



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2022**

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, February 11, 2022. This was a call in/virtual meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero, and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: Robert Todero, Dr. Joseph Drew, Antonia Smiley, Angela Avant, and Bridgett Gagne

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leon Lewis, Executive/Program Coordinator; Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education; Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager; Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

Legal Counsel: J. Patrick White, Office of the General Counsel

Public Consumers Present: Paul Thrasher, Greater Washington Society of CPAs
Kari Bedell, Greater Washington Society of CPAs
Alison L. Houck Andrew, CPA - NASBA 2021-22
Committee Chair

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

Kari Bedell and Paul Thrasher attended on behalf of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWSCPAs). Ms. Bedell indicated she would inform the members on status updates to increase the Board's composition as she is informed. Other attendees included Alison L. Houck Andrew, CPA - NASBA 2021-22 Committee Chair who offered assistance in our efforts to expand the Board, and Mr. Jermaine Wilcox, CPA. Mr. Wilcox requested updates on Board expansion efforts. Mr. Leon Lewis spoke to the legislation change required and explained the steps to becoming a Board member. Board Chairman, Robert Todero encouraged Mr. Wilcox to stay engaged with the Board.



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Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes

Upon motion duly made by member, Dr. Joseph Drew, and seconded by Bridgett Gagne, the Board unanimously voted to approve the January 7, 2022, draft Board meeting minutes after making correction of Board members present to include Bridgett Gagne.

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Agenda Items: 2022/2023 NASBA Conferences/Meetings Calendar Meetings & Events

Upcoming Events

[27th Annual Conference for Board of Accountancy Legal Counsel](#)

April 25-27, 2022, Clearwater Beach, FL

[40th Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff](#)

April 25-27, 2022, Clearwater Beach, FL

[Western Regional Meeting](#)

June 7-9, 2022, Colorado Springs, CO

[Eastern Regional Meeting](#)

June 27-29, 2022, White Sulpher Springs, WV

[115th NASBA Annual Meeting](#)

October 30-November 2, 2022, San Diego, CA (tentative)

Upon motion duly made by member, Bridgett Gagne and seconded by Dr. Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted to approve all Board members and Board staff to attend all 2022 upcoming conference events listed above.

Proposed 2022 Board Meeting Dates – The scheduled board meeting dates and upcoming conferences as listed.

January 07 February 11 March 04 April 01 (Recess)

May 06 June 03 July 01 August 05

September 02 October 07 November 04 December 02

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Agenda Item: Old Business

A. Legislative Initiative to expand Board to 7 members: Staff attorney J. Patrick White spoke on the status suggesting we include staff from the Mayor’s office, Danielle Gurkin, Legislative Director and DCRA’s Senior Policy Director, Monique Babcock to serve on the Legislative Initiative Committee. He has consulted with them on the best approach to move forward on changing the legislation. A collaborative effort may allow the changes to move forward more smoothly. He also requested 1-2 (two) Board members serve on this committee to help define the language to convey the type of seats sought for the Board to increase diversity. Board Administrator will serve on the committee as well and send out request for availability to organize the first meeting with all selected committee members. Alison Houck Andrew offered assistance from NASBA in helping with legislative efforts to expand Board.

Upon motion duly made by member, Dr. Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board unanimously voted to establish a Legislative Committee to extend the Board to include Board members Bridgett Gagne, and Angela Avant.

- B. Ms. Bridgett Gagne stated she may have more to report for the spring meeting, but no updates yet.
- C. Career Day Education Initiative: Mr. Lewis spoke to DCRA’s plans to move forward by partnering with the Mayor’s office when the schools open up to allow those types of activities again. Kevin Cyrus and Angela Meggett-Strudwick will move forward in those efforts.

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Agenda Item: New Business

D. NASBA Middle Atlantic Region Conference Call February 7, 2022: Mr. Joseph Drew reported on the meeting and updated the Board on challenges reported in the meeting. He reported on our efforts to expand the Board as the most challenging goal on our agenda we face now.

E. Certified Public Accountant (CPN) Not to Practice: Dr. Joseph Drew inquired if this status could be used as a pathway to encourage foreign applicants to apply in the District of Columbia. The Board requested Board Staff and Legal Counsel to research CPN-Not to Practice further.

Upon motion duly made by member, Dr. Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board unanimously voted to establish a Legislative Committee to extend the Board to include Board members Bridgett Gagne, Angela Avant.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by member, Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by member, Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board unanimously voted to enter into closed session at 09:57a.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.

- Complaints/legal matters
- Applications

Agenda Item: Technical Review and Reinstatement Application/s:

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

Upon motion duly made by member, Dr. Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board unanimously voted to approve the technical review application.

TECHNICAL REVIEW APPLICATION	
NAME	APPROVED
BARBARA A. SAXTON	X

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Joseph Drew and properly seconded by member Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board voted to approve the February 11, 2022, list of accountancy applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the February 11, 2022, minutes.

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Agenda Item: Legal Matters: None

There were no legal matters to review.

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Agenda Item: Correspondence: None

There was no correspondence to review.



Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Board member, Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by board member, Dr. Joseph Drew, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:24 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy will be March 04, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Toderro, Chair

Date

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator

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