

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2010  
SOMERSET ROOM - 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 Vice-President Keith Balla called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following roll call was taken:

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

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; Jeff Kaszerman, NJSCPA; Alfred A. Strolis, NJ Association of Public Accountants and David Plaskow, Editor, NJSCPA Magazine.

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## **II Minutes of the Meeting of October 21, 2010**

On a motion made by Daniel Geltrude, seconded by Albertus Jenkins, the Board voted to approve the October 21, 2010 Public Session minutes with corrections. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

## **III President's Remarks**

No report was provided to the Board.

## **IV Executive Director's Remarks**

Executive Director Mandeville called attention to the monitors and IT Equipment and informed everyone that our Board is the first to use an electronic agenda. The representatives in attendance from Bright Star Scanning have been very helpful in scanning the information so the Board can view meeting documents on the monitors.

Executive Director Mandeville reminded the Board that the December meeting will commence with the Executive Session, starting at 9:30 A.M., with Public Session to follow at approximately 11:15 A.M. The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held following the meeting at Maize which is located inside the Robert Treat Hotel.

## **V Request For Waiver**

A Baljeet Singh

Baljeet Singh is requesting an endorsement waiver from the State of California. Mr. Singh is lacking 13 semester hours in general education toward the 150 credit requirement.

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to deny Mr. Singh's request for endorsement. Mr. Singh is to be informed that he must obtain the credits he is lacking or obtain the four years experience within ten years and apply for endorsement under N.J.S.A. 45:2B-53. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B Leena Irlen

Leena Irlen is requesting an endorsement waiver from the State of Colorado. Ms. Irlen is requesting a waiver under the "4 in 10" rule. She is lacking nine semester hours in Accounting, six semester hours in Finance, one semester hours in Business Law and 46 semester hours in Liberal Arts.

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to approve Ms. Irlen's request for endorsement under N.J.S.A. 45:2B-53. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**VI Request for Additional Time to Submit the NJ Law & Ethics CPE Credits**

A Angela A. Bio

Correspondence was received from Angela A. Bio wherein she requests three years to submit the requested proof of compliance with the NJ Law and Ethics CPE requirement for the triennial period ended December 31, 2008. Ms. Bio stated that she will be overseas for the next three years. She claims to have attended a NJ Law & Ethics CPE course on November 15, 2007 but is unsure of which provider's course she attended.

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board denied Ms. Bio's request and suggested that she contact the six approved providers to determine whose course she attended and then have them send proof of attendance directly to the Board. If the Board receives the requested documentation then Ms. Bio will not have to provide proof of the rest of her CPE credits. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**VII Committee Reports**

A CPA Examination Committee

No report was given.

B Ethics Committee

John Dailey recused himself from this matter and exited the room.

Keith Balla informed the Board that he received NJ Law & Ethics CPE information from Timothy Gearity informing the Board that they have included 20 additional questions to their course.

The Board would like to approve the Gearity course but is unable since, with Mr. Dailey's recusal, there was not a quorum. The Board authorized Executive Director Mandeville to contact Mr. Lerch, a member of the committee, to obtain the necessary votes for approval.

Mr. Balla reported that there are several CPE providers that have submitted courses to the Board. These providers will be discussed in Executive Session. In addition, there was one webcast submitted but has not yet been addressed.

C CPE Committee

Keith Balla informed the Board that a meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

D RMA Committee

Robert Cagnassola informed the Board that the exam will be held on December 3, 2010.

E Peer Review Program Committee

Robert Cagnassola reported to the Board that a meeting was held November 10, 2010. Letters of notification will be sent to all firms informing them of the new regulation. Included with these letters will be a copy of the Peer Review regulation. Firm registrations expire June 30, 2012 and by then everyone should have concluded a peer review and the results should be in the licensing system.

F Education Committee

Albertus Jenkins had no report for the Board.

G Reciprocity Committee

Keith Balla informed the Board that he forwarded his reciprocity information to Paul Lerch, the new committee chair.

H Nominating Committee

Robert Cagnassola had no report for the Board.

## I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

John Dailey informed the Board that the revised regulations under the sunset rules appeared in the New Jersey Register on November 15, 2010.

## J Planning Committee

Albertus Jenkins had no report for the Board.

## K Monitoring Profession Committee

John Dailey stated that CPE audits have commenced and that the next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2010.

## VIII Public Comments

Jeff Kaszerman of the NJSCPA informed the Board of the following events.

- Week of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Commencement of Society's Pay-it-Forward Program. This is program where Society members visit New Jersey high schools to meet with students to talk about the accounting profession and what CPAs do in today's environment. In addition to promoting CPA profession by sharing information about career opportunities, 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. Board members are invited to attend.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Society will have its annual Holiday Board meeting and luncheon. All members of the State Board should have received an invitation to attend the holiday lunch.
- April 28, 2011- 51<sup>st</sup> Annual NJSCPA Scholarship Ceremony
- June 8-10, 2011- Society's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey Convention and Expo will be held at the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

Mr. Kaszerman then gave a brief report on the following legislation and regulatory activities in Trenton:

- S 672 and A 2396, Tax Preparers Licensing Act- No activity has transpired on these bills, and bill sponsors continue to hold the bills. However, IRS has begun implementing its PTIN recommendation. As noted previously, IRS on

September 27<sup>th</sup> issued notification that all tax practitioners and preparers had to register and obtain a PTIN by January 1, 2011. This requirement includes non-signing preparers as well. The AICPA along with state CPA societies continues to lobby the IRS regarding examination and educational requirements for tax preparers who are required to register and obtain PTIN numbers. The profession is especially concerned about these requirements as they relate to non-signers who work in CPA firms. It should be noted that CPAs, attorneys and Enrolled Agents would be exempted from exam and educational requirements.

- Since the Board's October meeting, it appears that things have quieted down with respect to the mandatory audit firm rotation initiative. We have been made aware that firms who have been the incumbent auditors for more than 10 years have been allowed to bid on and awarded audit engagements.
- The Society's Chair of the State Tax Resource Group has been appointed to the Division of Taxation's Tax Director Advisory Council. This Council which is comprised of 15 tax practitioners and tax payers will advise the Director and his staff about potential changes to enhance both policies and processes within the Division. Specifically, the Director is looking for potential policy and processes that other jurisdictions have that could be employed in New Jersey. The Society's representative appears to be the only CPA on the Council. Additionally, Society member Brain Levine, who currently serves as the Mayor of Franklin Township and was a candidate for Governor in during last year's election, has been appointed to Red Tape Commission that is chaired by the Lt. Governor.

On a motion made by Michael Taxin, seconded by Albertus Jenkins, the Board voted to adjourn the Public Session meeting at 10:45 A.M. to reconvene in Executive Session to discuss one matter of Old Business, four Consumer Complaints and one Request for Reinstatement. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mandeville  
Executive Director