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LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
Of CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS

BOARD MEETING FOR THE LOUISIANA  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CERTIFIED SHORTHAND  
REPORTERS HELD AT THE FIRST PARISH COURT,  
PARISH OF JEFFERSON, DIVISION B CHAMBERS,  
924 DAVID DRIVE, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA 70003,  
ON THE 25th DAY OF MAY 2018, COMMENCING AT  
11:00 A.M. BEFORE MARLANE A. GAILLE, CERTIFIED  
COURT REPORTER IN AND FOR THE STATE OF  
LOUISIANA.

1 APPEARANCES:  
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3 Judge John Lee, Junior, Chairman

4 Vincent P. Borrello, Junior, CCR, RPR, Secretary

5 Milton Donegan, Junior, CCR

6 Suzette M. Magee, CCR

7 Nhung C. Nguyen, Administrator

8 David Marcello, CSR Board Attorney

9 Kimya M. Holmes, CSR Board Attorney

10 Christina M. Wallace, CCR  
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2 JUDGE LEE:

3 Please call the meeting to order.

4 Welcome everybody. It's a pleasure  
5 meeting y'all. I know a few of y'all I've known  
6 in the past, but I'm looking forward to this.

7 I've never been the chairman of a  
8 board. I feel like Frank Sinatra today. But I  
9 look forward to working with y'all.

10 And I want to give y'all each my  
11 personal email address, because I'll never check  
12 the one that Vicki gave me.

13 MS. NGUYEN:

14 I'll be checking that.

15 JUDGE LEE:

16 You'll be checking that? Okay.

17 (Distributes personal email.)

18 Now feel free to contact me at any  
19 time (distributes cell phone number).

20 MS. MAGEE:

21 Can we text?

22 JUDGE LEE:

23 You can text me too. I don't check  
24 that as much, but I do check it.

25 Vinny, you want to lead us in The

1 Pledge of Allegiance?

2 MR. BORRELLO:

3 Sure.

4 (Whereupon The Pledge of Allegiance  
5 was conducted.)

6 JUDGE LEE:

7 Roll call?

8 MS. NGUYEN:

9 Judge John "Johnny" Lee.

10 JUDGE LEE:

11 Yes. Here.

12 MS. NGUYEN:

13 Suzette Magee.

14 MS. MAGEE:

15 Here.

16 MS. NGUYEN:

17 Milton Donegan.

18 MR. DONEGAN:

19 Here.

20 MS. NGUYEN:

21 Kimya Holmes.

22 MS. HOLMES:

23 Here.

24 MS. NGUYEN:

25 Christina Wallace.

1 MS. WALLACE:

2 Here.

3 MS. NGUYEN:

4 Vinny Borrello.

5 MR. BORRELLO:

6 Here.

7 MS. NGUYEN:

8 And Mr. Marcello. David Marcello,  
9 our attorney.

10 MR. MARCELLO:

11 Here.

12 MS. NGUYEN:

13 And we have another board member --  
14 two more, actually, that's not present. Laura  
15 Putnam and also Chrysanthema O'Neill.

16 MR. BORRELLO:

17 Judge, I'll go ahead and make a  
18 motion to approve the minutes of the  
19 February 23, 2018, meeting.

20 JUDGE LEE:

21 Any objection?

22 (No response.)

23 Be it so included.

24 All right. We have plaques made for  
25 the two board members that are no longer with

1 the board, and the past chairman, Judge Bonin.

2 I thought Judge Bonin was going to  
3 be here, but apparently something has come up.  
4 I talked to him on Tuesday -- was it Tuesday?

5 MS. NGUYEN:

6 I think so.

7 JUDGE LEE:

8 So at some point, we'll present the  
9 plaque to him.

10 MS. NGUYEN:

11 And the new board members.

12 JUDGE LEE:

13 And Christina?

14 MS. WALLACE:

15 Christina.

16 JUDGE LEE:

17 Christina Wallace. She's our newest  
18 board member, and we welcome her. And she's the  
19 only one here that's new.

