

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007
HUDSON ROOM - 6TH FLOOR

I Call to Order and Roll Call - 9:40 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. Albertus Jenkins, Vice-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
John Dailey, Jr., CPA Excused
Andrew DuBoff, CPA Present
Bennie Hadnott, CPA Present
Albertus Jenkins, Public Member Present
Donald Jump, CPA Present
Aubrey Kosson, CPA Present
Margaret Shoe, Public Accountant Present
Robert Sommer, Public Accountant Present
Peter Torok, Public Member Present

Also present at the meeting were William Mandeville, Executive Director; Marianne Greenwald, Deputy Attorney General; Melba Perez, Secretarial Assistant; Marie Lisa, Board Staff; Jonathan Eisenmenger, Assistant to the Executive Director; John Coiro, CPA, President, NJSCPA; Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA and David Plaskow, Editor, NJSCPA Magazine.

II Minutes of the Meeting of July 19, 2007

On a motion made by Andrew DuBoff, seconded by Robert Sommer, the Board voted to approve the July 19, 2007 Public Session minutes with corrections. The vote of the Board was 10 voting in favor with Bennie Hadnott abstaining.

III President's Remarks

President Jenkins had no report for the Board.

IV Executive Director's Remarks

Executive Director Mandeville informed the Board that Steven Nolan, Acting Director has resigned and Lawrence DeMarzo is the new Acting Director.

V Request for Waiver to Endorse License

A Stefan A. Prins

Stefan Prins is requesting a waiver to reciprocate his New York license. Mr. Prins is lacking 24 semester hours toward the 150 credit hour requirement.

On a motion made by Donald Jump, seconded by Keith Balla, the Board voted to deny Mr. Prins request for a waiver of the 24 semester hours. Mr. Prins is to be informed that he must wait until March 3, 2008 and qualify for licensure under N.J.S.A. 45:2B-51 or make up the credits that he is lacking. The vote of the

Board was unanimous.

B Kimberly Ann Rooney

Kimberly Rooney is requesting a waiver to reciprocate her New York license. Ms. Rooney is lacking 6 credits toward the 150 credit hour requirement.

On a motion made by Andrew DuBoff, seconded by Bennie Hadnott, the Board voted to deny Ms. Rooney's request for a waiver of 6 credits. Ms. Rooney is to be informed that she must wait until February 9, 2008 to qualify for licensure under N.J.S.A. 45:2B-51 or make up the credits that she is lacking.. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C Ross A. Ellberg

Ross Ellberg is requesting a waiver to reciprocate his Pennsylvania license. Mr. Ellberg is lacking 9 semester hours in Accounting, 9 semester hours in Business Electives, 6 semester hours in Finance, 3 semester hours in Business Law and 1 semester hour in Liberal Arts.

On a motion made by Bennie Hadnott, seconded by Robert Sommer, the Board voted to grant Mr. Ellberg's request for a waiver under N.J.S.A. 45:2B-51 to reciprocate his Pennsylvania license. Mr. Ellberg is to be informed that his CPE in the State of Pennsylvania must be satisfied before licensure. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

D Barry J. Misthal

Barry Misthal is requesting a waiver to reciprocate his New York license. Mr. Misthal is lacking 3 semester hours in Business Law, 3 semester hours in Finance and 12 semester hours in Liberal Arts.

On a motion made by Donald Jump, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to grant Mr. Misthal's request for a waiver under N.J.S.A. 45:2B-51 to reciprocate his New York license. Mr. Misthal is to be informed that his CPE in the State of New York must be satisfied for licensure. The vote of the Board was 10 voting in favor with Andrew DuBoff abstaining.

E Cheri K. Combs

Cheri Combs is requesting a waiver to reciprocate her Virginia license in order to reinstate her New Jersey license.

On a motion made by Andrew DuBoff, seconded by Robert Sommer, the Board voted to grant Ms. Combs' request for a waiver under N.J.S.A. 45:2B-51 to reciprocate her Virginia license. Ms. Combs is to be informed that her CPE in the State of Virginia must be satisfied for licensure. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

F Kristin L. Langett

Kristin Langett is requesting a waiver to reciprocate her Pennsylvania license. Ms. Ellberg is lacking 17 semester hours towards the 150 credit hour requirement.

On a motion made by Donald Jump, seconded by Keith Balla, the Board voted to deny Ms. Langett's request for a waiver of the 17 semester hours. Ms. Langett is to be informed that she must make up the 17 semester hours she is lacking. The vote of the Board was 10 voting in favor with Andrew DuBoff abstaining.

VI New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants

A Ralph A. Thomas - Mobility Package / Opinion Letter

Mr. Thomas discussed the opinion letter from a law firm that addressed the fact that CPA.s licensed in another jurisdiction but practicing in our state would be subject to our statutes and regulations in connection with the proposed mobility effort.

It was noted that the opinion was from private council and that the issue has not yet been commented on by the Attorney General's office and therefore the Board is not subject to the opinion.

VII Miscellaneous

A AICPA - Open Session of Peer Review Board Meeting

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

B CPA Examination Review Board - Independent Review of the CPA Examination "Paste" Issue

The Chair directed that the information provided by accepted as informational.

