
4	several of them say, "Well, it's kind of preference."
5	That's what they all say, basically, with certain
6	things, it's preference.
7	MR. DONEGAN:
8	Okay.
9	MS. BROUX:
LO	Yeah.
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	Well, there are rules, and the Supreme
13	Court governs officials' transcripts, so they put those
14	rules in place and we've adopted them, obviously, but
15	they're not being followed, and the 19th is pretty much
16	the only place that's really not in compliance.
17	MS. BROUX:
18	Would you like me to take that back?
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	No, no. We're going to take
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	We're going to get in touch with
23	JUDGE BONIN:
24	Okay. I don't know if we finished a
25	motion on you or not. Did we?



1	MR. DONEGAN:
2	I so move that she be reinstated.
3	MS. PUTNAM:
4	Second.
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Okay. All in favor?
7	(Several members respond "aye.")
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	Any opposed?
10	(No response.)
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	All right. Motion carries.
13	You want to address something else?
14	MS. METHVIN:
15	Well, I just am not on the agenda for my
16	committee with the Research and Planning.
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	Oh, did we leave you off?
19	MS. METHVIN:
20	It just got a little bit so just on
21	the thing with transcripts. We just met last night
22	briefly to say, you know, we had completed all of the
23	audits. Laura and I worked in the Spring. We got all
24	of the letters out. You signed the letters and got them
25	all out, and that we would move forward with the next



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1	round. And that the 19th JDC was something that had
2	been brought up because that was one that seemed to have
3	the most problems.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	That's a written report, huh, or not?
6	MS. METHVIN:
7	We have the report of all the
8	transcripts. We have it in a spreadsheet form, but it's
9	got all of the names on it and we don't want to identify
10	that.
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Well, no. I was just wondering if it
13	would be something that
14	Are you going to contact Ms. Ducote?
15	MS. MAGEE:
16	I am.
17	MS. PUTNAM:
18	We can give you the statistics of 19th
19	so you can report to her what we learned.
20	MS. METHVIN:
21	Right. We'll get together.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Get together and maybe you could just
24	even just excise the ones that have to do with the 19th
25	JDC and let her know, you know, that this is something



1	that we had already identified.
2	You don't have to you're out of it.
3	You can go. You can leave or you can stay.
4	MS. METHVIN:
5	You can stay if you want to.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	You're reinstated, so you're fine.
8	MS. BROUX:
9	Okay. Thank you.
10	MR. DONEGAN:
11	Basically just send the guidelines to
12	Ms. Ducote, you know.
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Or the statute. Let's I think we
15	might need to have a session up there.
16	MS. MAGEE:
17	Yeah. I'm happy to go.
18	MS. BROUX:
19	Yeah, because I don't think she really
20	knows what the guidelines are as far as transcripts and
21	what like I said, what I'm seeing, there's a lot of
22	new reporters there or fairly new and everybody's kind
23	of piggybacking off of some of the others that have been
24	there a couple of years, so they may not even realize
25	that, no, this is it's not a preference, you know.



1	So they'll tell me, "Okay. This way is 19th JDC,"
2	because that's what I heard with the all caps and
3	everything. And then, you know, like I said, the other
4	things, as far as the speaker lines and the line
5	numbers, they told me that's preference, so and I
6	just think they don't know any better. So I think it
7	would be good a great idea to get everybody on the
8	same page.
9	JUDGE BONIN:
10	Well, you keep doing it the right way.
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	Thank you for coming.
13	MS. BROUX:
14	Thank you. Have a nice day.
15	MS. MAGEE:
16	You, too.
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	Okay. Well, I think that's great that
19	we identified this, you know, particular problem.
20	MS. METHVIN:
21	Yes, definitely. So we'll move forward
22	in January with the next round, and we'll get together
23	on the letter because I wasn't here the last time. So
24	I'll get with you and get the letters going.
25	JUDGE BONIN:



1	Did we just leave your committee off?
2	MS. METHVIN:
3	Yes. That's okay. I didn't catch it
4	either. I just didn't even catch it. It's fine.
5	That's all I have. That's it.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	Okay. All right. Well, do we have a
8	motion to accept the committee report from
9	MS. MAGEE:
10	So moved.
11	MS. METHVIN:
12	Research and Planning.
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Research and Planning, yeah.
15	All in favor, say "aye."
16	(Several members respond "aye.")
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	Any opposed?
19	(No response.)
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	Motion carries. So let's
22	MS. MAGEE:
23	Request, C, we have four
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	Let's go to C, yeah, Request Retirement



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1	Status.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	So two people sent and we approved
4	those. We looked at those last night and they seem to
5	be in order.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	Who is that?
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	Barbara Harris and Bonita Coker.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Coker. Okay. What's the situation on
12	Sheila Posey?
13	MS. NGUYEN:
14	Ms. Posey's renewed then sent back her
15	license, remember?
16	MS. MAGEE:
17	Yes. She sent back her license.
18	JUDGE BONIN:
19	Sheila Posey did?
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	Because she's not practicing anymore.
22	She paid late and then we sent her a letter asking her
23	to appear and she said "I'm not even practicing anymore.
24	I just paid it." So she sent back her license, but she
25	would like her money back.



1	JUDGE BONIN:
2	Well, let's deal with Harris and Coker,
3	then. So they just requested retirement status, so all
4	we need to do is grant it to them?
5	MS. MAGEE:
6	Yes. Yes.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Okay. Motion?
9	MS. MAGEE:
10	I make a motion that we grant them the
11	retirement status so requested.
12	MS. HOLMES:
13	Second.
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	All in favor?
16	(Several members respond "aye.")
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	Any opposed?
19	(No response.)
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	Okay. Retirement status granted.
22	So Sheila Posey, her deal here is
23	whether we will refund her
24	MS. MAGEE:
25	Her money.