20 MS. NGUYEN:

21 And you.

22 JUDGE LEE:

23 And me.

24 MS. MAGEE:

25 And we welcome you.

1 JUDGE LEE:

2 Thank you. It's good to be  
3 welcomed.

4 All right. Committee reports? Go  
5 to that next?

6 Finance and Operations, who is the  
7 chairman of that committee?

8 MS. NGUYEN:

9 Actually, you want to go over the  
10 new committee assignments?

11 JUDGE LEE:

12 Oh, sure.

13 MS. NGUYEN:

14 The envelope with your name in front  
15 is the list of new committee assignments.

16 JUDGE LEE:

17 Does everybody have a copy of the  
18 2018 CSR committee assignments?

19 (Affirmative responses.)

20 Does anybody have -- well, let's  
21 see.

22 The Advisory Committee on Access  
23 To Justice, we're going to have to change  
24 John Andressen.

25 MS. NGUYEN:

1 I'm sorry. I forgot. I missed him.

2 JUDGE LEE:

3 So at this point, do we appoint  
4 somebody else? Is that something that's up for  
5 discussion now?

6 MR. BORRELLO:

7 Judge, I guess you could -- at your  
8 pleasure you could defer and think about it and  
9 let Vicki know and send an email out to who you  
10 would like to appoint.

11 JUDGE LEE:

12 Is that acceptable to everybody?

13 (Affirmative responses.)

14 That's what we'll do. We'll defer  
15 it at this point and get Vicki to  
16 work on it.

17 MS. NGUYEN:

18 Do you want me to go over the  
19 others?

20 JUDGE LEE:

21 Sure.

22 MS. NGUYEN:

23 Compliance and Discipline: Kimya  
24 Holmes is chair with Milton Donegan and Suzette  
25 Magee as members.

1                    Financing and Operations: Milton  
2 Donegan is going to be chairing. Kimya Holmes  
3 and Vinny Borrello are going to be also members.

4                    Licensing and Continuing Education:  
5 We have Suzette Magee, Chair; Milton and Vinny  
6 are going to be members.

7                    Research and Planning Committee:  
8 Laura Putnam is going to chair. Christina  
9 Wallace and Milton Donegan are going to be in  
10 that committee.

11                    Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Promote  
12 Efficiency in Court Reporting: We have Suzette  
13 Magee is the official. Milton Donegan is going  
14 to be for the freelance, and Chrysanthema  
15 O'Neill is going to be the CDR.

16                    And the Advisory Committee on Access  
17 To Justice we're going to defer to the next  
18 point in time there.

19                    Advisory Committee on Future of  
20 Profession: We have Christina Wallace as the  
21 chair.

22                    Advisory Committee on  
23 Inter-Professional Relations: We have Vinny  
24 Borrello.

25                    And 2019 Legislative Advisory

1 Committee: We have Milton Donegan as chair.

2 And Special Committee on

3 E-Signature/E-Filing: Laura Putnam and Milton  
4 Donegan as co-chairs.

5 JUDGE LEE:

6 Does anybody have any discussion  
7 about this?

8 (No response.)

9 Very good. Then we'll move on.  
10 Committee reports. Finance and  
11 Operations, and that would be  
12 Kimya.

13 MR. DONEGAN:

14 Really?

15 MS. MAGEE:

16 I think it's Milton.

17 JUDGE LEE:

18 Oh, it's Milton? Oh, I skipped the  
19 first name. I'm sorry.

20 MR. DONEGAN:

21 I didn't know I was chairman until  
22 just now.

23 JUDGE LEE:

24 You're right. You're right.

25 MR. DONEGAN:

1 I don't have a report.

2 MR. BORRELLO:

3 Judge, John Andressen was the chair  
4 of this committee at one time, so he would  
5 usually make the report.

6 But I'll go ahead, in his absence --  
7 just go ahead and make an in-globo offer to  
8 accept the finance report at this time.

9 JUDGE LEE:

10 Okay. And that would be under --

11 MS. NGUYEN:

12 "A." Right here.

13 MS. MAGEE:

14 I don't have anything under "A."

15 MS. NGUYEN:

16 It's under "III."

17 MR. DONEGAN:

18 Okay.

19 MS. NGUYEN:

20 "Committee Reports."

21 JUDGE LEE:

22 So there's been a motion to approve  
23 the financial report.

24 MS. MAGEE:

25 I second.

1 JUDGE LEE:

2 Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 All in favor?

5 (Several members respond "Aye.")

