

THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF  
CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

FEBRUARY 3, 2025  
EMERGENCY ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to notice, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 3, 2025, being an emergency called Zoom Video Conference and Telephone Conference board meeting originating from the LA Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, New Orleans, Louisiana, with a quorum present.

PRESENT:

Celeste Ware  
Janet McBride  
Meg Gammage  
Andrea Davis  
Rosa Manale

Judge Kimya M. Holmes, Chairman  
Josh Force, CSR Board Attorney  
Vickie Nguyen, Administrator  
Christian Helmke  
Lenny Levenson  
Tanner McGee

ABSENT:

Lori Ceasar

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2025 CCR and CDR Suspensions:

CDR Suspensions: The following names were called to appear:

**Mamie Pearl-Goins** (4892010); CDR

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Mamie Pearl-Goins. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Lori Ann Sykes** (2732010); CDR

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Lori Ann Sykes. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Dawn Torbett**, (3502010); CDR

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Dawn Torbett. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Karen Reif Shales** (2017007); CCR

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Shales paid her renewal fee online January 1, 2025. However, her late fee has not been received. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Ware, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her late fee. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Lisa A. Lanata (85124); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Lanata paid her renewal fee online January 2, 2025. However, her late fee has not been received. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her late fee. Ms. Lanata is also required to send a letter to anyone she has performed court reporter duties for since January 1, 2025, informing them of her suspension during that time. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Sara L. Piazza (29026); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Piazza paid her renewal fee online January 2, 2025, and her late fee on January 27, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement. Ms. Piazza is required to send a letter to anyone she has performed court reporter duties for since January 1, 2025, informing them of her suspension during that time. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Angela Bulloch (20086); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Bulloch paid her renewal fee online January 3, 2025. However, her late fee has not been received. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her late fee. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Kris M. Carver (23020); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Carver paid her renewal fee online January 7, 2025, and her late fee on January 27, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Darlene N. Abraham (21026); CCR**

Vickie Nguyen called the name of Arlene N. Abraham. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Lori R. Cobb (87248); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Cobb paid her renewal fee online January 9, 2025, and her late fee was sent by FedEx on January 9, 2025. Ms. Cobb testified she has informed the attorneys she performed court reporter duties for since January 1, 2025, of her suspension, so no letter is required. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Rose Marie Penney (21002); CCR**

Vickie Nguyen called the name of Rose Marie Penney. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Michelle Breaux (98013); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Breaux paid her renewal fee online January 17, 2025. However, her late fee has not been received. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her late fee. Ms. Breaux is required to send a letter to anyone she has performed court reporter duties for since January 1, 2025, informing them of her suspension during that time. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Mary Ann Penny (89015); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Penny paid her renewal fee online January 17, 2025, and her late fee on January 27, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement. Ms. Penny is required to file a letter in the record of the 15th JDC to serve as a notification of her suspension since January 1, 2025. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Tapestry Smith (24006); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Smith paid her renewal fee online January 17, 2025, and her late fee on January 27, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Mona Landry (2019004); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Landry paid her renewal fee online January 17, 2025. However, her late fee has not been received. Her renewal fee was approved and her reinstatement was accepted upon receipt of her late fee. Ms. Landry is required to file a letter in the record of the 16th JDC to serve as a notification of her suspension since January 1, 2025.

**Charlotte Hoffman (91191); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Hoffman paid her renewal fee online January 18, 2025, and her late fee on January 31, 2025. Ms. Davis moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement. Ms. Hoffman is required to file a letter in the record of the 16th JDC to serve as a notification of her suspension since January 1, 2025. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Kimberly Gibney (2016010); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Gibney paid her renewal fee online January 24, 2025, and her late fee on January 24, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Tonya Cormier (91355); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Cormier paid her renewal fee online January 30, 2025. However, her late fee has not been received. Ms. Gammage moved, which was seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her late fee. Ms. Hoffman is required to file a letter in the record of the 15th JDC to serve as a notification of her suspension since January 1, 2025. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Lilian J. Weber (89014); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Weber paid her renewal fee online January 30, 2025, and her late fee on January 30, 2025. Ms. Weber is required to file a letter in the record of the Civil District Court of New Orleans, to serve as a notification of her suspension since January 1, 2025. The motion was passed without opposition. Ms. Weber requested the board to discuss retroactivity of suspensions, and the board deferred a discussion of retroactivity to the February 14th meeting after contact with the board attorney.

