COURT REPORTERS BOARD OF CALIFORNIA Partial minutes from August 9, 2007 meeting

<u>CONTINUING EDUCATION – PROPOSED NEW STATUTORY</u> <u>LANGUAGE</u>

Ms. Fenner stated after discussions with staff legal counsel and with the Continuing Competency Committee, the better route would be to pass the requirement for continuing education legislatively and then develop the detail issues, such as how many hours, tracking of the hours, etc., through the regulatory process. Ms. Fenner then made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed statutory language to establish a continuing education program and to authorize the Executive Officer to locate an author for the bill and make non-substantive changes as necessary. (Staff counsel Ms. Norine Marks made a suggestion to place the language of continuing education under Business and Professions Code section 8024 rather than 8008). Mr. Hisserich seconded the motion; **MOTION CARRIED**.

(new) <u>Business and Professions Code 8024.8</u>, "To require mandatory continuing education as a condition of license renewal. Continuing education providers shall be approved by the Board. The Board in its discretion may exempt from the continuing education requirement any licensee who for reasons of health, military service, or undue hardship cannot meet these requirements."