6 Motion granted.

7 Next one?

8 MS. NGUYEN:

9 In finance, we have the board  
10 attorney contracts.

11 JUDGE LEE:

12 All right. Next we go to  
13 licensing -- oh --

14 MS. NGUYEN:

15 The board attorney contracts.

16 JUDGE LEE:

17 Board attorney contracts?

18 MR. BORRELLO:

19 I'll make a motion that, if there's  
20 no discussion, for the board to accept the  
21 contracts -- the account contracts and board  
22 attorney contracts.

23 Actually, I'll make an in-globo  
24 motion that the board accepts the contracts  
25 involving the board attorney, accountant, and

1 stenomask grader contract.

2 JUDGE LEE:

3 Any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 All in favor?

6 (Several members respond "Aye.")

7 Motion granted.

8 MS. NGUYEN:

9 Clear Association Membership.

10 MR. BORRELLO:

11 What is the membership?

12 MS. NGUYEN:

13 \$250.

14 MR. BORRELLO:

15 A year? Okay.

16 I'll make a motion that the board  
17 accepts the membership for Clear Association for  
18 \$250 a year.

19 MS. MAGEE:

20 I thought we were going to --

21 MR. BORRELLO:

22 Oh, we decided to -- okay.

23 I'll withdraw that motion and, I  
24 guess, amend my motion to discontinue membership  
25 with Clear.

1 MS. MAGEE:

2 I second.

3 JUDGE LEE:

4 Any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 All those in favor?

7 (Several members respond "Aye.")

8 Can somebody tell me what that  
9 means?

10 MR. BORRELLO:

11 It stands -- it's an acronym for  
12 "Something" Licensing and -- it's a national --

13 MS. MAGEE:

14 Council on Licensure --

15 MR. BORRELLO:

16 Council on Licensure -- it's a  
17 national membership that I think we got involved  
18 with a few years ago as a member but never did  
19 attend any of the seminars or things of that  
20 nature.

21 MR. DONEGAN:

22 We did attend one --

23 MS. MAGEE:

24 Did attend one.

25 MR. DONEGAN:

1           -- when the conference was held in  
2 New Orleans. It was people served on boards in  
3 different capacities.

4           MS. MAGEE:

5           Mostly dealt with nursing, the ones  
6 that we attended.

7           "Council on Licensure Enforcement  
8 and Regulation." Judge Bonin thought it would  
9 be something that would benefit us.

10          JUDGE LEE:

11                 Didn't work out?

12          MS. MAGEE:

13                 It was mostly nursing.

14          MR. BORRELLO:

15                 It didn't pertain to much of  
16 anything that was beneficial for us.

17          JUDGE LEE:

18                 Okay. Got it.

19                 So we go to "B. Licensing and  
20 Continuing Education." And that is Suzette.

21          MS. MAGEE:

22                 So the committee met this morning,  
23 and we went over all of the requests for  
24 continuing education. And we approved all  
25 those -- where's my list.

1 MS. NGUYEN:

2 It's on the agenda. Can you go to  
3 the agenda?

4 MS. MAGEE:

5 Yes. Okay. Under B.1, we  
6 approved -- I'll just make an in-globo motion  
7 that we approved the seminars that are listed  
8 under "B."

9 MR. BORRELLO:

10 I second.

11 JUDGE LEE:

12 Any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 All in favor?

15 (Several members respond "Aye.")

16 Pass.

17 MS. NGUYEN:

18 And then the dates.

19 MS. MAGEE:

20 And then we list -- we have picked  
21 some dates for the qualifying exam and the CDR  
22 and CCR exams.

23 MS. NGUYEN:

24 The qualifying will be on July 20th.  
25 The CCR examination is going to be on August 31,

1 and the CDR exam is going to be on August 17.  
2 And that's going to be at the 15th JDC for the  
3 CDR.

4 MS. MAGEE:

5 And also I'd like to make an  
6 in-globo offering of CE approved credits for  
7 1 through 8 on the "Licensing A." list.

8 MR. BORRELLO:

9 I'll second.

10 JUDGE LEE:

11 Any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 All in favor?

14 (Several members respond "Aye.")

15 Pass.

16 MS. MAGEE:

17 On the agenda there's one  
18 reinstatement request, but she has pulled her  
19 request. So that matter can be taken off.

20 We have four CDRs who have  
21 discontinued their employment. So by matter of  
22 law, they forfeit their license.

23 MR. BORRELLO:

24 Excuse me, Madame Chair.

25 Did they return their certificates

1 to the office yet?