**Clare W. Smith (87162); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Vickie Nguyen confirmed Ms. Smith paid her renewal fee online January 31, 2025, and her late fee on January 31, 2025. Ms. Smith has notified all parties that she has performed court reporter duties for, informing them of her suspension since January 1, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Janice A. Plaisance (27010); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. It was confirmed that the renewal fee and late fee has not been received from Ms. Plaisance. Ms. Plaisance will send a copy of her certified check to the board office to show the routing information as proof of her having previously sent her fees in. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her renewal fee and late fee. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Jean V. Bain (87233); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Jean Bain. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Mark Banta (83041); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Mark Banta. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Elizabeth Anne Brock (29028); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Elizabeth Brock. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Lexie Mae Corkern (2018017); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Lexie Corkern. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Shannon Deruise (87098); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Jean Bain. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Paula P. Garrison (2010016); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Paula Garrison. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Jacqueliune A. Hebert (91136); CCR**

Ms. Hebert requested to place her license under retirement. Ms. Nguyen informed Ms. Hebert to send a letter to the board office making this request. The matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Dorothy Zelipa Jones (2022007); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Ms. Jones stated she has submitted her fees by mail. However, her fees have not been received as of this date. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her fees. She is required to send a letter to anyone she has performed court reporter duties for since January 1, 2025, informing them of her suspension during that time. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Laurie O. Kraemer (91205); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Ms. Kraemer stated she has submitted her fees by mail. However, her fees have not been received as of this date. Ms. Gammage moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her fees. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Brianne Speed Leonard (2016005); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Brianne Speed Leonard. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Gia Mangiaracina (94081); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Gia Mangiaracina. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Lynette Norwood Rouzan (94077); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Lynette Norwood Rouzan. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Dianne Ryland (91179); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Dianne Ryland. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Kim Marsha Tavaras (81024); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Ms. Tavaras stated she has not submitted her renewal fee or late fee. Ms. Tavaras stated she has not performed any court reporter duties since January 1, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her fees.

**Susan Kathleen Terry (98007); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Ms. Terry stated she has not submitted her renewal fee or her late fee. Ms. Terry stated she has not performed any court reporter duties since January 1, 2025. Ms. Manale moved, which was seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her fees. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Kaylan A. Thompson (2014013); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Kaylan Thompson. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Ilona Valdin (20022); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Ilona Valdin. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Dixie B. Vaughan (28009); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Ms. Vaughan stated her agency submitted her fees by mail on January 17, 2025. However, her fees have not been received as of this date. Ms. Gammage moved, which was seconded by Ms. McBride, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her fees. Ms. Vaughan is required to send a letter to anyone she has performed court reporter duties for since January 1, 2025, informing them of her suspension during that time. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Patricia L. Ward (76006); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Patricia Ward. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

**Janice Welch (87172); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Ms. Welch stated she submitted her renewal fee and late fee by mail on January 31, 2025. However, her fees have not been received as of this date. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Manale, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her fees or tracking information on the mail. Ms. Welch is required to send a letter to anyone she has performed court reporter duties for since January 1, 2025, informing them of her suspension during that time. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Debra R. Wyatt (92083); CCR**

Appeared via Zoom and duly sworn by Ms. McBride. Ms. Wyatt stated she has submitted her renewal fee and late fee by priority mail on January 17, 2025. Ms. Wyatt will provide the tracking information on the priority mail which indicates it was received by the board office on January 25, 2025. Ms. McBride moved, which was seconded by Ms. Gammage, to approve and accept her reinstatement upon receipt of her fees. Ms. Wyatt is required to send a letter to the Office of Worker's Comp, District 4, Lafayette, informing them of her suspension since January 1, 2025. The motion was passed without opposition.

**Nicholas Anthony Yoli (2024008); CCR**

Ms. Nguyen called the name of Nicholas Yoli. There being no response, the matter was deferred to the February 14, 2025, board meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Judge Holmes, Chairman.