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1	JUDGE BONIN:
2	her money, and this was money for
3	which year?
4	MS. MAGEE:
5	This year.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	2016?
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	Yes. She hadn't practiced.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	She paid late?
12	MS. MAGEE:
13	She paid late. Remember, we sent a
14	letter out asking her to appear?
15	MR. DONEGAN:
16	When did she pay?
17	MS. MAGEE:
18	Where are you seeing her name?
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	She's on C3.
21	MS. NGUYEN:
22	She paid April 13th, 2016. She paid
23	really late.
24	MR. DONEGAN:
25	And when did she request



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1	MS. NGUYEN:
2	May 20th, 2016.
3	MS. MAGEE:
4	May 20th. This letter is dated May
5	20th.
6	MS. NGUYEN:
7	And I received it on the 24th.
8	MS. MAGEE:
9	She sent back her license at that time.
10	MR. DONEGAN:
11	But we don't know whether she continued
12	to practice.
13	MS. MAGEE:
14	She said her husband is wheelchair bound
15	and she doesn't she retired after 30 years as a court
16	reporter from the 4th JDC. Do you have her letter?
17	It's in the blue book.
18	MS. METHVIN:
19	So she knew she wasn't going to work
20	and
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	But she said, "I keep my license active
23	just in case there's an emergency at the court and they
24	need me."
25	MS. METHVIN:



1		But I didn't need it, so can you give me
2	my money back; i	s that what you're saying?
3	MS.	MAGEE:
4		That's what she's saying.
5		Is the letter that we sent to her in the
6	file?	
7	MR.	DONEGAN:
8		So she's a CCR?
9	MS.	NGUYEN:
10		She's both.
11	MR.	DONEGAN:
12		Both.
13	MS.	NGUYEN:
14		She's dual.
15	MR.	DONEGAN:
16		She's an electronic and a CDR?
17	MS.	MAGEE:
18		Right. So if she left she left the
19	4th, she should	have lost that electronic
20	MR.	DONEGAN:
21		The CDR.
22	MS.	MAGEE:
23		Right. The CDR thing.
24	JUDG	GE BONIN:
25		How much are we talking about? What did



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1	she pay? 125; is that
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	Plus two.
4	MR. DONEGAN:
5	Plus the late fee, I guess, so \$150.
6	MS. NGUYEN:
7	Plus a \$25 late fee, so 300.
8	MS. METHVIN:
9	How soon after she sent the money did
10	she send the request to get it back? I mean, was it
11	like she sent the money and two days later, "Oh, wait.
12	I made a mistake. Give me my money back"?
13	MS. MAGEE:
14	No. We sent her a letter she sent it
15	in April, and we sent her a letter saying
16	MR. DONEGAN:
17	She sent the money in April?
18	MS. MAGEE:
19	Uh-huh.
20	"The CSR Board considered your renewal
21	request at its April 29th meeting and deferred action
22	pending your appearance at the next Board meeting."
23	MR. DONEGAN:
24	But she never appeared.
25	MS. MAGEE:



1	She never appeared. The next Board
2	meeting we had was July 15th, and after that, she
3	after receiving this, she wrote this letter saying, "I
4	received your letter. I regret to inform you traveling
5	to New Orleans for a meeting with the Board is
6	impossible. I retired June 19th, 2015 after 30 years."
7	Her husband is ill. She doesn't practice anymore. She
8	just kept her license up, so at that point, she was
9	requesting, "Here's my license. Give me my money back."
10	MR. DONEGAN:
11	So June she sent back her CDR license?
12	MS. MAGEE:
13	In May.
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	In May.
16	Of '15?
17	MS. MAGEE:
18	No. This year.
19	She paid late this year.
20	MR. DONEGAN:
21	She retired when, though, she said, from
22	the court?
23	MR. MARCELLO:
24	June of 2015.
25	MR. DONEGAN:



1	June of 2015.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	Yes.
4	MR. DONEGAN:
5	So we would have had her CDR license in
6	June of 2015.
7	MS. MAGEE:
8	Yeah. She shouldn't have been able to
9	renew that.
10	MR. DONEGAN:
11	Right.
12	MS. METHVIN:
13	But she requests retirement or she's
14	saying she retired? She's just making that statement
15	that she's
16	MS. MAGEE:
L7	She's retired from them. She didn't
18	retire with us.
19	MR. DONEGAN:
20	Right.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	And if she had retired from them, she
23	wouldn't have been eligible in the first place, but they
24	were not telling us that she was off the books.
25	MR. DONEGAN:



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1	She held a dual license.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	They should notify us.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Right. So is she asking for yeah.
6	Is she asking for two license fee renewals?
7	MS. NGUYEN:
8	Yes.
9	JUDGE BONIN:
10	Is there a motion on the floor?
11	MR. DONEGAN:
12	I move that we grant her a refund of one
13	one-year license, 2016.
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	2016 license. Okay. Whatever she paid.
16	So if she paid for one license or two licenses this
17	year?
18	MS. NGUYEN:
19	Two licenses.
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	So we're going to refund her both of
22	them; right? She shouldn't have even been eligible to
23	get
24	MR. DONEGAN:
25	Well, she worked half a year in 2015.



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1	She retired in June.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	No. Oh. But this is 2016 she paid.
4	She shouldn't have even been able to pay that.
5	MR. DONEGAN:
6	Why not?
7	MS. MAGEE:
8	Because once you leave the court
9	MR. DONEGAN:
10	No, but she is an electronic reporter,
11	also, on a different certificate. She's a CCR.
12	MS. MAGEE:
13	But she's also a CDR.
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	Right.
16	MS. MAGEE:
17	She paid that.
18	MR. DONEGAN:
19	She retired from the court is what I'm
20	saying, so she automatically loses her CDR in June of
21	2015.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Well, but I don't think that she really
24	retired. That's retired and she stays on, she goes
25	on; right? Somewhere in here, doesn't she say that



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1	she's
2	MS. METHVIN:
3	She said she's on call in case of an
4	emergency she had told the Judge.
5	MR. DONEGAN:
6	But she couldn't have worked even if
7	they called her.
8	MS. METHVIN:
9	She could have in 2015.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Well, that's the point, yeah. You see,
12	that's the point is that she's
13	MS. METHVIN:
14	She had her license in 2015. She's
15	saying in 2016 she did not use her license in either
16	capacity.
17	MR. DONEGAN:
18	And that's what I said. I'd be in favor
19	of renewing (sic) her 2016 renewal fee, but not the
20	2015.
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	No, no, no. That's yeah.
23	JUDGE BONIN:
24	She's not asking for 2015.
25	MS. METHVIN:



1	No. She's asking for her CDR and her
2	CCR.
3	MR. DONEGAN:
4	Oh, both from 2016.
5	MS. MAGEE:
6	Right.
7	MS. METHVIN:
8	Both from 2016.
9	MR. DONEGAN:
10	I would grant her CCR renewal refund,
11	but not the CDR because she worked a half a year, at
12	least half a year, under her CDR.
13	MS. METHVIN:
14	No, not in 2016.
15	MR. MARCELLO:
16	As I read it, she says she retired in
17	June of 2015. There's no indication that she did any
18	work after that. Presumable when she left the court,
19	she ceased to be able to function under a CDR, but she
20	has a CCR as an electronic reporter. It looks as if she
21	paid the fee at the beginning, after she realized that
22	it has lapsed, her husband said, "Well, you remember you
23	told the Court you would remain available if they needed
24	you," and so she paid the CCR fee, I'm assuming.
25	MS. MAGEE:



1	And the CDR for 2016, and that's the
2	only money she's asking for.
3	MR. MARCELLO:
4	There was no I mean, did we send any
5	recognition that she I mean, there was really no
6	authority for her to be functioning as a CDR.
7	MS. NGUYEN:
8	She didn't. The court didn't even
9	contact her.
10	MR. DONEGAN:
11	But at that time, we didn't even know.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Why don't you withdraw your motion
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	Okay. I withdraw my motion.
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Let's do this: Let's contact Ben Jones
18	and find out what was her employment status with the
19	court as far as CDR, and we'll put this on for the next
20	deal. I'm less concerned about refunding her money than
21	I am about
22	MR. DONEGAN:
23	that she continued.
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	are these courts telling us when



1	people are going off the rolls.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	And who is Ben Jones?
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	He's a Judge, that is I think he's
6	judicial administrator for the 4th JDC.
7	MR. DONEGAN:
8	Judge, just for clarification, so she
9	give up her CDR, which, you know, we're worried about,
10	but the CCR, she can continue to work in court as a CCR?
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Right. But what I'm saying, though, is
13	that nobody notified us. The court is supposed to
14	notify us if she's out, in other words, if she's no
15	longer employed, and we never were notified that she was
16	no longer employed. So what I'm thinking is is that
17	they were carrying her in some status as that she was
18	still employed by the court and she was expected to be
19	called back into you know, she might have been or
20	I don't know what they did.
21	MS. MAGEE:
22	But she could have done that with the
23	CCR because she's an electronic reporter.
24	MR. DONEGAN:
25	Right. CCR license. She could have



1	done it no matter what.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	She doesn't need both. She had both,
4	but she doesn't need both.
5	MR. DONEGAN:
6	She wouldn't have violated anything if
7	she would have practiced under her CCR license.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	I understand.
10	MR. DONEGAN:
11	So you're just worried about court?
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	I'm concerned about yeah if
14	they're if courts are not reporting to us when people
15	go off of CDR status.
16	MS. MAGEE:
17	Should we send letters to
18	JUDGE BONIN:
19	I think we just need to contact him and
20	find out what's going with on with her, and then we
21	could revisit it. You know, like I said, I'm not as
22	concerned about the refund, but I am concerned because
23	part of it looks like in other words, you know,
24	reading her letter, I'm sympathetic to her, but it's
25	almost like, "Well, I was planning to be on call. As it



1	turns out, they never called me, so give me my money
2	back."
3	MS. METHVIN:
4	Right. That's how I feel.
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Like, "I have my health insurance, I
7	didn't have to go to the doctor, give me money back, you
8	know, and we'll try again next year" deal.
9	MR. DONEGAN:
10	So we'll defer that to the next meeting?
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	No. We're going to just defer this
13	until next year.
14	And you can notify her, too, Vicky
15	MS. NGUYEN:
16	Okay, Judge.
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	that we did not make a decision on
19	her request.
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	All right. So we have D.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Okay. D is Dorothy Jean Oliver,
24	Reciprocal Request. What is that?
25	MS. MAGEE:



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1	She is an RPR and she's requesting
2	reciprocity, so I move that we grant her a Louisiana
3	license. She's a resident of Louisiana, and she
4	obtained or RPR.
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Okay. Do we have a second to that?
7	MS. PUTNAM:
8	Second.
9	JUDGE BONIN:
10	All in favor?
11	(Several members respond "aye.")
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Any opposed?
14	(No response.)
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	All right. Motion carries.
17	MS. MAGEE:
18	The following two people have notified
19	us that they are retired from the court and we have
20	letters from those judges, Randy P. Angelle in Breaux
21	Bridge, and they returned her certificate.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Oh, look, I'm looking on this we see
24	that we did have something from Sheila Posey from June
25	the 19th, 2015.



1	MR. DONEGAN:	
2	It's the same letter	it looks like.
3	MS. NGUYEN:	
4	It's the same letter	, Judge.
5	JUDGE BONIN:	
6	Her letter?	
7	Well, what about Lens	a White, was she
8	who's notifying us?	
9	MS. MAGEE:	
10	On Brenda Benoit	
11	MS. NGUYEN:	
12	She did.	
13	MS. MAGEE:	
14	That was the court.	The Judge notified
15	us that she was retired or yeah.	
16	Linda Miller.	
17	MS. NGUYEN:	
18	Linda Miller, they ju	ust turned the seal
19	in. They sent the seal in.	
20	MS. MAGEE:	
21	Okay. Who did?	
22	MS. NGUYEN:	
23	The court.	
24	MS. MAGEE:	
25	Okay. So those two o	came from the court.



