

**THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS**

Pursuant to notice, the meeting was called to order at 12:23 P.M., Friday, May, 16, 2025,
originating from the LA Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand
Reporters, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Section D, 2700 Tulane Avenue,
New Orleans, Louisiana, in person and via videoconferencing, with a quorum
Present.

PRESENT:

Judge Kimya Holmes
Vickie Nguyen, Administrator
Rosa M. Manale, Treasurer
Celeste P. Ware, present via Zoom
Janet McBride, present via Zoom
Andrea Davis
Margaret "Meg" Gammage Kramer
Josh Force, Board Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes were approved for July 26, 2024, February 3, 2025, and February 14, 2025.
Motion - Manale
Second - McBride and Ware.
No opposition so motion passed.

II. Finance

A. January Report

Manale's motion to accept and approve finance reports. Kramer seconded. No discussion. No public comments. March financial report carries.

January-March 2025 monthly operating statement - balanced and motion to approve statements. Davis seconded. No public comment or discussion. Motion carries.

Board Attorney contract 2026 with Sher Garner - almost caught up so go back to \$50,000.
Manale's motion to accept and approve the new contract. Kramer seconded. No public comment and no discussion. Motion carries.

B. Licensing and Continuing Education

Janet McBride, Steno in the City, VRLA webinar, VOX Academy, LCCA approved. Accepted.
La Ethics Rules and Regulations - approved earlier by the Education Chair. Motion by Manale and Seconded by McBride. Motion carries, no opposition.
CCR and CDR exam dates are set for 8-22-2025 CDR and 9-26-2025 for CCR.

C. 2025 CCR, CDR Suspension Hearings:

Vickie Nguyen:

Lori Sykes - no longer at court and asked CDR placed on "continued." Sending back seals to board. Davis - motion. McBride - second. No public comment or discussion. Motion carries.

CDR:

- **Mark Banta**- (on Zoom)- oath by Manale, questioned, not practiced in LA in over 20 years. Manale motion, Davis second. Motion carries.
- **Rose Marie DiVincenti** - not able to attend, defer to next Board meeting. Deferred.
- **Jean Bain** - pass
- **Tonya Jackson** - requested retirement and approved, now requested to reinstate license. Lacking CE's. Dues paid. Submitted NCRA for '23 and '24. All general credits except ethics. Obtain credits within the next six months. Not practicing in LA without license. Manale- motion to reinstate. Davis - second. No discussion or public comment. Motion passes.
- **Shannon Deruise** - not present. Second certified Notice of Hearing and emailed 5-5 and shipped out 5-3. No response. Per Carrie Ann Webster - not court reporter for Lori Jupiter anymore. She retired last year. Deferred to next meeting.
- **Paula Garrison** - notified, not present, second certified letter, undeliverable. Davis said retired from court and no access to e-mail. Deferred to next meeting.
- **Brianne Leonard** - second Notice of Hearing, 5-3, emailed 5-5. Lacking 8 general credits. Deferred to next meet.
- **Gia Mangiaracina**- second Notice of Hearing, shipped 5-3 and emailed on 5-5. Deferred.
- **Diane Ryland** - letter 5-3 and emailed 5-5.
- **Kaylan Thompson** - Notice for Hearing 5-3 and emailed 5-5. On retired list.
- **Ilona Valdin** - letter 5-3 and emailed 5-5. Deferred.
- **Lexie Corkern** - retired request. PASS.
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D. 2023/2024 CE Cycle

- **Terryl Badney** - lacking 8 general credits - on Zoom audio -
- **Octavia Cobb Woods** - on Zoom. Lacking 4 ethics. Oath by Manale.

*** Board finalizing Webinar and will send an e-mail when it's live. (Minute 00:24)

- **Karyn Hale** - not present. Pass.
- **Trena Touchet** - present on Zoom. Oath by Manale. Lacking 4 ethics. Requested extension. Notarize affidavit and get credits within 6mo and complete other credits by end of 2026.

CCR:

- **Elizabeth Brock** - on Zoom - lacking all 12 CE credits 23/24 cycle. Oath by Manale. Affidavit to notarize. 6mo to complete credits and complete other by end of 2026.
- **Marsha Donnelly** - not present. Notice of Hearing 5-2 and emailed 5-3 and not present. Active reporter. Deferred.
- **Melanie Green** - present on Zoom - Oath by Manale. Lacking all 12 CE's for 23/24 cycle. Notarize affidavit and 6mo to complete credits and do all 12 by end of 2026.
- **Stacie Kaiser** - present in person - Oath by Manale. Lacking 12 CE credits for 23/24 cycle. Notarize affidavit and 12 credits by end of cycle. Send NVRA credits if you have any.
- **Melissa Landeche** - oath by Manale. 20 general credits, lacking 4 ethics. Notarize affidavit. 4 credits in 6mo and complete credits by the end of 2026.
- **Sarah Paskiewicz** - pass not present. Defer.
- **Yolanda Pena** - on Zoom - oath by Manale. Lacking ethics for '23/24 cycle. Notarize affidavit. Get 4 credits done in 6mo and get other credits by the end of 2026.
- **Rene Richard** - 8 general, lacking 4 ethics. Oath by Manale. Notarize affidavit, get credits done within 6mo and others done by end of 2026. "I've done my ethics every year – every December." No general credits with any other organizations or associations. 12-21-2024 class, should have continued out credits. Have them send Vickie credits - she's in hospital. Will send when she's out of hospital - Claudia Hutchinson with VocEdits. Brenda supposed to send out. Send when you get it. Normal cycle for '25/26.
- **Kati Vogt** - suspension, lacking CEs. Sent notice on 5-2 and 5-5. Returned. Not delivered. No email response. Deferred.
- **Ceri Anne Webster** - in person - CDC - lacking 8 general credits. Oath by Manale.
- **Terryl Bedney** - via Zoom - Lacking 8 general credits. Affidavit to notarize. Get credits in 6mo and get other 12 credits before end of 2026.
- **Rebecca Liles** - CDR, suspended. Not present. Deferred.

E. Continuing Education

Deferred.

F. Senate Bill 6 - Retired Reporters - Josh Force:

Bill to support and allow retired court reporters to work full time and that time not count toward their retirement. Introduced. Allows Chief Judge of employer to certify shortage and let active reporters apply for position - retired court reporter may be employed full time without benefits being suspended during reemployment. Bill doesn't differentiate between official and freelance reporters. Senator Abraham.

G. CCR Schools

Lori Cesear not present to discuss. Deferred.

H. C.E. Licensing requests - Janet McBride:

Shonda Appleby, Laurie Carlisle, Jill Cox, Rebecca Daher, Dusty Higgs, Meredith Hoffpauir, Debra Isbell, Donna Jacks, Michael Johnson, Natasha Kahler, Michelle Kirkpatrick, Dottie LaPorte, Deedee Newsome, Renee Ogden, Jeff Justice, Myra Primeaux, Todd Allievi, Cena Rustvold, Ashley Schultz, Samantha Trosclair, Susan Zielie.
Manale motion. Kramer second. Carries.

I. Retired Request

Lexie Corkern - Aug 22, 2023

Kaylan Thompson - Dec 21, 2024

Courtney Yongue - October 2023

Accepted

Lynne Davis-Johnson, May 2, 2025

Cyndie MsManus, September 2022

Jacqueline Stokes, March 25, 2025

Lori Ann Sykes - Aug 12, 2024 (add on)

Accepted.

J. Reinstatement Requests - Janet McBride

DiVincenti - deferred

Jeanne Bain - deferred

K. Reciprocal Request - approved by Education Chair

Alisha Patrice Armes - Davis motion. Kramer second. Carries.

L. Review Board Rules

103, 303, 313, 315, 503-509, 701-719, 1101, 1105 and 1007 - Pursuant to JML 25-038

Force: Governor issued Executive Order JML 25-038 requires this board and rest of boards in the state to review certain percentage of Rules. 50% this year and 50% of next year. Necessary and consistent with law. Determine if legal and necessary. Order lists particular rules to review. Aligns with board mission or burden. Benefit court reporters within the state. Prepare statement for Governors office.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT and NEXT MEETING DATE

No public comment. Next meeting September 12th.

IV. ADJOURN

Manale moved, which was seconded by Kramer, to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 P.M.. The motion passed without opposition.