2 MS. MAGEE:

3 Yes. So I'll make an in-globo  
4 motion -- I don't even know how many --

5 MR. BORRELLO:

6 I think five.

7 MS. MAGEE:

8 Okay. I have two retirement  
9 requests; one of them being John Andressen, past  
10 board member, and then the other is Teresa  
11 Procell.

12 And I don't think we have to do  
13 anything with those either. It's just  
14 recordkeeping.

15 We had one reciprocal request for an  
16 RPR who was requesting licensure, and we granted  
17 that. Meredith Hoffpauir.

18 And one inactive, and all her  
19 documentation is in order. She's no longer  
20 living in the state and no longer practicing  
21 court reporting.

22 And that is all.

23 JUDGE LEE:

24 Any discussion? Questions or  
25 anything?

1 (No response.)

2 Okay. Thank you very much.

3 MS. NGUYEN:

4 The compliance.

5 MR. BORRELLO:

6 We passed over Compliance.

7 JUDGE LEE:

8 Let's go back. We'll go back to  
9 III. C. Compliance and Discipline. I think I'm  
10 right.

11 MS. WALLACE:

12 The committee met this morning. We  
13 have one pending complaint, and that is the  
14 complaint of Brian Charles Dugas.

15 We're going to defer this to the  
16 next board meeting. I was given the actual  
17 recording, and I now have the capability of  
18 listening to everything on my computer. So I  
19 just want to doublecheck the transcripts first  
20 and listen to the recordings that I have.

21 MR. DONEGAN:

22 Fill in, Christina, as what the  
23 complaint was.

24 MS. HOLMES:

25 Okay. So the complaint -- there

1 were three things he complained about. One  
2 being a lot of inaudibles, and he said the  
3 inaudible parts were things that made the  
4 complainant look better. So I need to listen to  
5 that.

6 There were two instances where he  
7 believes that specific words were uttered and  
8 the court reporter typed in something else. So  
9 I need to doublecheck that.

10 And one part of the complaint was  
11 that the court reporter did not put the closing  
12 arguments of the plaintiff and the two  
13 defendants who represented themselves. She  
14 agreed that she did not do that, and that it was  
15 a mistake because she was going with two  
16 different computer systems, and she transferred  
17 in the middle of the second day of trial. And  
18 so she has agreed that was not included in the  
19 transcript.

20 So I think that's a moot issue at  
21 that point. So I wanted to check the  
22 discrepancies between words and the inaudibles  
23 that are left out.

24 And so that is the only -- that's  
25 the only pending complaint that we have right

1 now.

2 JUDGE LEE:

3 Okay. Let's go to new business.

4 MR. BORRELLO:

5 Judge, I'm going to make a motion  
6 to add something to the agenda for new business.  
7 It's an issue that the court reporters in  
8 24th Judicial District Court brought to my  
9 attention. If I could make that motion and the  
10 Board could accept that motion to add to the  
11 agenda?

12 JUDGE LEE:

13 Any objection to adding it to the  
14 agenda?

15 (No response.)

16 Go ahead.

17 MR. BORRELLO:

18 Judge, I received a call from a few  
19 of the court reporters in 24th JDC. They're  
20 kind of concerned.

21 They received word from the Fifth  
22 Circuit Court of Appeals that from now on they  
23 want their transcripts digitally signed and sent  
24 to them as a digital file.

25 (Judge Bonin arrives.)

1 JUDGE LEE:

2 Anyone who doesn't know him, this is  
3 Judge Paul Bonin.

4 Let him finish.

5 MR. BORRELLO:

6 Okay. So the issue they have is  
7 they're really concerned. The Fifth -- and this  
8 may also, I'm guessing, Judge, affect your  
9 reporters here with the fifth circuit -- their  
10 concern is the fifth circuit has contacted them  
11 and told them from now on, transcripts on  
12 appeal, they want a digital-signed transcript  
13 and a paperless transcript. The DA's office had  
14 told them that also.

15 The problem is I think there's this  
16 vague -- you know, it's a misconception that the  
17 board has not approved digital signatures yet.  
18 And a digital signature is not simply signing  
19 your name on the certificate and running it  
20 through a scanner and sending it.