1	JUDGE BONIN:
2	Okay. And then what about Lena White?
3	MS. MAGEE:
4	I don't have that one on my list. I
5	printed an old list. I don't have anything about that
6	one. I don't have anything.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Well, let's pass on Lena White until the
9	next and we'll see what you don't have a jacket for
10	her?
11	MS. NGUYEN:
12	I don't have a jacket.
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Okay. Well, we're going to table her
15	until the next meeting.
16	So on Brenda Benoit and Linda Miller,
17	what action do we need to take? Just they're done, huh?
18	MS. MAGEE:
19	Just move that they be discontinued as
20	CDRs as requested.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Okay. Do we have a second to that?
23	MR. ANDRESSEN:
24	Second.
25	JUDGE BONIN:



1	All in favor?
2	(Several members respond "aye.")
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	Any opposed?
5	(No response.)
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	Motion carries.
8	John, what is the was it the
9	contemplation that the Court would notify us when the
10	CDR
11	MR. ANDRESSEN:
12	It was. Yeah, it was, Judge, and I
13	think what's happening is that the reporters
L4	themselves maybe we can just draft a letter to all of
15	the JA and say, "When one of your CDRs leaves, can you
16	please notify the Board."
L7	JUDGE BONIN:
18	We may want to get something like that
19	out. Maybe not necessarily at the end of this year, but
20	before we go to putting on the next round of who's late,
21	kind of back you know, in other words, let's get, if
22	somebody's rolled off the rolls, we won't be chasing
23	after them if the Court notifies us.
24	MR. ANDRESSEN:
25	Right.



JUDGE BONIN:
Because these did these three come up
as independently or did they come up because we were
trying to find out why haven't they paid their dues?
MS. MAGEE:
No, no. Those were independent.
JUDGE BONIN:
Independent. Okay.
Okay. Well, let's go on to F, Inactive
Requests.
MS. MAGEE:
Okay. I've reviewed all of these, and
they all seem to be in order. They have documentation
that they live out of state, so I would make a motion
that we accept these in globo.
MR. DONEGAN:
They're going to be out of state for two
years?
MS. MAGEE:
That's what they say. I mean, you have
their letters. One moved to Michigan and she gives
voter registration and she's apparently working there
because she has the notary she has a notary stamp.
JUDGE BONIN:
Which tab is this under?



1	MS. NGUYEN:
2	It should be under F.
3	MS. MAGEE:
4	Under E.
5	MS. NGUYEN:
6	It's under E. Sorry.
7	MS. MAGEE:
8	So the first one is
9	MS. NGUYEN:
10	Kristi Aubrey.
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	So she's working in Michigan. She wants
13	to be inactive. Here she says she'll be there for 10
14	years and she's working there.
15	The next one is Sandy Treft. She lives
16	in Arizona. She's been there since 2014.
17	The next one is Betty Leger. She hasn't
18	reported in the last three years.
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	What is the requirement to get inactive
21	status?
22	MR. DONEGAN:
23	That's both them not taking any
24	depositions or hearings or court proceedings within the
25	State of Louisiana for a period of two or more years or



1	they will be absent for the state for a period of two or
2	more years.
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	So it's an "or"?
5	MR. DONEGAN:
6	Right.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	So she seems to fit. Okay.
9	MS. MAGEE:
10	Then Sandra Dangerfield married and
11	moved to Florida, and she has attached her voter
12	registration in Florida, her license, driver's license
13	she obtained in Florida, and a marriage license.
14	MS. METHVIN:
15	She is
L 6	JUDGE BONIN:
L7	She wants to be in Florida, huh?
18	MS. METHVIN:
19	She is done with us.
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	Done with us.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Okay. All right. So your motion is to
24	grant them all
25	MS. MAGEE:



1	Yes.
2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	inactive status?
4	Do I have a second?
5	MR. DONEGAN:
6	Second.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Any discussion?
9	(No response.)
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	All in favor, say "aye."
12	(Several members respond "aye.")
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Any opposed?
15	(No response.)
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	All right. Motion carries.
18	Okay. Let's go on to Rules and
19	Rule-making, Rule Published as Notice of Intent. David,
20	you want to
21	MR. MARCELLO:
22	The emergency rule is already in effect,
23	and we published notice of having adopted it. And the
24	Notice of Intent will kick off the regular rule-making
25	process. We may need to renew the emergency rule if we



1	don't get the regular rule-making done.
2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	When would we have to do that by?
4	MR. MARCELLO:
5	I think we have 120 days from the
6	emergency adoption, which probably Vicky, do you
7	recall? Is it August, September? September, perhaps,
8	probably the September meeting, so October, November,
9	December January. We may have to renew at the
10	January meting.
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Okay. And so but everything is
13	MR. MARCELLO:
14	In order.
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	working its way through as far as you
17	know?
18	MR. MARCELLO:
19	Moving in the right direction, yeah.
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	Vicky, have we had any kickback on it
22	or
23	MS. NGUYEN:
24	No. It's going to be in the November
25	20th register.



