



DC Board of Accountancy
1100 4th Street SW, Room E-290
Washington, DC 20024



Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2016

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, December 02, 2016, at 1100 4th Street SW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC, 20024.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: Robert Todero, Joseph Drew, Kayla Futch, and Bridgett Gagne
Staff Present: Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator, Leon Lewis, Executive Director, Clifford P. Cooks, Program Manager and Kevin Cyrus, Education Specialist
Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Assistant Attorney General

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Agenda Items: Comments or Attendance by Public

Paul Thrasher of The Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWSCPA) and Aida Imsirovic CPA applicant attended the meeting. Mr. Thrasher spoke about the 28th Annual Nonprofit Finance & Accounting Symposium a three day event organized by GWSCPA's. He inquired if the board will like to be in attendance at next year's event. The Board agreed, and stated that they will make it a point to attend next year event. Ms. Imsirovic's application was addressed during the executive session.

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Agenda Items: Acceptance of Minutes

Upon motion duly made by member Joseph Drew and properly seconded by member Kayla Futch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 7, 2016, Board meeting minutes as presented.

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Agenda Items: Old Business

Accountancy Practice Act 2015 – Final vote on December 6, 2016.
Board members were informed that the council will have a final vote on the bill on December 6, 2016.

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Agenda Items: New Business

Board Calendar: – 2017 meeting schedule was unanimously approved. Next month's meeting was scheduled for January 6 2017, at 10am. Upon motion duly made by member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member Dr. Drew, the members voted to approve the 2017 meeting schedule.

Report – NASBA 109th Annual Meeting, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2016, Austin, TX – Mr. Cooks led the discussion on the NASBA annual meeting recently held in Austin, Texas. Mr. Cooks and Dr Drew noted speakers at the annual conference included Karl Rove, former White House Deputy Chief of Staff. Dr. Drew and Mr Cooks noted the meeting had provided great speakers, topics and networking opportunities. Ms. Futch also spoke about reaching out to the Virginia State Board of Accountancy to get their existing CPA audit letters. Accreditation was also on the agenda, where Dr. Drew reported that NASBA is looking to elevate the standards of accreditation.

CPA Statistics – the board reviewed and discussed the current CPA statistics for DC including the current number of licensed CPAs in the District, the number of licensed CPA firms with DC addresses and out of state addresses.

CPA Exam Performance – The board discussed the statistics assembled and presented by NASBA, including DC candidate examination data. The discussion also centered on increasing international student/candidate examinations and applications for DC CPA licensure  
 The board requested information on international CPA candidates from NASBA.  
Candidate Care Concerns 2016 Q-3 – The board took note of CPA applicant concerns presented in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter CPA Candidate Care newsletter.  
Request for Access to the National Candidate Database (NCD) data – The board reviewed the November 26, 2016, email from NASBA requesting permission from the board to access the National concerning a new survey for CPA exam candidates and requests for comments and suggestions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made by member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Bridgett Gagne, the Board unanimously voted to enter into closed session at 10:13 a.m. pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (4) (A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (9) to discuss disciplinary matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-775(b) (13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding.

The following non-member Aida Imsirovic, applicant, will be in attendance at the closed session to discuss her application.

**Agenda Item: Reinstatement Applications**

TECHNICAL REVIEW APPLICATION		
NAME	LICENSE TYPE	APPROVED
IMSIROVIC, AIDA	CPN- Exams	Not Approved
SHEPHERD SCHWENGEL, MADISON LESLIANNA	CPA	X

- The Board reviewed the technical review application of Aida Imsirovic and did not approve her request to waive .50 credit hours of auditing or to use a non – degree course as a substitute for that component. Applicant was advised by the board to contact NASBA International Evaluation Services (NIES) to have a foreign credential evaluation conducted based on DC CPA requirements. Her application will be put on pending status for 25 days, until after the evaluation is completed.

The following actions were taken as a result of the closed session:

- Upon motion duly made by board member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Bridgett Gagne, the Board unanimously voted to approve the technical review application of Lesliana Madison Schwengel Shepard.
- Upon motion duly made by member, Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by member, Kayla Futch, the board unanimously voted to deny permission that grants NASBA access to candidate data from the National Candidate Database (NCD).
- Upon motion duly made by member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Bridgett Gagne, the Board unanimously voted to approve the technical review application of Lesliana Madison Schwengel Shepard.
- Upon motion duly made by board member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2017 board meeting dates.
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**Agenda Item: Legal Matters**

In the matter of Ben Hammer against Lewis N Gautieri, the following motion was voted on: Upon motion duly made by member Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by member Kayla Futch, the board unanimously voted to close this compliant since DC board has no jurisdiction. Member, Dr. Joseph Drew, abstained.

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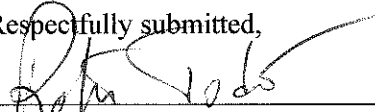
**Agenda Item: Correspondence -None**

**Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by board member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by board member, Bridgett Gagne, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

The Board of Accountancy has scheduled its next meeting on Friday, January 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 300B, Washington, DC 20024

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Robert Todero, Chair

1-6-2017  
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Date

Recorder: Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator