

Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Meeting Minutes May 1, 2020

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on On May 1, 2020. This was a call in/virtual meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero, and attendance was taken. **Board Members Present:** Robert Todero, Joseph Drew and Antonia Smiley, Angela Avant and Bridgett Gagne **Board Members Absent:** None Staff Present: Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator, Leon Lewis – Executive Director, Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager, Patrice Richardson, Program Manager, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator. Legal Counsel: Adrianne Lord-Sorensen and Marc Nielsen, Assistant General Counsel, OGC **New Business Agenda Items: Public Consumers and Comments from the Public:** Mr. Paul Thrasher and Kari Bedell attended on behalf of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWCPA). They had no comments. The Chair, Mr. Todero introduced the Adrianne Lord-Sorensen as the new General Counsel replacing Kia Winston, the Board welcomed her to her new role. The Chair commended Ms. Winston on her years of excellent service to the Board. Agenda Items: 2020 NASBA Conferences/Meetings Calendar & Events 38th Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff March 16-18, 2020, Clearwater Beach, FL Eastern Regional Meeting 2020 June 9-11, 2020, White Sulphur Springs, WV

113th Annual Meeting

November 1-4, 2020, San Diego, CA



Review of 2020 Board Meeting Dates - The board reviewed the 2020 meeting dates and upcoming conferences. According to the Mayoral issuance, all travel is suspended. The Board made changes to the 2020 meeting dates.

January 10 February 12 March 16 April (Recess)

May 1 June 4 July 10 August (No meeting)

September 11 October 2 November 6 December 4

New Business

<u>2018 CPE Audit</u> – The Board was presented with the most updated information about the 2018 CPE audit that is been currently administered by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).

<u>CPE Hours – 2020 renewal – The board will revisit this topic after the July meeting.</u>
<u>CPA Exam credit and score extensions</u> – The Board is following NASBA's recommendation to extend all NTS with expirations between April 1 – June 30, 2020. NTS have fall in these dates have been extended until September 30, 2020. At this time, no action is required by candidates and there is no need to contact NASBA the Board. For exam credit expiring outside of this window, candidates will need to follow normal policies to request an extension.

NASBA Executive Directors Webinar April 16, 2020 - Issues Update: Mr. Lewis provided a report on the topics that were covered at the NASBA' Executive Director's Webinar, topics covered included CPA exam status updates, peer Review delays due to COVID-19, CPA Exam status, Pass/Fail, grading and delays in receiving pre-licensure background checks due to COVID-19.

<u>Spring/Summer 2020 Accountancy Newsletter</u>- The board discussed possible topics to be included in the Spring/Summer newsletter.

<u>2020 Q1 CPA Exam results for District of Columbia</u>: The Board discussed the DC CPA exam scores in comparison to other states/jurisdictions.

Agenda Items: Acceptance of Minutes

Upon motion duly made by member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board voted to approve the March 16, 2020, Board meeting minutes with revisions. Member, Antonia Smiley abstained. Upon motion duly made by member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board voted to approve the April 09, 2020, Board meeting minutes. Member, Antonia Smiley abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by member, Angela Avant, and properly seconded by member, Antonia Smiley, the Board unanimously voted to enter into closed session at 11:05 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.

- Complaints/legal matters
- Applications

Agenda Item: Technical Review and Reinstatement Applications



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

Upon motion duly made by Board member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board voted unanimously to extend the applicant, Jiayi Peng FAR score credit, which expired on March 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Upon motion duly made by member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board unanimously voted to approve the technical review applications.

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

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS			
NAME	LICENSE TYPE	APPROVED	
John Ye	CPA	X	

TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS			
NAME	LICENSE TYPE	APPROVED	
Kevin Lee Milner	CPA	X	
Nashid Rasool	CPN	X	

Agenda Item: Legal Matters: None

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Agenda Item: Correspondence: Peer Review Updates: COVID-19 Response and New Process

Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Board member, Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by board member, Angela Avant, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:53a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy is June 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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Robert Todero, Chair

06/08/2020

Date

Recorder: Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator



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