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1	JUDGE BONIN:
2	Okay. Good.
3	David, would you let us know, though, if
4	we need to you know, in other words, this may involve
5	when we set the next meeting
6	MR. MARCELLO:
7	Yes.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	if we're coming up on something on
10	that, you know.
11	Okay. Have we how many people have
12	we given credit to? Have we given credit to anybody yet
13	in this year's cycle of
L4	MS. NGUYEN:
15	I think only for the
L 6	JUDGE BONIN:
L7	Taking depositions pro bono.
18	MR. MARCELLO:
19	Well, now, that rule, we have not acted
20	on. It came up at last night's meeting.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Well, what's this one on?
23	MR. MARCELLO:
24	The rule that I was addressing is the
25	one to relieve us of the obligation of doing the CDR



1	testing in the applicant' court.
2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	Oh, okay.
4	MR. MARCELLO:
5	The pro bono rule, we broached at the
6	meeting last night, and the decision was that it ought
7	to be discussed at the Board meeting directly today. It
8	didn't come up for further discussion last night.
9	The same memo that I alluded to earlier
10	that has two pages on the online course credit also has
11	a page on pro bono. And it
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Well, wait. So have we had anybody
14	request credit for pro bono work in this cycle?
15	MS. NGUYEN:
16	Just two.
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	The two?
19	MS. NGUYEN:
20	Just two.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	And how much credit do they
23	MS. NGUYEN:
24	We grant them four each.
25	JUDGE BONIN:



1	Uh-huh. Well, I made a promise that
2	they're going to get, so I'm go going to ask the Board
3	to authorize it.
4	MR. ANDRESSEN:
5	I move, Judge.
6	MS. PUTNAM:
7	Second.
8	JUDGE BONIN:
9	Okay. All in favor?
10	(Several members respond "aye.")
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Any opposed?
13	(No response.)
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	Motion carries.
16	So be sure to give them their credit,
17	and then let's move on getting the rule adopted for the
18	next cycle.
19	Who were the two, Vicky, do you know?
20	MS. NGUYEN:
21	I don't know offhand.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Okay. That's all right.
24	Okay. So do y'all want to discuss the
25	pro bono? Do we have a proposal for the rule or what



1	MR. MARCELLO:
2	If we can take as long as it takes to
3	run a copy, we can circulate this page.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Tell you what, we really don't need to
6	get to it today because we're ending a cycle and as long
7	as we get it started for the next I thought it was
8	further along in our process. But okay. Let's do
9	this: Would you prepare a rule who is handling this,
LO	which committee? This was licensing, I guess.
11	MS. MAGEE:
12	I think John was sort of spearheading
13	it.
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	I think it was you and John.
L 6	JUDGE BONIN:
L7	Right. Had it gone to a committee yet?
18	Well, would you do this, David, go ahead
19	and draft a rule
20	MR. MARCELLO:
21	I've got it.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	And, suzette, would your committee go
24	ahead and kind of
25	MS. MAGEE:



1	I think the question was how many
2	hours
3	MR. ANDRESSEN:
4	How many hours, yeah.
5	MS. MAGEE:
6	we would allow.
7	MR. MARCELLO:
8	Well, the Bar uses a five-hour ratio,
9	for every five hours of pro bono work, you get one hour
10	of credit.
11	The other question was do you want to
12	require assignment of pro bono work through a gateway
13	organization such as a court or the state bar or legal
14	services organization?
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	Well, we worked all of that out.
L7	MR. ANDRESSEN:
18	We have, yeah, with legal services
19	organizations. They have contacted Vicky when they've
20	needed them, and we've got the list of firms that are
21	willing to do it. So Vicky will call the firm and
22	they'll assign a court reporter. Yeah.
23	MS. NGUYEN:
24	I have the two reporters' names, Judge.
25	Kathy Kovacevich from Kay Donnelly & Associates. She



1	did the first job. And then the other one that we had
2	on September 13th, Jolyn Malley, Number 99078, from
3	Associated Reporters did that job.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Okay. Well, let them both know that
6	they've been approved for their ethics credits.
7	MS. MAGEE:
8	Ethics credits?
9	MS. NGUYEN:
10	Ethics. Four credits.
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Yes, ethics.
13	MR. DONEGAN:
14	Ethics or CE?
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	Huh?
17	MR. DONEGAN:
18	Ethics or CE?
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	Well, the ethics component of their CE
21	credits.
22	MS. MAGEE:
23	Is that what we're granting them?
24	MR. ANDRESSEN:
25	That's what we told the firm owners when



1	we met with them, yeah.
2	MS. MAGEE:
3	Is that how we intend to do that moving
4	forward?
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Well, we've got to decide that, I guess,
7	but that was my intention was that they were, but we
8	can you know, I'm not
9	MS. MAGEE:
10	That's not set in stone?
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	No. It's just but I'd like to get
13	something set in stone and then, you know, if we start
14	that if we get that done do we have a rule that we
15	can act on proposed rule that we can act on in
16	January, we'll have it in place when do the first
17	round of continuing education programs kick off?
18	MR. ANDRESSEN:
19	Probably the first seminar will probably
20	be March or April of next year.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Yeah. Okay.
23	All right. Remind me, David, of what we
24	have to do to go into executive session to discuss
25	Veritext. A motion?



1	MR. MARCELLO:
2	Just a motion and a vote. We've noticed
3	it on the agenda.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Okay. Do I have a motion that we go
6	into executive session to discuss the pending litigation
7	of Veritext versus Bonin?
8	MR. DONEGAN:
9	So moved.
10	MS. MAGEE:
11	Second.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Second.
14	All in favor?
15	(Several members respond "aye.")
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Any opposed?
18	(No response.)
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	Okay. Motion carries. We'll go into
21	executive session.
22	(Whereupon the meeting enters executive
23	session.)
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	We're going to terminate executive



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1	session and come out of that. I think what we're going
2	to do is let's go to the Finance and Operations
3	Committee report and we'll cover some of the matters
4	that were brought up that we need to address in public
5	session.
6	MR. ANDRESSEN:
7	Okay. Under Tab A is your August,
8	September and October balance sheet and monthly
9	operating statements. I mean, I can go through them and
10	bore you to death with them. At the end of October, we
11	had \$176,151, so we're sitting pretty. And we're
12	getting ready to have our license renewals, so that fund
13	balance will go up by the first of the year.
14	Behind that is the 2017-2018 proposed
15	budget that Vicky and I had met and prepared, and I
16	asked her to submit it because it was due on November 8
17	before we had a meeting, Judge, so I just it needed
18	to get submitted, so it's in there for everybody to look
19	at.
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	So do we need to ratify it or
22	MR. ANDRESSEN:
23	Yeah, Judge, if we can get a motion.
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	Okay. Where is the budget? Is that the