21 So their dilemma is that they have  
22 this order from the fifth circuit, but they're  
23 not following the law -- at least the rules and  
24 regulations of the board -- that we haven't  
25 approved digital signatures yet, and there is no

1 legal digital signature as of right now. That's  
2 something that the Board is actually working on  
3 right now in its committee.

4 So I told them I would bring it  
5 before the board and whether -- you know, either  
6 you as the chair or David do some legal research  
7 and contact the fifth circuit. If we want to  
8 take that approach. I don't know.

9 So they're kind of in a predicament  
10 where they want to abide by the fifth circuit's  
11 rule, but they know that's nothing that they  
12 legally can do yet either. So that's the  
13 position they're in.

14 MR. DONEGAN:

15 I guess the question is they could  
16 digitally sign it, but does it hold as a matter  
17 of law.

18 MR. BORRELLO:

19 Well, they can't digitally sign it.  
20 There is no digital signature in effect yet.

21 MS. MAGEE:

22 I thought the law passed.

23 MR. BORRELLO:

24 Pending the board's approval on what  
25 software and implementation to use.

1 MR. MARCELLO:

2 So there are kind of two silos.  
3 There's the cost consideration and then there's  
4 the convenience consideration. Fifth circuit  
5 wants the convenience of using the electronic  
6 form.

7 Would it be acceptable to have the  
8 hard copy produced, certified, and not  
9 necessarily delivered -- but you might as  
10 well -- and then transmit the electronic version  
11 of it so the fifth circuit could use that?

12 It doesn't solve the cost problem.  
13 You're still producing --

14 MR. DONEGAN:

15 I do that now for certain clients.  
16 I tell them that they have to have the original  
17 hard copy, and they said send me an electronic  
18 copy also.

19 MR. BORRELLO:

20 The fifth circuit doesn't want just  
21 an electronic copy. They want a digital-signed  
22 transcript. And now the DA's office is jumping  
23 onboard.

24 JUDGE LEE:

25 Isn't that what's going to happen no

1 matter what? I mean, that is the future.

2 MR. BORRELLO:

3 It is the future, Judge. And that's  
4 the problem with trying to find these -- and  
5 that's what some of the committees have been  
6 talking about; the software that will allow you  
7 to do such a thing where the integrity of the  
8 transcript cannot be compromised.

9 JUDGE LEE:

10 I see.

11 MR. BORRELLO:

12 Just simply signing your certificate  
13 page and sending it through a scanner is not  
14 technically, under our rules, what we're going  
15 to enforce as a digital-signed transcript.

16 MR. MARCELLO:

17 And we're behind where we want to be  
18 on producing this rule to implement the  
19 legislation from a year ago, because we need a  
20 common agreement between the members of the task  
21 force -- not just board members but  
22 representatives of the court reporter  
23 organizations -- everybody wants to see a  
24 demonstration of the technology, whether it's  
25 done by Skype or with somebody present in the

1 room. And it's difficult to get the nine  
2 members of the task force, as many board members  
3 that are interested, myself, and the  
4 representatives of the technology together.

5 Probably the most reasonable target  
6 at this point might be July 9, because Laura  
7 Putnam, who chairs that enterprise, is not able  
8 to be here today.

9 MR. DONEGAN:

10 Two things. I can digitally sign a  
11 transcript right now with RealLegal.

12 MR. BORRELLO:

13 You can, but it's not legally  
14 enforceable.

15 MR. DONEGAN:

16 I understand that. They may not  
17 care.

18 MR. BORRELLO:

19 Well, that's the problem. The fifth  
20 circuit doesn't care. But the reporters do who  
21 feel right now it's a violation.

22 And the other problem you have is  
23 let's say we do approve RealLegal, which is one  
24 of the softwares that allows this stuff. We're  
25 talking about a financial mandate we're putting

1 on a court that may not event want to do that.  
2 I mean, we're talking about a software for  
3 26 court reporters in 24th Judicial District  
4 Court and also down here that will cost  
5 thousands of dollars a year to maintain the  
6 software.

7 JUDGE LEE:

8 Because we have been in the fifth  
9 circuit four times this year, and it's only May.

10 MR. BORRELLO:

11 But just to have that software,  
12 regardless, for 26 court reporters is going to  
13 cost a lot of money.

14 So that's the information that was  
15 presented to me.

16 MR. DONEGAN:

17 RealLegal is about \$150 a month that  
18 I pay for my firm, times 26. Unless they do  
19 another deal. I don't know.

