

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2011
SOMERSET ROOM - 6TH 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 Keith Balla called the meeting to order at 9:45 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	Excused
Albertus Jenkins, Public Member	Present
Donald Jump, CPA	Present
Paul J. Lerch, CPA	Present
Michael S. Taxin, Public Accountant	Present
Steven Weinstein, CPA	Present

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session first to be followed by Public Session. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Also present at the meeting were William Mandeville, Executive Director; Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General; Melba Rodriguez, Secretarial Assistant; Marie Lisa, Staff; Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA; Mike Polito, Past President, NJSCPA; Jeff Kaszerman, NJSCPA and David Plaskow, Editor, NJSCPA Magazine.

The Public Session reconvened at 11:05 A.M.

II Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2011

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Steven Weinstein, the Board voted to approve the November 17, 2011 Public Session minutes with corrections. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

III President's Remarks

Board President Balla thanked the Board for all their hard work and prays that God will continue to bless everyone in this coming year. Board President Balla wished everyone a very joyous holiday.

IV Executive Director's Remarks

Executive Director Mandeville thanked the Board, DAG Palan and the staff for all the hard work with the audit. Considering the Board is very short staffed, the job was very well done. Executive Director Mandeville wished everyone a very happy holiday.

V Uniform Penalty Letter in Lieu of Formal Complaint for CPE Audit

A REQUESTED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

1. Ella Theting
2. Evangelia VanPatten
3. Louis A. Bruni
4. Charles J. Lange, Jr.
5. Luois F. Siwy
6. Joseph M. Abbott

On a motion made by Michael Taxin, seconded by Albertus Jenkins, the Board voted to approve the Requests to Voluntarily Surrender their licenses. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B PAID PENALTY AND REQUESTED INACTIVE-PAID STATUS

1. Terry Aranoff - \$8,000 - 16 month payment plan

On a motion made by Donald Jump, seconded by Jon Dailey, the Board voted to approve the Paid Penalty and Request for Inactive-Paid Status. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C REQUESTED BOARD TO CONSIDER EXPLANATION

1. Himanshu Choksi

On a motion made by Donald Jump, seconded by John Dailey, the Board voted to rescind the UPL issued and inform Mr. Choksi that he must make up the NJ Law & Ethics credits. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Anthony J. Cavallo

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Paul Lerch, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

3. Barbara A. Godshalk

This matter was moved to Executive Session for further review.

4. Anthony B. Pimpinelli

ON a motion made by Paul Lerch, seconded by John Dailey, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

5. Robert A. Cantor

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to rescind the UPL and inform Mr. Cantor that he must make up the NJ Law & Ethics credits. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

6. Michael S. Berry

On a motion made by Steven Weinstein, seconded by Albertus Jenkins, the Board voted to reduce the UPL to \$500.00. The vote of the Board was five voting in favor with three voting no. Motion carried to reduce the UPL to \$500.00.

7. Anthony P. Scorilli

The Chair directed that this matter be tabled.

8. Valerie A. Crocker

On a motion made by Paul Lerch, seconded by Steven Weinstein, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

9. Michele Salami

On a motion made by Paul Lerch, seconded by John Dailey, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

10. Chen Wha Cheng

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Steven Weinstein, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

D ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO CONSIDER - JOHN DAILEY TO REPORT

1. Elizabeth Kang

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to rescind the UPL. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Lois M. Wesnofske

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Donald Jump, the Board voted to that Ms. Wesnofske supply the Board with financial information that prevented her from complying with the CPE requirements for renewal period 01/01/06 thru 12/31/08. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

3. Wayne Bottlick

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Donald Jump, the Board voted to rescind the UPL issued. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Ralph J. Anderson, Jr.

