

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2005
HUDSON ROOM - 6TH FLOOR

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Pursuant to those provisions, the proper notifications were made to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Camden Courier-Post, the Trenton Times, the Asbury Park Press, the Record and the Star-Ledger. Andrew DuBoff, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. The following roll call was taken:

Keith Balla, CPA Present
Robert Cagnassola, CPA Present
Andrew DuBoff, CPA Present
Bennie Hadnott, CPA Present
Albertus Jenkins, Public Member Present
Donald Jump, CPA Excused
Aubrey Kosson, CPA Present
Herbert Lipman, CPA Present
Margaret Shoe, Public Accountant Present
Robert Sommer, Public Accountant Present
John Tully, CPA, Government Member Present

Also present at the meeting were William Mandeville, Executive Director; Marianne Greenwald, Deputy Attorney General; Dale Nelson, CPA, Director of Accountancy; Melba Perez, Assistant to the Executive Director; Marie Lisa, Board Staff; Jonathan Eisenmenger, Board Staff; Jaleila Wilson, Board Staff and Mike Polito, CPA, Past President, NJSCPA.

I Minutes of the Meeting of February 17, 2005

On a motion made by Margaret Shoe, seconded by Herbert Lipman, the Board voted to accept the February 17, 2005 Public Session minutes as presented. The vote of the Board was nine voting in favor with John Tully abstaining.

II President's Remarks

President DuBoff informed the Board that a thank you note was received from Alfonso Pisano's daughter.

President DuBoff informed the Board that the Society has established a scholarship fund in memory of Alfonso Pisano. A ceremony will take place at the Sheraton in Woodbridge on April 21, 2005 and the scholarship will be presented. President DuBoff will be contacting Carol Pisano and extend an invitation to her so that she may be present.

President DuBoff commented on the letter received from Montclair State University. The Board had previously sent a letter to all colleges and universities in New Jersey informing them that all students must comply with the requirements set in order to obtain licensure in the State of New Jersey. The letter from Montclair State University was accepted as informational.

President DuBoff informed the Board that the AICPA fee increase proposal has been deferred.

President DuBoff informed the Board that he attended a NASBA UAA Section 23 Task Force meeting on March 3, 2005. The Task Force is trying to get as many jurisdictions as possible to adopt the cross-border practice provisions of UAA Section 23. There will be more information provided in future Board meetings.

III Executive Director's Remarks

Executive Director Mandeville had no report for the Board.

IV Regulatory Analyst - 11:00 A.M.

Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan discussed with the Board changes to the rules regarding the fee schedule.

Ms. Sheehan informed the Board that the proposed rules will be published in the New Jersey Register in May 2005. The old rules have been extended for six months, until the new rules are exposed and finalized by November 10, 2005.

The Board requested that a \$25.00 fee be charged for duplicate licenses, which is the standard fee for duplicate licenses of all classes. The CPE Sponsors renewal should be changed from biennial to triennial. An initial licensure fee of \$50.00 will be charged to all newly licensed public school accountants.

On a motion made by Robert Cagnassola, seconded by John Tully, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Ms. Sheehan to make the required changes to the proposed rules.

V Request for Waiver to Endorse License

A Salvatore Reda

Salvatore Reda is requesting a waiver to reciprocate his New York license. Mr. Reda is lacking three semester hours in Finance.

On a motion made by Margaret Shoe, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to grant Mr. Reda's request for reciprocity, based on N.J.S.A. 45:2B-53(b). Mr. Reda has been practicing for 18 years. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B Marc S. Moonin

Marc Moonin is requesting a waiver to reciprocate his Pennsylvania license. Mr. Moonin is lacking ten semester hours in Liberal Arts.

On a motion made by Robert Sommer, seconded by Bennie Hadnott, the Board voted to grant Mr. Moonin's request for reciprocity based on N.J.S.A. 45:2B-53(b). The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C Yasemin G. Agatan

Yasemin Agatan is requesting a waiver to reciprocate her Pennsylvania license. Ms. Agatan is lacking two semester hours in Business Law and two semester hours in Finance.

On a motion made by Robert Sommer, seconded by Margaret Shoe, the Board voted to grant Ms. Agatan's request for reciprocity based on N.J.S.A. 45:2B-53(b). The vote of the Board was unanimous.

VI New Business

A Sample Draft of Letter for Retaking CPA Exam

This matter has been moved to Executive Session for advice of legal counsel.

B Assembly Bill 3829

On a motion made by John Tully, seconded by Keith Balla, the Board voted to oppose this Bill as it stands, but to suggest that a reasonable compromise would be to extend the ability to sit for the CPA exam with

120 hours of education until only July 1, 2009. The reason for the position is our desire to have New Jersey's requirements remain consistent with that of our neighboring states. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C Correspondence from the State of Maryland

The information received was accepted as informational.

D Correspondence from the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants

The information received was accepted as informational.

E Greenberg letter re: Referral fee payments

After a discussion, the Chair directed that Executive Director Mandeville send a letter to Mr. Greenberg informing him that payment of fees as described in his letter would be acceptable, with appropriate disclosure.

VII NASBA Matters

A Focus Questions

After a discussion of the questions, the Board, on a motion made by Keith Balla, seconded by Robert Sommer, voted unanimously to authorize Andrew DuBoff and William Mandeville to complete the reply and submit it to NASBA.

B NASBA Board Resolution/Exam Fees

Effective January 2006 AICPA has agreed to the resolution on fees. Prometric may increase their fees as it is stated in the CBT agreement.

VIII Scholarship in Memory of Alfonso Pisano

The letter received from NJSCPA was accepted as informational.

IX Committee Reports

A CPA Examination Committee

Aubrey Kosson had no report for the Board.

B Ethics Committee

John Tully reported to the Board on the March 8th Committee meeting with certain Law and Ethics Course providers. The NJSCPA would like to use a case study in the new course they are designing. Other providers would like to obtain actual cases from the Board so they can perform the case studies. Mr. Tully informed the Board that Mike Polito presented an excellent course. There should be another committee meeting scheduled between 60 to 90 days. Mr. Tully will find out what dates are available to schedule a meeting. Before the meeting is scheduled there should be a conference call meeting.

C CPE Committee

Robert Sommer informed the Board that he would be participating in the CPE Conference to be held in New Orleans on March 21-23, 2005.

D RMA Committee

Robert Cagnassola had no report for the Board.

E QE Committee

Dale Nelson stated that there would be a meeting of the full Committee in late May 2005.

F Education Committee

Bennie Hadnott updated the Board regarding the NASBA Education Committee meeting and concerns with the 150 credit hours.

G Reciprocity Committee

Herbert Lipman had no report for the Board.

H Nominating Committee

Herbert Lipman reported to the Board the following nominations to be voted on at the April 21, 2005 Board meeting.

President: Andrew DuBoff

Vice President: John Tully

Secretary: Keith Balla

Treasurer: Albertus Jenkins

I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

Robert Sommer had no report for the Board.

J Planning Committee

Margaret Shoe had no report for the Board.

K Monitoring Profession Committee

Herbert Lipman reported to the Board that there may be another Monitoring Profession Committee meeting scheduled for May 2005.

X Public Comments

Mike Polito informed the Board that the State Society is thinking about developing a new course that describes the difference between active and inactive licenses, and also what the CPE requirements are for renewals.

On a motion made by Keith Balla, seconded by Margaret Shoe, the Board voted to adjourn the Public Session meeting at 12:15 P.M. to reconvene in Executive Session to review the Investigative Inquiry from March 8, 2005, five requests for reinstatement, one request for inactive status, two old business matters, three new business matters, one AICPA matter and five Consumer Complaints. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mandeville
Executive Director