

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2016
HUDSON ROOM - 6TH FLOOR**

I Call to Order and Roll Call - 9:35 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 appropriate 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. President, Daniel Geltrude called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. The following roll call was taken:

Keith Balla, CPA	Present
John Dailey, CPA	Present
Allison Dunko, CPA	Present
Sara L. DeSmith, CPA	Excused
Daniel J. Geltrude, CPA	Present
David J. Milkosky, CPA	Present
Harold Model, CPA	Present
Joan Paciga, CPA	Present
Eileen Poiani, Ph.D	Present
Ainsley A. Reynolds, CPA	Present
Michael H. Runge, CPA	Present
Maria Vallejo, Esq.	Late – 9:45 A.M.

Also present at the meeting were Michael DeFrancisci, Acting Executive Director; Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General, Melba Rodriguez, Secretarial Assistant; Marie Lisa, Staff; Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJCPA and Jeff Kaszerman, Director of Government Relations, NJCPA.

II Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 2016

On a motion made by David Milkosky, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to approve the October 20, 2016 Public Session minutes as submitted. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

III President's Remarks

Board President Geltrude had no report for the Board.

IV Executive Director's Remarks

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci informed the Board that he is currently working with the MIS department on the audit letters. Some difficulties have been encountered with the processing of the letter and the new licensing system.

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci informed the Board that the Registered Municipal Examination (RMA) is scheduled for Friday, December 2, 2016. There are 22 individuals scheduled to sit for the exam. The exam will be proctored by the Board staff.

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci provided the 2017 meeting dates to all the Board members.

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci informed the Board that they would not be able to consolidate the fees at the time. The fee change is possible to make and the paperwork is being reviewed at this time.

Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci informed the Board that an issue has been encountered regarding the wall certificates that the Board office processes. When an individual is licensed thru endorsement from another state, the state that they would be endorsing from would print on the wall certificate. The new licensing system does not allow for the state that the individual is endorsing from to print on the certificate. The Board informed Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci that it would not be a problem if the state does not print.

V CPE Waiver Request

A Michael T. Remus, CPA

Correspondence was received from Mr. Remus wherein he request a waiver of the required NJ Law & Ethic credits.

On a motion made by Keith Balla, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to deny Mr. Remus's request and inform him that he must comply with the New Jersey Law & Ethic rule NJAC 13:29-6.3(a) and obtain the four credits he is required to obtain. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Dailey also informed the Board that all licensees should be informed that they are to comply with NJAC 13:29-6.3(a) and obtain the four credits in New Jersey Law & Ethic.

VI Committee Reports

A CPA Examination Committee – Harold Model

Harold Model had no report for the Board.

B CPE & Ethics Committee – Keith Balla

Keith Balla informed the Board that the Committee has been reviewing and approving numerous sponsor applications.

C Education & Reciprocity Committee – Ainsley Reynolds

Ainsley Reynolds had no report for the Board.

D Monitoring the Profession Committee – David Milkosky

Acting Executive Director provided the MPC report earlier in the meeting.

E Nominating Committee – Keith Balla

Keith Balla had no report for the Board.

F Peer Review Oversight Committee – Sara DeSmith

Sara DeSmith's provided a written report. No report for the Board. Ms. DeSmith will be reaching out to the Committee members to schedule a teleconference for the first week in December 2016.

Mr. Dailey reported that he has received numerous questions regarding Peer Review exemptions and when are they due. Mr. Dailey reported that as of 09/21/2015, the most recent changes to the regulations that Peer Review forms are due 06/30 of every years. The date should be added to the forms. This information will be forwarded to Ms. DeSmith.

G RMA Committee – John Dailey

John Dailey reported that 22 candidates are scheduled and ready to sit for the RMA exam that will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the State Office Building.

H Statute/Rules//Regulations Committee – John Dailey

John Dailey informed the Board that a meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 in the Sussex Room.

I Communications Committee – John Dailey

John Dailey had no report for the Board but did inform that as soon as the ok is given he will start working on the Board's newsletter.

John Dailey informed the Board that a letter should be sent to all NJ Law & Ethic providers and emphasize that effective January 2017, licensees are eligible to destroy their CPE certificates, but should not do so. The Society has emphasized that the certificates should not be destroyed and they will be adding the information to their website and asked Acting Executive Director DeFrancisci if there is a possibility that it may be added to the Board's website as well.

John Dailey also brought to the Board's attention that Robert Cagnassola received NASBA's distinguished award. Mr. Dailey suggested that the Board office send Mr. Cagnassola a letter congratulating him on this achievement. Mr. Cagnassola was a 25 year Board member and he did many great things for the Board and for NASBA for many years.

VII Public Comments

Ralph Albert Thomas, CEO and Executive Director of the New Jersey Society of CPAs (NJCPA). Mr. Thomas updated members of the Board on the Society's advocacy efforts regarding State legislative matters. They were happy the second question on the November 8th ballot to dedicate revenues from the 23 cent increase in the gas tax passed. The Society, along with Opportunity New Jersey, the State Chamber, NJBIA and CIANJ and other business alliances supported passage of this ballot question by asking their respective members to vote yes for the question. Additionally, the Society is also monitoring the following bills: A 4273, a bill concerning State supervision of certain professional and occupational licensing boards decisions (This legislation is in response to the US Supreme Court North Carolina Dental Board decision); and A 3064, an anti-arbitration bill which precluded companies from doing business with the State if their contracts included an arbitration clause.

Mr. Thomas was happy to report that the Society received a clean report from the AICPA regarding its Peer Review Administrative Oversight Visit. As previously noted the Society plans to remain as an Administrative Entity going forward with the AICPA's proposed enhancement of its Peer Review Program. Additionally, the Society will host a program in January with Kimberly Ellison Taylor, the AICPA's African American Chair. On December 2nd the Society will have its annual leadership holiday luncheon, and members of the Board are invited to attend the event.

In closing, Mr. Thomas wished the Board members and staff all the best for an enjoyable and Happy Thanking holiday.

On a motion made by Keith Balla, seconded by Harold Model, the Board voted to adjourn the Public Session meeting at 9:50 A.M. to reconvene in Executive Session to discuss the results of the Investigative Inquiry, three PCAOB matters, three AICPA matters, two Miscellaneous matters and six Consumer Complaints. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeFrancisci
Acting Executive Director