20 MR. BORRELLO:

21 And the fifth circuit just sees it  
22 as a pay bonus transcript. But they're saying,  
23 you know, they want a certified digital  
24 transcript, which does not exist yet.

25 JUDGE LEE:

1 All right. So the task force  
2 meeting is in July, and maybe we'll have a  
3 decision in July.

4 MS. MAGEE:

5 Are they meeting on the same day?

6 MR. MARCELLO:

7 Well, it might be convenient. The  
8 argument is in the morning, so it would have to  
9 be an afternoon meeting.

10 This is another item of new business  
11 that we can add in a moment.

12 MR. BORRELLO:

13 And so the court reporters in 24th,  
14 I guess, are looking to the board for guidance  
15 saying, well, can y'all contact the fifth  
16 circuit and tell them there is no such animal  
17 right now.

18 And I said, I'll bring to the board  
19 what y'all's concerns are. I can't tell you  
20 what -- you know, what the decision is going to  
21 be, you know.

22 What I told them, you know, is as  
23 far as, like, private attorneys or the district  
24 attorney's office, you tell them that's off  
25 limits. You know, the fifth circuit is a

1 different story.

2 JUDGE LEE:

3 That's right.

4 MR. BORRELLO:

5 But as far as a private attorney or  
6 the DA's office, IDB, there is no digital  
7 signature that exists right now.

8 JUDGE LEE:

9 I agree.

10 MR. BORRELLO:

11 I think their concern is the fifth  
12 circuit telling them they want this and then not  
13 having the capability to do it and it not being  
14 recognized by law yet.

15 JUDGE LEE:

16 Got it.

17 MS. WALLACE:

18 I think one thing that needs to be  
19 considered as far as the cost goes is the  
20 savings as far as paper goes.

21 In Shreveport on a criminal -- on  
22 just any criminal case, we have to file an  
23 original and two copies.

24 MS. MAGEE:

25 And three.

1 MS. WALLACE:

2 And on a capital case, we have to do  
3 original and three.

4 MR. BORRELLO:

5 See, we just do an original.

6 MS. WALLACE:

7 That's a lot of paper.

8 So it would be nice to compare the  
9 cost of the software and the savings of the  
10 paper they print.

11 It takes a long time to make those  
12 copies, you know.

13 MR. BORRELLO:

14 That would be a decision also, I  
15 guess, Judge, by you all here and by the judges  
16 at 24th on purchasing that sort of software for  
17 the court reporters too.

18 JUDGE LEE:

19 Right.

20 MR. BORRELLO:

21 So --

22 MR. MARCELLO:

23 Well, it would be a big and  
24 potentially premature investment of money if the  
25 board still has to act.

1 MR. BORRELLO:

2 Sure. Right. And even after that  
3 step. If it's approved, I'm talking about.

4 You know, if it is approved, then  
5 that type of software has to be used. Not  
6 simply just signing your name on a paper and  
7 sending it through a scanner.

8 So that's the predicament they're  
9 facing right now.

10 JUDGE LEE:

11 Let's try to get that resolved in  
12 July then.

13 MR. BORRELLO:

14 Is there any word you would like me  
15 to get back to the court reporters back there?  
16 I think they're wanting to know -- you know, the  
17 fifth circuit is telling them --

18 JUDGE LEE:

19 I would think if they have the  
20 equipment already or have access to the  
21 equipment --

22 MR. BORRELLO:

23 They don't.

24 JUDGE LEE:

25 They don't. Well, then how are you

1 going to scan it?

2 MR. BORRELLO:

3 And that's the predicament they're  
4 in. Because they have judges on the fifth  
5 circuit telling them, well, just sign it and  
6 scan it, you know.

7 JUDGE LEE:

8 I'll make a call to the fifth  
9 circuit on Tuesday.

10 MR. BORRELLO:

11 Okay, Judge. I'll let them know.

12 JUDGE LEE:

13 Let them know I'll make a call, and  
14 I'll get Vicki to send out a memo or something.

15 MR. BORRELLO:

16 Okay. Great.

17 MS. MAGEE:

18 Tell them that scanning and  
19 submitting is not the same as digitally signing.

20 JUDGE LEE:

21 Got it.

22 MR. BORRELLO:

23 And, Judge, I'll send you the rule  
24 or the law that just came into place with the  
25 digital signatures also.

1 JUDGE LEE:

2 Oh, please.

3 MR. BORRELLO:

4 And with that, that's all I have for  
5 new business.

6 MR. MARCELLO:

7 If nobody else has anything, I'll  
8 suggest one additional item that I need to ask  
9 by unanimous vote, and that is an update on the  
10 timing of oral argument in the Veritex fifth  
11 circuit appeal.

