

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2010
MONMOUTH ROOM - 7TH FLOOR**

I Call to Order and Roll Call - 10:05 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 10:05 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	Present
Donald Jump, CPA	Present
Paul J. Lerch, CPA	Present
Michael S. Taxin, Public Accountant	Excused
Peter Torok, Public Member	Present (late)
Steven Weinstein, CPA	Present

Also present at the meeting were William Mandeville, Executive Director; Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General; Melba Rodriguez, Secretarial Assistant; Marie Lisa, Staff; Robert Marrone, President, NJSCPA; Wade Alimam, Brite Star Scanning; Alfred A. Strolis, NJ Association of Public Accountants; Marianne Greenwald and Janine D'Alia.

On a motion made by Keith Balla, seconded by Albertus Jenkins, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:05 A.M. to discuss the results of the Investigative Inquiry Committee, two matters of New Business, three PCAOB matters, two Requests for CPE Waiver, two Consumer Complaints and the Monitoring Profession Committee Report. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

The Public Session meeting was reconvened at 11:30 A.M.

II Minutes of the Meeting of November 18, 2010

On motion made by Albertus Jenkins, seconded by Keith Balla, the Board voted to approve the November 18, 2010 Public Session minutes with corrections. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

III President's Remarks

President Jump had no report for the Board.

IV Executive Director's Remarks

Executive Director Mandeville had no report for the Board.

V Committee Reports

A CPA Examination Committee

Steven Weinstein had no report for the Board.

B Ethics Committee

Keith Balla reported to the Board that the Committee has received one New Jersey Law and Ethics course for its review. The matter will be handled by way of a telephone conference before the end of the year.

C CPE Committee

Keith Balla reported to the Board that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 to discuss various CPE matters.

D RMA Committee

Robert Cagnassola reported that the RMA examination was held on December 3, 2010. While 22 individuals registered to take the exam, only 20 candidates took the exam. It was noted that Mr. Geltrude was the only Board member that

showed up to assist in the proctoring of the exam. Mr. Cagnassola informed the Board that he would be correcting the exam and would report the results to the Board at its January meeting.

E Peer Review Program Committee

Robert Cagnassola reported to the Board that letters will be mailed to all firms sometime in January to provide an update as to the requirements of the new Peer Review law.

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

Robert Cagnassola had no report for the Board.

I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

John Dailey reported to the Board that once the comment period is over, the Committee will reconvene to review any comments received relative to the revisions made to the regulations as part of the sunset review.

J Planning Committee

Albertus Jenkins had no report for the Board.

K Monitoring Profession Committee

John Dailey reported to the Board that, to date, two meetings had been held to discuss the ongoing CPE compliance audits. As in previous years, Mr. Dailey stated that the results thus far are very disturbing. There are 52 UPLs approved thus far with, unfortunately, many more to be reviewed.

VI Public Comments

Robert Marrone, President, NJSCPA and Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA informed the Board of the following:

Important Society Dates

- The Society's Pay-it-Forward Program kicked off the week of November 15th. Thus far Society members have visited more than 180 high schools and conducted 381 sessions before more 9,123 students.
- The November 30, 2010 Town Hall Meeting and celebration for Paul Stahlin newly installed AICPA Chairman, was a tremendous success with more than 225 members and guests in attendance. Many thanks to those State Board of Accountancy members who were able to join us. Paul's presentation which was titled Seize the Future, provided updates on the Blue Ribbon Panel, IFRS and globalization of professional associations and economic uncertainties that could impact the profession.
- On December 14th, Bob Marrone, Society President, was a panelist at NJBIA's Public Policy Forum at the Renaissance Hotel in Woodbridge, NJ. Bob's panel addressed the issue: ***Sizing up the Economy: How long will it take NJ's economy to bounce back?*** The forum featured presentations by leaders Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Republican Senate and Assembly leaders Tom Kean and Alex DeCroce, respectively. Lt Governor Kim Guadagno was the forum's keynote speaker.
- April 28, 2011- 51st Annual NJSCPA Scholarship Ceremony will be held
- 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 and Engagements on the Legislative and Regulatory Front

We are monitoring the following legislation and regulatory activities in Trenton:

- S 672 and A 2396, Tax Preparers Licensing Act- Assemblyman Vince Prieto was ready to post A 2396 to be heard by the Assembly Regulated Professions committee which he chairs. The Society intervened and asked the Assemblyman to not post, but continue to hold the bill until the IRS initiative has played out.

- While things have been relatively quiet regarding mandatory audit firm rotation, we have learned that senior members of the administration still believe it is a best practice that should be initiated on State audits. We expect that this initiative will surface next year post the Governor's budget address.
- On the Washington front, the Senate and House acted on and passed legislation clarifying the definition of creditor so that it does not include accountants, lawyers, doctors, etc. Consequently, CPAs will not have to establish or maintain a process to detect identity theft. Needless to say, this is a win, and good news for the CPA profession.

Alfred Strolis, Association of Public Accountants informed the Board that on January 11, 2011 the 9th Annual Northern New Jersey Working Together Conference will be take place at Seton Hall University, Student Center/Main Lounge in South Orange, NJ.

On a motion made by John Dailey, seconded by Peter Torok, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 P.M. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mandeville
Executive Director