

**ALBIT Board Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2009**

- I. The Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Transliterators Regular Board Meeting was held at Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and called to order at 1:06 p.m. with a quorum present.
- II. Present were as follows: Melvin Walker, Chair; Judith Gilliam, Vice-Chair; Lisa Gould, Secretary; Lori Pituk, Member; Janice Hawkins, Absent were as follows: Ryan Marcopulos, Member; Cynthia Frey, Member; Ricky Holman, Member; Patricia Sheets, Member.
- III. Also present was Paula “Scout” McCaleb, Executive Director; and Brandy L. Vanorden Licensing Agent and serving as Recording Secretary; Karen Gunter and Ted Kotis serving as Interpreters.
- IV. The meeting was advertised in advance on the Secretary of State’s website located at [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov) in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. It was also advertised on the Board website.
- V. **Motion 2009-01** Lori Pituk made a motion to accept the Minutes for the November 2008 Board Meeting as written. Janice Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Motion 2009-02** Lori Pituk made a motion to Nominate Patricia Sheets as Chair was accepted by acclamation. The motion was passed Unanimously
- VII. **Motion 2009-03** Judith Gilliam made a motion to nominate Lori Pituk as Vice Chair was accepted by acclamation. The motion was passed unanimously.
- VIII. **Motion 2009-4** Janice Hawkins made a motion to nominate Melvin Walker as Secretary accepted by acclamation. The motion was passed unanimously.
- IX. **Motion 2009-5** Judith Gilliam made a motion to proceed with the change of fees, to increase the fees for Licensure to \$175.00 and for Permit and educational permit to \$125.00 as follows in the Rules and Regulations:

**488-X-1-.02**

**Fees.**

- (1) Nonrefundable fees are as follows:
  - (a) Application fee: \$35.00
  - (b) Initial and Renewal fee for Licenses: ~~\$50.00~~ 175.00
  - (c) Initial and Renewal fee for Permits: \$125.00
  - (ed) Returned check fee: \$25.00
  - (de) Late fee assessed on applications

postmarked after March 15 <sup>th</sup> :	\$10.00
(ef) Replacement of License or Permit:	\$7.00
(fg) Upgrading of Educational Permit to Renewable Permit or Permit to License:	No charge
(gh) Roster fee:	\$35.00

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-16-4.

**History: New Rule:** Filed June 11, 2002; effective July 16, 2002. Revised: Filed December 17, 2008; Effective: February 20, 2008

- Janice Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- X. **Motion 2009-6** Janice Hawkins made a motion to state that a public hearing was held on adaption of the purposed rules. Comments were made in support of raising fees as necessary to fund the board and to be constant with fees of other states. One argument was made in opposition to the raised fees because they were not consistent for the alleged license fees for the various Alabama Department of Education employees. Overlooked the letter view because licensing regulations of Department of education over non Interpreters are not analogous to the board's authorities over the interpreters. Lori Pituk seconded the motion. The motion was anonymously passed
- XI. **Motion 2009-7** Lori Pituk mad a motion to accept Sheri Cates request to waiver of exemption for one year. Janice Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion did not pass by vote Janice Hawkins for, opposed by Judith Gilliam, Lori Pituk, Lisa Gould.
- XII. There being no further Board business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced that the next Board Meeting was scheduled for May 22, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melvin Walker, Chairman

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Judith Gilliam, Vice-Chairman

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Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

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Brandy L. VanOrden, Licensing Agent and Serving as Recording Secretary