12 JUDGE LEE:

13 When is that?

14 MR. MARCELLO:

15 July 9.

16 JUDGE LEE:

17 Wait. That's the same day as the  
18 task force meeting?

19 MR. MARCELLO:

20 Well, that's one reason why July 9  
21 seemed like an appealing date.

22 Do you want to add that by unanimous  
23 vote of the board to the agenda? It's new  
24 business.

25 JUDGE LEE:

1                   Sure.  Go ahead.

2                   MR. MARCELLO:

3                   Apparently, no objections?

4                   JUDGE LEE:

5                   No objection.

6                   (Several members respond "No  
7                   objection.")

8                   MR. MARCELLO:

9                   It's a short report.  The circuit  
10                  informed us at the beginning of this week that  
11                  the oral argument will be held on the morning of  
12                  July 9.  It's in the en banc courtroom.  It  
13                  won't be an en banc sitting.  Just three judges.  
14                  We don't know the names of the panel yet.  We'll  
15                  find that out about a week before the oral  
16                  argument.

17                  So that's a date of interest to  
18                  current and former board members.  I sent out an  
19                  email a little bit earlier today.

20                  JUDGE LEE:

21                  What time is it set for, David?

22                  MR. MARCELLO:

23                  Nine o'clock.

24                  Now there may be multiple settings  
25                  in the morning.  So as we get closer, we can

1 perhaps pin that down more precisely.

2 But everybody is welcome to sit in  
3 and view it.

4 JUDGE LEE:

5 I'll put it on. Okay.

6 MS. NGUYEN:

7 The task force you want meeting that  
8 same day?

9 MR. MARCELLO:

10 Well, when I last spoke with Laura,  
11 who is unable to be here today, we were talking  
12 about that date of July 9 as a potential target  
13 to try and arrange for the technology  
14 demonstration on the digital signatures issue.

15 JUDGE LEE:

16 So talk to her and see if she can  
17 make a time and place.

18 Do y'all have a place for that?

19 MS. NGUYEN:

20 We have it at the board office.

21 MR. BORRELLO:

22 Judge, I'll make a motion that we  
23 return back to No. 2 on the agenda: Discussion  
24 and Action, Appreciation for Service by Board  
25 Members.

1 JUDGE LEE:

2 Good, good. That's what I was going  
3 to next any way.

4 (to Judge Bonin) I know you're a  
5 busy guy.

6 (All rise.)

7 Paul, on behalf of the Louisiana  
8 board of examiners of certified shorthand  
9 reporters, I now present to you in appreciation  
10 of service and devotion as chairman from 2011 to  
11 2018.

12 (Presents plaque.)

13 JUDGE BONIN:

14 Thank y'all very much. I really  
15 appreciate this and have loved -- it was  
16 wonderful serving with y'all. It really was.  
17 And I had a blast myself.

18 Well, y'all have done a great job  
19 for the court reporters and for the state of  
20 Louisiana, and I want to thank y'all for the  
21 great job y'all have done.

22 And y'all are going to love serving  
23 with Johnny Lee, who I've known since we were  
24 teenagers. So great seeing y'all.

25 You don't have any snacks?

1 (Laughter.)

2 JUDGE LEE:

3 All right. Back to this.

4 MS. NGUYEN:

5 And then scheduling of the next  
6 board meeting.

7 JUDGE LEE:

8 Now we have to schedule the next  
9 board meeting. Any suggestions?

10 MR. MARCELLO:

11 July 9 might work for everything.

12 MS. HOLMES:

13 I will be in Florida that week.

14 MR. BORRELLO:

15 I'd like it to be after that.

16 MS. HOLMES:

17 I'll be roasting in Florida that  
18 week.

19 MS. MAGEE:

20 How long could they take to rule?  
21 Months?

22 MR. MARCELLO:

23 It depends on the makeup of the  
24 court. I think possibly September, October,  
25 November. Hopefully before the end of the

1 calendar year.