1	one that's in there sideways?
2	MR. ANDRESSEN:
3	Yes, sir. It's stapled together under
4	the behind the balance sheets. It's Form BC1.
5	Like I said, Vicky and I met, and then,
6	really, Vicky pretty much prepared it all. She just
7	asked me to look it over. It was due November 8th, so I
8	told her to go ahead and submit it because we weren't
9	going to have a meeting before then, so
10	So it's really no changes. You know, we
11	basically went off historical data. Like if you look at
12	the first page for licenses, we budged for 2017 and '17
13	165. You know, we went down to 160. You know, we were
14	conservative on everything, you know.
15	JUDGE BONIN:
16	The only notable thing, and we'll come
17	back and discuss it, is really the increase in legal
18	expenses that we have had this year
19	MR. ANDRESSEN:
20	Right.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	and that we may that, really, the
23	budget hasn't yet fully absorbed what we think might be
24	the legal expenses for the defense of the lawsuit
25	Veritext



1	MR. ANDRESSEN:
2	Right. And maybe we'll have a clear
3	picture, Judge, at our next Board meeting.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Right. Well, what I'm going to ask
6	you well, first off, let's do this: Can we have a
7	motion to ratify the submission of the budget that was
8	sent in November the 8th?
9	MR. ANDRESSEN:
10	Yes, sir.
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	And this was sent this goes to the
13	Division of Administration or
14	MS. NGUYEN:
15	Boards and Commissions.
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	Huh?
18	MS. NGUYEN:
19	Boards and Commissions.
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	Boards and Commissions, yeah.
22	MS. MAGEE:
23	I'll make a motion.
24	JUDGE BONIN:
25	Do we have a second?



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1	MS. PUTNAM:
2	Second.
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	All in favor?
5	(Several members respond "aye.")
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	Any opposed?
8	(No response.)
9	JUDGE BONIN:
10	Okay. The motion to ratify carries.
11	MR. ANDRESSEN:
12	Next, behind that, is our Annual
13	Financial Report that we're required to submit for the
14	legislative auditor every year. You can look at that.
15	There's really nothing
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	What tab is that?
18	MR. ANDRESSEN:
19	It's still under A, Judge. That's
20	behind the budget.
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	Oh, okay.
23	MR. ANDRESSEN:
24	Nothing earth shattering. No findings
25	or anything.



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1	We're required by law to submit this
2	every year.
3	JUDGE BONIN:
4	I may not have that in mine.
5	MS. NGUYEN:
6	I'm sorry, Judge.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	How, by the way, has Ericksen Krentel
9	do y'all like working with them? I mean, have they
10	been
11	MR. ANDRESSEN:
12	Yeah. I mean, Vicky has a lot more
13	contact with them than I do, Judge, but I've been
14	satisfied. Vicky?
15	MS. NGUYEN:
16	They're a lot cheaper.
17	MR. ANDRESSEN:
18	Yeah. Vicky is, too. She says it's a
19	lot cheaper, so
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	So they didn't take any exceptions to
22	anything?
23	MR. ANDRESSEN:
24	They didn't, Judge. No findings, no
25	nothing.



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1	JUDGE BONIN:
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	Well, Vicky, that's a good sign.
3	MS. NGUYEN:
4	It's all there.
5	MR. ANDRESSEN:
6	And that concludes my report, Judge.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Okay. Very good.
9	So should we have a motion to accept the
10	report from Ericksen Krentel?
11	MR. ANDRESSEN:
12	Yeah. That's probably a good idea,
13	Judge.
14	JUDGE BONIN:
15	You want to make it, John?
16	MR. ANDRESSEN:
17	I'll make a motion, Judge, that we
18	accept the report from Ericksen Krentel for the yearend
19	June 30, 2016.
20	MS. MAGEE:
21	Second.
22	JUDGE BONIN:
23	Okay. All in favor?
24	(Several members respond "aye.")
25	JUDGE BONIN:



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Any opposed?

(No response.)

JUDGE BONIN:

Motion carries.

So getting back to the legal expenses, what I'd like to do is, David and Josh, however y'all want to handle it, if y'all would get together with John and the committee and kind of give some sort of an estimate of what we need to do to provide for modification of the contract and --

MR. MARCELLO:

Well, the Board can only take those sorts of actions in a meeting, of course, and we're anticipating, I think, perhaps not having another meeting until January, so if you want a projection through the end of the current year, we are at the level through our billings of last month that has been authorized thus far under the contract. Having now -- we had a busy period of activity at the beginning of November because of preparations of the Motions to Dismiss. Having now filed that, we'll be in a period of relative quite until we hear from the Jones Walker folks on the 14th of December, and then we will be active again till December 28th preparing our responses to their reply.



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1	So I would think that there's going to
2	clearly be time that's already accrued and expenses
3	accrued here in the month of November. There will be
4	another burst of activity toward the end of December.
5	So if the Board saw fit to authorize some additional
6	funding through the end of the year
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Well, why do don't we do this, if this
9	is agreeable, why don't we agree to modify the
10	contract that, of course, all has to be submitted,
11	you know for an additional 25,000, to 75,000, and
12	then we'll revisit at the January meeting, but I need
13	y'all to get you know, so that will cover any
14	MR. ANDRESSEN:
15	Right, because at the end of October,
16	Judge, we had already expended \$37,000 on legal fees to
17	Sher Garner, and then I know David and Joshua had a lot
18	of work they did in November, so I'm sure we're going to
19	eat up the rest of that 50,000 there, so, yeah.
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	The \$37,000, I just glanced at it, that
22	was
23	MR. ANDRESSEN:
24	That was from July.
25	JUDGE BONIN:



1	the total bill or that was the most
2	recent bill? For some reason, I thought I was looking
3	at a most recent bill.
4	MR. ANDRESSEN:
5	No. That was a total, Judge, from July
6	1st to October 31st.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	Is that right?
9	MR. MARCELLO:
10	But we submitted a bill for October that
11	would have come before the CSR Board this week, I guess.
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Okay. Is that included in the total or
14	would that add to the 37,000?
15	MR. DONEGAN:
16	That would bring it up to about the 50.
17	MS. NGUYEN:
18	About 47, 50.
19	JUDGE BONIN:
20	So you think 25,000 will get us to the
21	end of the year?
22	MR. MARCELLO:
23	I think it will get us pretty close. If
24	it falls a little short, we'll take care of that in
25	2017. Right. It's a lot better than no dollars between



1	now and then.
2	JUDGE BONIN:
3	All right. Well, do I have a motion to
4	modify the contract for Sher Garner from 50,000 to
5	75,000?
6	MR. ANDRESSEN:
7	So moved.
8	MS. PUTNAM:
9	Second.
10	JUDGE BONIN:
11	Okay. All in favor?
12	(Several members respond "aye.")
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	Any opposed?
15	(No response.)
16	JUDGE BONIN:
17	All right. So we'll have to do another
18	submission.
19	MS. NGUYEN:
20	So I'm not going to do this one, the 50?
21	JUDGE BONIN:
22	No, go do the 50 just to have it
23	documented that we had approved that one, and then we're
24	going to
25	Okay. Vicky, do you want to give us a



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1	report here on the renewals?
2	MS. NGUYEN:
3	As of November the 13th, we have 420
4	renewals, and I believe the amount is like 52,000.
5	\$53,505. That includes both mail-in payments and online
6	payments.
7	JUDGE BONIN:
8	
9	Okay. And so that's what is that
10	about? A little less than half?
11	MS. NGUYEN:
12	That's a third.
13	JUDGE BONIN:
14	A third?
15	MS. NGUYEN:
16	About a third because we've got about
17	1,200, almost 1,300 reporters.
18	MR. DONEGAN:
19	We've got two thirds that haven't paid
20	yet, that haven't renewed?
21	MS. NGUYEN:
22	Uh-huh.
23	MR. DONEGAN:
24	Wow.
25	MS. MAGEE:



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1	It	t's the middle of November.
2	JUDGE	BONIN:
3	We	ell, we're not I mean, there's no
4	reason for us to	think that there's going to be some
5	huge drop off in -	
6	MR. Al	NDRESSEN:
7	I	wouldn't think so, Judge.
8	MR. DO	ONEGAN:
9	I	just think it's going to be a hectic
10	December for Vicky	y with the renewals coming in.
11	JUDGE	BONIN:
12	Aı	re most of the renewals being done
13	online or not?	
14	MS. NO	GUYEN:
15	No	ot all because courts cut checks, and
16	so I have to	
17	JUDGE	BONIN:
18	Ol	h, I see, yeah. But how about on the
19	freelance side, do	o they
20	MS. NO	GUYEN:
21	A	lot of them still mail in payments,
22	like Milton.	
23	MR. DO	ONEGAN:
24	I	hand carry mine.
25	JUDGE	BONIN:



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1	Let the record reflect Mr. Borrello has
2	appeared.
3	MR. DONEGAN:
4	Just in time to adjourn.
5	JUDGE BONIN:
6	Let's do this about scheduling a Board
7	meeting for January, would all of y'all would all of
8	y'all Vicky, let's do it this way, send out an e-mail
9	to all of the Board members and the lawyers, find out
10	if y'all would just send in what dates you're not good
11	for in January and then we'll kind of just work around
12	who's you know, what's the most convenient for most
13	people.
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	On a Friday, again, Judge? Thursday and
16	Friday?
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	A Friday. Let's just leave it to a
19	Friday. Okay. You know, Thursday night and the Friday
20	deal.
21	MS. METHVIN:
22	And I enjoy coming here, but can I
23	please can we do it in Baton Rouge or
24	MS. MAGEE:
25	Lafayette.



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1	MS. METHVIN:
2	Lafayette, Alexandria. I'd love for you
3	to come to Natchitoches.
4	JUDGE BONIN:
5	Let's try Lafayette. We'll try to set
6	something up for that January meeting.
7	MS. METHVIN:
8	We can do it in all one day.
9	MR. ANDRESSEN:
10	Didn't we get stuck in Lafayette in
11	January one year?
12	JUDGE BONIN:
13	Right.
14	MR. DONEGAN:
15	Judge, can I ask just something, we had
16	talked about I don't know how we do this, but we had
17	talked about people that lack ethic credits in December
18	and about the two associations had said that they would
19	be willing maybe to give an ethics session, but Suzette
20	wanted to know what was the number of that like Vinny
21	and them would
22	MS. MAGEE:
23	What's the magic number?
24	MR. DONEGAN:
25	to start, to do a session at just so



1	Vicky would know because people are going to call.		
2	MR. BORRELLO:		
3	Just so, I mean		
4	MS. MAGEE:		
5	Twenty?		
6	MR. BORRELLO:		
7	We probably need I mean, overhead on		
8	a place is going to be at least \$1,000, so we need to		
9	break even where there's no money		
10	MS. MAGEE:		
11	What about here?		
12	MS. METHVIN:		
13	What about here?		
14	MS. MAGEE:		
15	I mean, you can fit a lot of people in		
16	this room sitting like this.		
17	MR. BORRELLO:		
18	Yeah. If they can set it up maybe		
19	theater style, yeah. So, yeah, I guess 20 people would		
20	be the magic number. I mean, it can't be five or 10		
21	people, you know, but, I mean, if there's zero overhead,		
22	it could be five or 10 people, you know.		
23	JUDGE BONIN:		
24	What would be the reason for people to		
25	not having gotten ethic?		



