

THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF  
CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

OCTOBER 24, 2025

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Pursuant to notice, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2025, originating from the LA Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, Benson Tower, Suite 739, 1450 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, with a quorum present.

**PRESENT:**

Judge Martha O’Neal, Chairman	Vickie Nguyen, Administrator
Rose Marie Divincenti	Rosa Manale
Sarah Buxton	Lauri Bankston
Christina Carter	Margaret “Meg” Kramer
Joshua S. Force, CSR Board Attorney	

**ABSENT:**

Tanner Magee, Attorney

**GUESTS:**

Jennifer Eagan, Louisiana State Supreme Court

Rose Wilson, Louisiana State Supreme Court

Celeste Ware, Past Board Member

**I. PRELIMINARIES**

- A. Call to Order and welcome – Board Chair
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call – Administrator – Vickie Nguyen
- D. Approval of Minutes of 5/16/2025 Meeting, moved by Lauri Bankston and seconded by Sarah Buxton. Motion carried without opposition or public comment.

## II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. FINANCE

Rosa Manale moved, which was seconded by Meg Kramer, to approve the May to September 2025 finance report. The motion passed without opposition or public comment.

Rosa Manale moved, which was seconded by Christina Carter, to approve the May to September 2025 monthly operating statement. The motion passed without opposition or public comment.

Rosa Manale moved, which was seconded by Meg Kramer to approve the steno mask grade contract for 2025-2026. The motion passed without opposition or public comment.

Rosa Manale moved, which was seconded by Meg Kramer to approve the stenotype grade contract for 2025-2026. The motion passed without opposition or public comment.

### B. LICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

## III. LICENSING

### A C.E. Request – Individual

1. LCCA-October 2-3, 2025
2. LCRA Seminar-October 25, 2025

3. La Ethics/Rules and Regulations Pre-recorded Webinar
4. CCR and CDR Exam Dates (CDR 3/27/26 & CCR 4/24/26)
5. 2025 CCR and CDR Suspension Hearings
6. CE Summary Access Database-Webmaster

Rosie Divincenti, moved to approve Items 1, 2, 4 for CLE credits, seconded by Rosa Manale. Motion carried without opposition.

Item 3 David Rigamer, Sound NOLA, web designer,

David spoke to the Board about the postal log in. It is almost complete for reporters to check their CLE hours; and the current webinar to watch and earn CLE points. The portal will have the ability to track payment of fees. The current one is outdated, and a new webinar needs to be created with Power Point features. The education committee will review and help with these changes. The board would like to have more webinars available for CLE. Education will meet to discuss the creation of webinars. Celeste Ware will also assist.

Item 5 was not taken up. No one was present that this item addressed.

Item 6 was deferred.

### III. LICENSING

#### A. C. E. Request-Individual

1. Dawn Marie Bloemker, ESP Virtucon 6 (30 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle.
2. Bridget Brocato, Steno in the City (9 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle .
3. Lori Ceasar, R.E.S.T. Seminar 2025 (4.5 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle.
4. Kalli Cuff, CR Seminars, (10 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle .
5. Leslie Doyle, Eclipse Boost and Plugins (10 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle .

6. Rachel Garner, Steno in the City (8 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle .
7. Kristy Chiasson-Gondron, Advantage Software (8 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle.
8. Lori Heaphy, Rev Webinar (1 hr.), 2025-2026 cycle.
9. Michelle Kirkpatrick, Steno in the City (14 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle
10. Deedee Newsome, Veritext (1 hr.) 2025-2026 cycle.
11. Sarah Paszkiewicz, NCRA (30.25 hrs.) 2023-2024 cycle.
12. Nicole Poirier, Steno in the City (8 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle.
13. Halee Grace Richard, NVRA (4.95 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle.
14. Rene M. Richard, SC School of CR (10 hrs.) 2023-2024 cycle.
15. Kristi Lee Ryland, Steno in the City (8 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle.
16. Angela Taylor, NCRA (12 hrs.) 2025-2026 cycle 1. Paula P. Garrison, April 1, 2024.

Rosie Divincenti moved to approve the CLE credits of all, seconded by Rosa Manale in Globo. Motion carried with no opposition.

C. Retired Request

Paula P. Garrison, April 1, 2024

Dianne Ryland, *Deceased*

Brianne Speed Leonard, December 31, 2024

Rosie Divincenti moved to approve requests, seconded by Sarah Buxton. Motion carried with no opposition.