2 MR. BORRELLO:

3 We we're discussing a possible --  
4 well, Judge, we defer to you.

5 JUDGE LEE:

6 How often?

7 MR. BORRELLO:

8 Every three months.

9 JUDGE LEE:

10 May, June, July.

11 (Judge Bonin leaves.)

12 In August in Baton Rouge, we have  
13 the --

14 MR. BORRELLO:

15 Can we do it that Friday before in  
16 Baton Rouge?

17 MS. HOLMES:

18 What day? I'm sorry?

19 JUDGE LEE:

20 The 24th.

21 MS. NGUYEN:

22 The 24th of August.

23 MS. HOLMES:

24 I am set to start a first-degree  
25 murder of a police officer on the 24th, so I'm

1 moving to Shreveport.

2 MS. MAGEE:

3 We have a first degree of an  
4 officer.

5 MR. BORRELLO:

6 I'm actually -- as long as we have  
7 the forum, I'm in court that week. So that  
8 Friday the 24th is going to be rough for me. If  
9 it's, you know, an early meeting.

10 MS. MAGEE:

11 Is that the -- can we move the exam?

12 MR. BORRELLO:

13 Oh, is that the day of the exam  
14 also?

15 JUDGE LEE:

16 The 25th. Saturday is the exam.

17 MS. MAGEE:

18 No, no, no.

19 JUDGE LEE:

20 No. I'm sorry.

21 MS. MAGEE:

22 The exam is on the 24th. The  
23 seminar is on the 25th.

24 MR. BORRELLO:

25 No. The exam is the 31st.

1 MS. MAGEE:

2 Oh, that's the qualifier.

3 MS. NGUYEN:

4 The qualifier is in July. That's  
5 the date I originally wanted to do.

6 MR. BORRELLO:

7 I'll make it work if the 24th is  
8 good for everybody.

9 JUDGE LEE:

10 Do you want the afternoon?

11 MR. DONEGAN:

12 Afternoon or evening. We've never  
13 had an evening meeting.

14 JUDGE LEE:

15 I'm not opposed to that.

16 MS. NGUYEN:

17 I have a child. Evening meeting?

18 JUDGE LEE:

19 Let's do it at 4:00. Why not.

20 MR. BORRELLO:

21 Fine with me.

22 MR. MARCELLO:

23 Baton Rouge traffic. You might do  
24 better with 2 o'clock.

25 MR. BORRELLO:

1 I think we either do midmorning or  
2 evening. One of the two with Baton Rouge.

3 JUDGE LEE:

4 Where is the seminar?

5 MS. MAGEE:

6 In Baton Rouge.

7 JUDGE LEE:

8 But where?

9 MS. NGUYEN:

10 Probably at the Embassy or Hilton.

11 MR. BORRELLO:

12 We'll do it at the same place.

13 JUDGE LEE:

14 We'll do that.

15 MR. MARCELLO:

16 It's right on Government Street.

17 MS. MAGEE:

18 Let me see.

19 It is at the Hilton.

20 MR. BORRELLO:

21 On the service road.

22 MS. NGUYEN:

23 Yes.

24 MS. MAGEE:

25 No, no. I'm sorry. It's the

1       Marriott on Hilton Avenue.   The old Hilton.

2               JUDGE LEE:

3                       Traffic will be coming out of Baton  
4       Rouge, not leaving Baton Rouge.

5               MS. MAGEE:

6                       Unless you're coming from Lafayette.

7               MR. MARCELLO:

8                       You're going to be in the  
9       bottleneck.

10              JUDGE LEE:

11                      Are you speaking at the seminar?

12              MR. BORRELLO:

13                      We're speaking at the seminar, so  
14       we'll just stay.

15              MS. NGUYEN:

16                      Okay.

17              JUDGE LEE:

18                      All right.   So we'll do 4 o'clock.

19                      Anything else?

20                      (No response.)

21                      Any public comments?

22              ROSE MARIE DIVINCENTI:

23                      Congratulations on your new  
24       appointment, and I think you're going to do  
25       great.

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JUDGE LEE:

Thank you.

Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. BORRELLO:

I'll make the motion to adjourn.

MS. MAGEE:

Second.

JUDGE LEE:

All in favor?

(Several members respond "Aye.")

Pass.

(Meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m.)

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