On a motion made by Robert Cagnassola, seconded by Donald Jump, the Board voted to approve Mr. Anderson's request to Voluntary Surrender his CPA license. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Addendum Agenda

Uniform Penalty Letter in Lieu of Formal Complaint for CPE Audit

A Requested Voluntary Surrender

1 Dek-Hwang Cho

On a motion made by Robert Cagnassola, seconded by Donald Jump, the Board voted to accept Mr. Cho's request to voluntarily surrender his license. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B Pay Penalty and Requested Inactive-Paid Status

1 John T. Pello - \$1,000 - paid

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Michael Taxin, the Board voted to accept Mr. Pello's paid penalty and request to place his CPA license in inactive-paid status. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C Pay Penalty and Make Up Credits

1 Virginia C. Avrutin - \$1,500 - paid

2 Joseph Garagozzo - \$6,000 - payment plan 16 payments

3 John Mahoney - \$3,000 - paid

On a motion made by Albertus Jenkins, seconded by John Dailey, the Board voted to accept the paid penalties and the requests to make up the credits. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

VI Miscellaneous

A Kenneth A. Debrowski

The Board received correspondence wherein Mr. Debrowski is requesting that the Board inform him how the process was determined on the CPE penalties for the CPE audit that was conducted.

The Chair directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Debrowski thanking him for his letter and informing him that he may attend any future Public Session Board meetings if he wishes.

VII Committee Reports

A CPA Examination Committee

Steven Weinstein had no report for Board.

B Ethics Committee

No report was given.

C CPE Committee

Steven Weinstein informed the Board that there are some courses to review by the Committee. As soon as they have been reviewed the results will be provided to the full Board.

D RMA Committee

Robert Cagnassola informed the Board that the RMA examination was administered on December 2, 2011 and 14 candidates sat for it. The exam has not been graded yet. Mr. Cagnassola informed the Board that Board President Balla, John Tully and himself proctored the exam along with the staff.

E Peer Review Program Committee

Robert Cagnassola informed the Board that a meeting was held on November 18, 2011. Mr. Cagnassola informed the Board that a meeting with the director will be held at the end of the December Board meeting to ensure that the program is up and running.

F Education Committee

Albertus Jenkins had no report for the Board.

G Reciprocity Committee

Paul Lerch had no report for the Board.

H Nominating Committee

Donald Jump had no report for the Board.

I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

John Dailey reported to the Board that a meeting was held on November 29, 2011 to discuss four items of interest. One issue was a letter from Irene Douma, Professor at Montclair State University regarding full time instructors. Ms. Douma questions whether public teaching duties outside their full time employment can receive credits. Mr. Dailey informed the Board that this time the rule would not be amended.

J Planning Committee

Albertus Jenkins had no report for the Board.

K Monitoring Profession Committee

John Dailey reported to the Board that a final count will be provided at the January Board meeting.

VIII Public Comments

Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA reported on important Society dates:

- December 13, 2011- NJBIA Public Policy Forum at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, Iselin, NJ where the Society was an event sponsor and Carole Hedinger, NJSCPA President, was a panelist on the Economic Outlook Panel
- January 17, 2012- NJSCPA Town Hall Meeting at the Woodbridge Hilton, Iselin, NJ with Bill Carlino, Editor, *Accounting Today* as the featured speaker
- April 19, 2012- NJSCPA Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, Iselin, NJ

- May 31-June 1- NJSCPA Scholars Institute at Cook College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- June 6-8, 2012 - NJSCPA Convention and Expo at the Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ.

On behalf of the Society leadership and staff, Society Executive Director Ralph Albert Thomas extended holiday greetings and well wishes to Board members and staff.

Society Activities and Engagements on the Legislative and Regulatory Front

We are monitoring the following legislative and regulatory activities in Trenton and Washington, DC:

- As previously noted, the November elections did not result in any significant changes in the legislature as Democrats picked up only one additional seat in the Assembly and the Senate remained the same. However, the number of CPAs in the legislature doubled from one to two as a CPA was elected to the Assembly. The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee, which oversees licensed professions, will be getting a new chair, and Senator Loretta Weinberg will replace Senator Barbara Buono as Senate Majority Leader.

Additional Comments/Questions

- Mr. Thomas encouraged Board members if they had not signed on to the AICPA petition, that they do so as soon as possible to urge FAF to reconsider its proposal which did not set up a separate board opposite FASB to address departures/exceptions from GAAP.
- The Society submitted its revised NJ Law and Ethics course to Board's Ethics Committee for its review and approval. The Society again recommended the State Board oversight NJ Law and Ethics providers by having Board members sit in on programs conducted by providers to critique and ensure providers are covering material stipulated by the Board. Ralph indicated the Society would be willing to have Board members initiate/launch the oversight process by starting with the Society's NJ Law and Ethics program.

Andrew DuBoff thanked the Board for allowing him to work on the Peer Review Program.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mandeville
Executive Director