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**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS**

**OCTOBER 28, 2009**

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened October 28, 2009 at 8:31 a.m. in Room-117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present: John Brandon, Chairperson, Shorthand Reporter  
Patricia Masi, Shorthand Reporter  
Walter Rochow, Shorthand Reporter  
William Mangini, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Cheryl Stern, Public Member  
Joseph N. DeFilippo, Attorney

Board Counsel Present: Jose Rene Martinez, Assistant Attorney General

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon  
Linda Roberts

Public Present: None

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Chairperson Brandon called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The minutes from the July 22, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brandon made a motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Masi seconded, and all were in favor.

There were no items on the agenda for today's meeting.

Mr. Brandon shared with the Board that he received an email from Cheryl Braxton, who holds an administrative position at St. Joseph's College. Ms. Braxton told John that the college was considering offering a Court Reporting program. Time went by, John had not heard back from Cheryl, and emailed her to find out the status. Cheryl told John that the college has put the plans "on hold". John asked for a meeting with the Dean (who would make the decision to run the program or not), and Cheryl said she would set up the meeting. Mr. Brandon would have Bob Miller attend the meeting as well.

Mr. Brandon expressed a concern of the future of the profession (in Connecticut). He pointed out that many of the reporters in the state are nearing retirement age, and with only one school running a court reporting program, there are not many "replacements" coming out. This led to a brief discussion on the status of new reporters entering the profession. Atty. Martinez asked an average starting salary, to which Mr. Brandon responded that it could be a lucrative field, with flexible hours and working conditions. Mr. Mangini pointed out that the training period was intense and could take two years, and might deter one from entering the field. Mr. Brandon shared that years back, people were trained in as little as one year, though he understood that that was not practical now.

Mr. Rochow asked Ms. Masi how many reporters were employed by the State at this time, to which she replied twenty five. She continued to say that the State does not hire any new full-time reporters, as all new hires must work per diem for a period of two or three years for a nominal wage.

Chairperson Brandon asked if there was any more business to be conducted and, there being none, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Brandon  
Chairperson

**The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 8:15 a.m.**