C NASBA - Focus Questions

On a motion made by Robert Sommer, seconded by Peter Torok, the Board voted to authorize Andrew DuBoff and Executive Director Mandeville to finalize the answers to the Focus Questions and submit them to NASBA. The vote of the Board was unanimous

D 2008 Board Meeting Dates

On a motion made by Donald Jump, seconded by Bennie Hadnott, the Board voted to approve the 2008 Board Meeting dates with amendments. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

VIII Committee Reports

A CPA Examination Committee

Aubrey Kosson had no report for the Board.

B Ethics Committee

Donald Jump requested that Aubrey Kosson report on his attendance at a New Jersey Law and Ethics. Mr. Kosson reported that he attended an Ethics course but did not introduce himself as a member of the New Jersey Board, but he did speak to the provider at the end of the New Jersey Law and Ethics course. Mr. Kosson reported that the course was very well presented. The vendor providing the course is an approved vendor.

C CPE Committee

Robert Sommer reported to the Board that two meetings were held and there are two new CPE providers approved, and submitted a written report. On a motion made by Robert Sommer and seconded by Peter Torok, the Board voted to accept the written report as submitted. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Sommer also informed the Board that there will be a NASBA CPE meeting held in Nashville, TN that he will be attending.

D RMA Committee

Robert Cagnassola had no report for the Board.

E QE Committee

Robert Cagnassola had no report for the Board.

F Education Committee

Bennie Hadnott reported that he would be attending the NASBA Meeting to be held in Hawaii this October and will report to the Board at the following Board meeting.

G Reciprocity Committee

Keith Balla had no report for the Board.

H Nominating Committee

Andrew DuBoff had no report for the Board.

I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

Andrew DuBoff reported to the Board that a meeting was held in August and it was chaired by John Dailey regarding mobility. Since Mr. Dailey was not present, Donald Jump made the report. Mr. Jump informed the Board that there were some changes that were made. DAG Greenwald and Regulatory Analyst Sheehan were also present at the meeting to assist with wording and legal terms. Regulatory Analyst Sheehan was to take the changes made to the Director's Office. The changes to be made will then be forwarded to the Bill sponsors through the Attorney General's Office.

J Planning Committee

Margaret Shoe informed the Board that a meeting has been scheduled for September 20, 2007 at 11:20 with June Levy, Assistant Deputy Director but it was postponed until October 18, 2007.

K Monitoring Profession Committee

The Monitoring Profession Committee meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2007. The results of that meeting will be given at the October Board meeting. The results of the August 1, 2007 Monitoring Profession Committee will be discussed in Executive Session.

IX Public Comments

John Coiro, CPA, NJSCPA heard the comments regarding the mobility package - opinion letter and will await the response of the Board regarding this matter. Mr. Coiro informed the Board that the Society will be approaching the Senate Office sometime in October to obtain a sponsor for the legislation.

On a motion made by Robert Cagnassola, seconded by Margaret Shoe, the Board adjourned the Public Session meeting at 10:40 A.M. to discuss the recommended changes to the proposed legislation.

On a motion made by Margaret Shoe, seconded by Peter Torok, the Board voted to reconvene the Public Session meeting at 11:00 A.M. to provide the Board's official statement regarding the proposed legislation.

On a motion made by Robert Cagnassola, seconded by Andrew DuBoff, the Board voted to inform Mr. Coiro that the Board was in favor of the proposed legislation. When the Rules and Regulations Committee met in Committee in August, it recommended several changes, one of which was deemed to be a substantial change. The Board is not permitted to disclose the recommended change, however. the Attorney General's Office will convey the changes to the sponsor of the Bill after their review and approval. As a result, the Board cannot support this Bill in its entirety. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA, informed the Board of Career Night, which will be held on October 4, 2007 and between 200-300 students from across the state are expected to attend. On December 4, 2007 the Society will be having their annual holiday luncheon at their headquarters in Roseland, NJ. The Board members are also welcomed to attend both events.

Mr. Thomas requested information as to the status of the Director of Accountancy position. Executive Director Mandeville informed that he is waiting for additional exemptions to come thru which may take another 2-3 weeks.

Executive Director Mandeville reported that all the initial review CPE audits that have been conducted from August 2006 have been completed. There are approximately 100 that are still open that the Board is waiting for some type of additional information.

Mr. Thomas informed the Board that there is a CPE Conference in Jacksonville, FL on November 7-10, 2007. The annual Society Convention will be held at the Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ on May 7-8, 2008. Last year there were approximately 600 attendees at this event.

On a motion made by Donald Jump, seconded by Robert Cagnassola, the Board voted to adjourn the Public Session Board meeting at 11:15 A.M. and reconvene in Executive Session to discuss the results of the Investigative Inquiry held on September 6, 2007, four matters of Old Business, one matter of New Business, one Request for Formal Administrative Hearing, one Request for Reinstatement, two PCAOB reports, one Request for CPE Waiver and six Consumer Complaints. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Very truly yours,

William Mandeville
Executive Directorss