1	MR. BORRELLO:		
2	Judge, there's a few there's a lot of		
3	them out there.		
4	MS. MAGEE:		
5	What indeed.		
6	JUDGE BONIN:		
7	Because, I mean, there's enough of them.		
8	MR. BORRELLO:		
9	Yeah. Well, you know, people just		
10	procrastinate and procrastinate and something		
11	legitimately happens. I know a couple off people have		
12	called LCRA saying, you know, "My mom got sick," "My kid		
13	this," and "I was planning on going to this seminar and		
14	I can't do it." Then there's no more seminars, you		
15	know, because they waited till the end of the year and		
16	something came up, so		
L7	JUDGE BONIN:		
18	But if you're just talking about only a		
L9	strictly an ethics one?		
20	MR. BORRELLO:		
21	Yeah. We're talking about just strictly		
22	ethics.		
23	MR. DONEGAN:		
24	I think Vicky that's what I was just		
25	asking Vicky if she could pull up how many people still		



1	lack ethics credits?		
2	MS. NGUYEN:		
3	My apologies because I haven't keyed in		
4	LCRA and VRLA's because I just received it in.		
5	MR. BORRELLO:		
6	Right. It just passed.		
7	MS. METHVIN:		
8	There might be something y'all can do if		
9	we can start doing them online		
10	MR. BORRELLO:		
11	That's not going to happen before the		
12	end of the year.		
13	MS. METHVIN:		
14	No, not before the end of the year. I'm		
15	just staying		
16	MR. DONEGAN:		
17	I'm just thinking Vicky's going to get		
18	this rush of calls coming in, "I need my ethics. How do		
19	I do it? How do I get it?" If she can compose a list		
20	of how many people, then she will be able to call the		
21	associations and say, "I've got 15 people, you know,		
22	would y'all be willing to do it," just to prevent these		
23	people from coming back in January, you know.		
24	JUDGE BONIN:		
25	What is this room, Vicky? Is this a		



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1	state how do	you reserve this room?
2	MS.	NGUYEN:
3		This is Department of Family Services.
4	JUDO	GE BONIN:
5		So it is it's a state agency?
6	MS.	NGUYEN:
7		Yes.
8	JUDO	GE BONIN:
9		And they just allow us to use it?
10	MS.	NGUYEN:
11		Yes. I just ask them. If it's
12	available, they	let me use it.
13	MR.	DONEGAN:
14		Is it set up like this all up time, you
15	know, like a	
16	MS.	MAGEE:
17		It's rearranged.
18	MS.	NGUYEN:
19		It's always like a classroom, and I have
20	to move it back	to the way it was.
21	MR.	DONEGAN:
22		A classroom setting would probably be
23	good.	
24	JUDO	GE BONIN:
25		Well, y'all want to try to pick a date



1	or something?		
2	MS.	NGUYEN:	
3		For the next seminar?	
4	MR.	DONEGAN:	
5		You're going to have to ask Vinny.	
6	MR.	BORRELLO:	
7		What's that? I'm sorry.	
8	MR.	DONEGAN:	
9		What would you need to know for this	
10	ethic?		
11	JUDGE BONIN:		
12		Is there air conditioning in here on the	
13	weekends?		
14	MS.	NGUYEN:	
15		I have to call Benson Tower.	
16	MR.	BORRELLO:	
17		This building doesn't have like a major	
18	conference room, something that's		
19	MS.	NGUYEN:	
20		I'm sure they have something, but I'll	
21	have to ask.		
22	MR.	BORRELLO:	
23		I mean, if we could use it, I guess I	
24	mean, this would	1	
25	MR.	DONEGAN:	



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If you set it up rows. I mean		
MS. MAGEE:		
What about during the week? You can't		
do it during the week?		
MR. BORRELLO:		
I think that would be hard to schedule		
stuff during the week. I think Saturday		
MS. METHVIN:		
I mean, if they're in a bind.		
MR. BORRELLO:		
Well, I don't know if I can do it.		
MS. METHVIN:		
Your emergency doesn't make it my		
emergency.		
MR. BORRELLO:		
I don't know if I could do during the		
week. I mean, we don't even really need tables. If we		
just we're talking about two hours, so if we just set		
up rows of chairs, we could probably fit comfortably 75		
people in here, maybe.		
MR. DONEGAN:		
Probably more than you're going to get.		
I was wondering a number to make it worthwhile.		
MR. BORRELLO:		
Well, like a say, if there's no		



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1	overhead, it's going to, you know		
2	MS.	MAGEE:	
3		And then what are we going to charge?	
4	MR.	BORRELLO:	
5		Well, it's not "we." It's not the	
6	Board.		
7	MR.	DONEGAN:	
8		The association.	
9	MR.	BORRELLO:	
10		I me an, nowhere near to what a full	
11	seminar would co	ost, you know. It's just a two-hour	
12	seminar.		
13	MS.	MAGEE:	
14		So the Board's not putting it on.	
15	MR.	DONEGAN:	
16		Right.	
17	MR.	BORRELLO:	
18		Right.	
19	MS.	MAGEE:	
20		LCRA is putting it on.	
21	MR.	DONEGAN:	
22		You can offer the same thing to the	
23	people in Baton	Rouge associations.	
24	JUDO	GE BONIN:	
25		And the only thing about that is not	



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1	to complicate matters, but it may be that the Board
2	might have to be sort of sponsor of it if we're going to
3	try to use this room, you know.
4	MR. BORRELLO:
5	Yeah, it being the State, yeah.
6	JUDGE BONIN:
7	But we can work all of that out.
8	Okay. Is there any new business anybody
9	wants to raise? Anything else?
10	(No response.)
11	JUDGE BONIN:
12	Do I have a motion to adjourn?
13	MS. MAGEE:
14	I'll make that motion.
15	MS. HOLMES:
16	I'll second.
17	JUDGE BONIN:
18	All in favor?
19	(Several members respond "aye.)
20	JUDGE BONIN:
21	Adjourned.
22	(Meeting concludes at 11:45 a.m.)
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