

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2010
MONMOUTH ROOM - 7TH FLOOR**

I Call to Order and Roll Call - 9:30 A.M.

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. Board President Donald Jump called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The following roll call was taken:

Keith Balla, CPA	Present
Robert Cagnassola, CPA	Excused
John Dailey, Jr., CPA	Present
Daniel J. Geltrude, CPA	Present
Albertus Jenkins, Public Member	Present
J. Frank Johnson, Public Accountant	Present
Donald Jump, CPA	Present
Paul J. Lerch, CPA	Present
Michael S. Taxin, Public Accountant	Present
Peter Torok, Public Member	Present
Steven Weinstein, CPA	Present (9:50 A.M.)

Also present at the meeting were William Mandeville, Executive Director; Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General; Melba Rodriguez, Secretarial Assistant; Marie Lisa, Staff; Mike Polito, Past President, NJSCPA; Dorothy Nicholson, Brite Star Scanning; Wade Alimam, Brite Star Scanning, Judy Mejia, Metro Scanning; Abbe Morello, Metro Scanning and David Plaskow, Editor, NJSCPA Magazine.

Board President Jump opened the meeting by introducing a new Board member, Daniel Geltrude. He welcomed Mr. Geltrude on behalf of the Board and asked him to introduce himself to all present. Mr. Geltrude stated that he is a CPA and practices in the Nutley area. His practice consists of 20-25 people and they perform a variety of professional services. He attended Rider College and has a Masters in Taxation. The Board welcomed Mr. Geltrude to the Board of Accountancy.

II Minutes of the Meeting of September 16, 2010

On a motion made by J. Frank Johnson, seconded Keith Balla, the Board voted to approve the September 16, 2010 Public Session minutes with corrections. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

III President's Remarks

Board President Jump had no report for the Board.

IV Executive Director's Remarks

Executive Director Mandeville had no report for the Board.

V Legislative Matters

A Maryann Sheehan, Regulatory Analyst - 10:00 A.M.

Regulatory Analyst reported to the Board that the revised regulations resulting from the "Sunset Rules" will appear in the New Jersey Register on November 15, 2010, with a 60 day comment period following. Regulatory Analyst also informed the Board that the fees that were proposed regarding duplication of documents were removed from the board approved version of the regulations because of recent changes to OPRA. This matter was discussed with the Executive Director and the DAG before the change was made. After the comment period has ended, Regulatory Analyst will attend a future Board meeting to discuss the comments received with the Board.

B Re-adoption of N.J.A.C. 13:45C Licensee duty to cooperate and comply

This matter was accepted as informational.

VI Request For Waiver

A Hemant Desai

Hemant Desai requested an endorsement waiver from the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Desai is lacking 14 semester hours in Accounting, 4 semester hours in Business Law, 4 semester hours in Finance, 6 semester hours in Economics and 14 semester hours in Business/Accounting elective.

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Peter Torok, the Board voted to approve Mr. Desai's request for reciprocity through the State of Pennsylvania based on N.J.A.C.45:2B-53. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

VII Request for Reactivation of an Inactive-Paid CPA License

A John J. Detano

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Michael Taxin, the Board voted to approve Mr. Detano's request for reinstatement of his CPA license. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B Juan F. Rawls

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Michael Taxin, the Board voted to inform Mr. Rawls that he must complete the 56 live credits he is lacking. After completion of the courses he may re-apply for re-activation of his CPA license. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

VIII Miscellaneous

A Joseph Smith, Manager - Deloitte

Mr. Smith is requesting clarification of the N.J.S.A. 45:2B-53 regarding endorsement applicants.

On a motion made by Keith Balla, seconded by Steven Weinstein, the Board voted to inform Mr. Smith that the Board does not respond to hypothetical questions and that reciprocity matters are handled on a case by case basis. The Board determined that a letter be sent to Mr. Smith with a copy of the Board's regulations. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B Karen Muckenthaler

This matter was previously reviewed by the Board at its January 2010 Board meeting. Ms. Muckenthaler's husband, a licensee, passed away and Ms. Muckenthaler was at that time in the process of selling his practice.

