

State of Nevada Certified Court Reporters Board
Legislative Regulations Committee Meeting – September 9, 2025
Agenda Item #9

For possible action; review proposed language for unlicensed practices; amend as needed and submit findings to the Board.

Speakers: William LaBorde – Legislative Regulations Committee Chair

History:

The language for unlicensed practices was originally introduced as a regulation. The committee and the Board approved the language and we ran it by Senator Daly for further input. He did not approve the language but said we were getting close. He understood the necessity of the language and suggested to submit it as a BDR. The Board later trimmed the language down to 1 paragraph and added the language to SB 191. In the end, this language was removed from the bill and did not pass.

Upon review by the committee, a determination to proceed as is, amend or withdraw the proposed language and will be presented to the Board.

Previously approved by the committee and Board as a regulation:
NAC 656.XXX Certificate or license required. (NRS 656.020)

1. *A person or business entity may not perform or offer to perform the practice of court reporting if the person or business entity does not hold a current certificate or license in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.*
2. *It is unlawful for any uncertified person or unlicensed business entity to engage in, or attempt to engage in, the business of, act in the capacity of, advertise or assume to act as, a:*
 - (a) *certified court reporter; or*
 - (b) *court reporting firm.*
3. *For the purposes of this section, a person or business entity is considered to hold themselves out as engaged in the practice of court reporting if the person or business entity represents to persons that they are a certified court reporter or licensed court reporting firm. Such representation occurs with any written or verbal communication which represents the person or business entity to be a certified court reporter or court reporting firm or other similar title commonly understood to express in the practice of court reporting.*
4. *Prior to the beginning of any proceedings taken under these rules, the certified court reporter must display to all counsel initially present, and to each other person attending the proceeding who is not represented by counsel, proof that the certified court reporter has been certified as required by this rule.*
5. *The Board, or any person designated by the Board, may proffer a complaint for a violation of this section before any court of competent jurisdiction and may assist in presenting the law or facts upon any trial for a violation of this section, and may take the necessary legal steps through the proper legal offices of this State to enforce the provisions thereof.*
6. *The district attorney of each county shall prosecute all violations of this section in their respective counties in which violations occur unless prosecuted by the Attorney General. Upon the request of the Board or any person designated by the Board, the Attorney General shall prosecute any violation of this section in lieu of the district attorney.*

As introduced in SB 191 and did not pass:

NRS 656.300 Practice without certificate and conducting business without license prohibited; penalties.

1. A natural person who has not been issued a certificate or whose certificate has been suspended or revoked shall not engage in the practice of court reporting.

2. A business entity that has not been issued a license or whose license has been suspended or revoked shall not conduct business as a court reporting firm.

3. *A natural person who does not hold a certificate of registration pursuant to NRS 656.145 or a business entity that is not licensed pursuant to NRS 656.185 that records a proceeding using video, audio or both shall not transcribe or certify any transcript of a proceeding described in NRS 656.030 (10) or advertise or use any identifying term that may indicate to the public that the natural person or business entity is entitled to practice as a certified court reporter.*