C. Discontinued CDR

1. Terry C. Bedney, December 31, 2024 no longer employed
2. Karyn Hale, December 31, 2023 last date of employment

3. Rhonda Ryland, December 31, 2023 no longer employed
4. Hope LeFleur, December 31, 2024 no longer employed

Rosie Divincenti moved to accept the discontinuance of those CDRs licenses, Lauri Bankston moved to second the matters in Globo. Motion carried with no opposition.

D. Reinstatement Request

1. Jeanne Bain, December 31, 2024

Appeared via Zoom. She was previously suspended and requested her license be reinstated. She has paid her fees.

Rosie Divincenti moved for her reinstatement, seconded by Rosa Manale. The motion carried with no opposition or public comment.

2. Lorraine Brazil, December 31, 2020

Appeared via Zoom stating she has lives in Texas and would like to reinstate her lapsed license in Louisiana. She is a licensed RDR.

Rosie Divincenti, moved for approval, Meg Kramer seconded. She will not have to retest, has to pay two-years of fees and the required CLE. She will send in her NCRA credits of the previous year.

3. Emily Dore, March 13, 2021

Appeared via Zoom. Surrendered license during COVID. Would like to get back in the reporting field. The recommendation is that She come to the LBCSR office and take a qualifying exam, pay any necessary fees, and obtain continuing education.

Rosie Divincenti so moved, seconded by Christina Carter. Recommendation was accepted with no opposition. Judge O'Neal commented that she is young and Louisiana needs court reporters.

4. Melody Monks, December 31, 2014 inactive status.

Attended via Zoom. Ms. Monks wants to be recertified in Louisiana. She presently is an RPR living in Texas, also licensed in New Mexico and Illinois.

Rosie Divincenti moved for recertifications, seconded by Lauri Bankston. Motion carried with no opposition. She will provide all current certifications, pay reinstatement fees.

#### 5. Cheryl Sablich, December 31, 2023

She was not present. Her license was suspended in May 31, 2024 for non-renewal. Her license was valid until December 31, 2024. Payment received two days later. She has had personal health issues and asked that the Board approve her reinstatement at this time. She will pay her renewal fee for 2025 and 2026.

Rosie Divincenti moves to approve, seconded by Sarah Buxton. Motion carried with no opposition.

#### E. Reciprocal Request

1. Adrienne Michelle Conzemius, IL, MO, WA-Stenotype (8/21/25)
2. Emily Claire Hoskins, NVRA-Stenomask (9/24/25)
3. Elizabeth Julia Kane, NVRA-Stenomask (6/13/25)
4. Margaret Mary Lanier, NCRA-Stenotype (9/13/24)

Rosie Divincenti moved to approve the reciprocal requests in Globo, seconded by Lauri Bankston. Motion carried with no opposition,

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Supreme Court AI and Standardized Fee Study

Jennifer Eagan, LASC present.

Judge O'Neal discussed standardized page rates in Louisiana. Ms. Eagan presented information about Bill 155, which pertains only official reporters. The Bill failed. She presented information to the board from the Supreme Court about the AI and standardized fee study, shortage of court reporters,

what might be feasible as a resource, not to replace the court reporters, but to assist the reporters making their work more efficient and to allow off-site transcription. She thanked the respondents of the LASC survey. She is planning to host a Court Reporter Round table early 2026. The report generated from the survey will be made available to the Legislature in 2026.

Judge O'Neal spoke about AI being new; AI will never replace the court reporter. Rosa Manale asked questions of what is needed to fill the shortage of court reporters. Ms. Eagan, said it is the hope to assist the reporters with a rough draft, voice copy. Technological improvements must be taken. Meg Kramer and Sarah Buxton spoke about their experience with the downfall in testing the AI program. Much discussion was held among the Board.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Review of Board Rules 701-719 Pursuant to JML 25-038

Joshua Force, CSR Board Attorney addressed the hearing process and the need for procedure. He emphasized the questions: were the rules necessary; are they consistent with the governing board; are they aligned with the Board; do the benefits of rules outweigh the need of any changes to be made.

Rosie motioned Rules 701-719 are necessary and consistent with the law and aligns with the mission of the Board. Cristina Carter seconded. Motion carried with no opposition.

Upcoming review of rules will be in 2026 of Nos. 103, 303, 305, 313, 315, 503-509, 1101, 1105, 1107.

## VI. SCHEDULING OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Louisiana Board of Examiners of Certified Court Reporters will be on January 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Committee meetings will be at 10:00 a.m.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Board adjourned at 1:05 p.m.