Ms. Muckenthaler is now writing to the Board to inform that the practice has now been sold.

The Chair directed that the letter provided be accepted as informational.

IX Committee Reports

A CPA Examination Committee

Steven Weinstein had no report for the Board.

B Ethics Committee

Keith Balla had no report for the Board.

C CPE Committee

Keith Balla had no report for the Board.

D RMA Committee

It was reported that the RMA Examination is set for December 3, 2010.

E QE Committee

No report was given.

F Education Committee

Albertus Jenkins had no report for the Board.

G Reciprocity Committee

Keith Balla had no report for the Board.

H Nominating Committee

No report was given.

I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

John Dailey had no report for the Board.

J Planning Committee

Albertus Jenkins had no report for the Board.

K Monitoring Profession Committee

John Dailey reported to the Board that a meeting will be scheduled shortly to begin the audit of licensee CPE credits.

X Public Comments

Ralph Albert Thomas, Executive Director of the NJSCPA, gave the following report to the Board:

Important Society Dates

- November 3- 6, 2010- Society Get Away Convention will be held at the LaPlaya Resort in Naples, FL.
- Week of November 15th, 2010- Commencement of Society's Pay-it-Forward Program. This is program where Society members visit New Jersey high schools to meet with students and discuss careers in accounting. The program also provides an opportunity for the Society to promote its high school scholarship program.
- November 30, 2010- Town Hall Meeting and celebration for Paul Stahlin, AICPA Chairman at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ.
- April 28, 2011- 51st Annual NJSCPA Scholarship Ceremony
- June 8-10, 2011- Society's 6th Annual New Jersey Convention and Expo will be held at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

Society Activities on Legislative and Regulatory Matters

The Society is monitoring the following legislation and regulatory activities:

- S 672 and A 2396, Tax Preparers Licensing Act- Again, no activity has transpired on these bills. The primary sponsors continue to agree to hold the bills. The Society and its peer State Societies will continue their grass root initiatives to ask the Service to slow its efforts to create an exam and establish education requirements for unlicensed tax preparers.
- Since the last meeting of the Board, nothing has changed regarding the mandatory audit firm initiative by the State. The administration is still pausing to revisit the Comptroller's recommendation and look at what practices are being used by the SEC and other regulatory bodies to enhance the audit firm selection process and independence.
- This past Tuesday, at the fall meeting of AICPA Council, former State Society President Paul Stahlin was installed as the 98th Chairman of the AICPA. More than 25 twenty five New Jerseyans, including 14 past presidents of the Society we in attendance. In addition, Messrs. Jump, Cagnassola and Dailey from the State Board of Accountancy and other members and friends of the NJSCPA attended the meeting. During his installation speech, Paul indicated that one of his focuses' would be to relook at the AICPA vision project which was undertaken in 1997/1998, to reassess its appropriateness for 2011 and beyond.
- Leadership from the Society attended the Fall Meeting of AICPA council where they received updates on the IRS Tax Preparer Registration initiative, Blue Ribbon Panel on Private Company Financial Reporting and status updates on the tax extenders, the Bush tax policies that are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010. The Blue Ribbon Panel has recommended that there be differential reporting for businesses that are not publicly traded and that a separate board opposite FASB be established to identify and set policies specific for small businesses that are not publicly traded. Members of Council also heard from three futurists about their vision of the economy, technology and social and human resources.

On a motion made by Michael Taxin, seconded by Albertus Jenkins, the Board voted to adjourn the Public Session meeting at 10:20 A.M. to reconvene in Executive Session to discuss the results of the October 14, 2010 Investigative Inquiry Committee, one matter of New Business, one Request for CPE Waiver, two Requests for Reinstatement, three PCAOB reports and three Consumer Complaints. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mandeville
Executive Director