



Board of Accountancy Public Meeting Minutes

Accountancy Board
Aug 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH

Members Present: Richard Silverman, Chairman (RS), Jonathan Blais (JB), Ed David (ED), Jennifer Elder (JE), Debra Grott (DG), Charles Powell (CP). Also present from OPLC, Bethany Cottrell (BC), Division Director; Chris Senko(CS), Board Administration, Shane Goulet (SG), Board Counsel.

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman, Richard Silverman.
- II. Approval of Public Minutes of the June 16, 2023 meeting – Upon motion by ED and second of DG, members of the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes with grammatical corrections as noted.
- III. New Business –
 - A. Director Bethany Cottrell- OPLC Update – Director Cottrell provided an update and indicated that the Licensing Bureau has been receiving a lot of feedback on the recent communication that licensees have until September 1 to obtain a social security number (SSN) or tax identification number (TIN). If licensees cannot obtain this number, they may withdrawal their application and may be refunded fees. It was noted that an additional communication may be needed in April 2024 for other licensees.
 - B. CPE Waiver Requests:
 1. Carlos Lloreda #06603 – Waiver for missing CPE hours by June 30, 2022 & 2023 –Upon motion by DG and second of CP, members of the Board voted unanimously to deny the request for an extension.
 2. Adrian Clarke-Upon motion by DG and second of CP, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.
 3. Ashimova Azhar- Upon motion by DG and second of ED, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this one time waiver request.
 4. Brock Barton- Upon motion by DG and second of ED, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this one time waiver request.

5. David Fogg- Upon motion by DG and second of ED, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.
6. Hedi Akerman- Upon motion by ED and second of RS, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.
7. Jean-Philippe Arcand- Upon motion by ED and second of CP, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.
8. Kari Brace- Upon motion by ED and second of DG, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.
9. Kevin Chen - Upon motion by ED and second of CP, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.
10. Nupur Sathe- Upon motion by ED and second of RS, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.
11. Sally Evans- Upon motion by JE and second of ED, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request, DG abstained.
12. Subramanian Ananthkrishnan- Upon motion by JE and second of JB, members of the Board voted unanimously to grant this waiver request.

C. Exam Extension Requests:

1. Abdullah Mohamed Mustafa – Extension request for FAR –Upon motion by JE and second of CP, the members of the Board voted to grant the waiver until 12/31/23, with one member,ED opposed.
2. Meenakshi N. Balla – Extension request for FAR –It was noted that this licensee was previously informed that he was granted an extension on 6/7/23. Upon motion by JB and second of CP, the members of the Board voted to deny the request for an extension received on 6/22/23 as moot and to change the extension to be effective through 6/30/2025 in accordance with CPA Evolution rules.
3. Hesham Nasr-Extension request for AUD – Upon motion by JB and second of CP, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to grant the extension until 08/31/23.
4. Ahmed Hassan Hassan Sayed-members discussed this extension request and agreed to refer it back to NASBA for further review.
5. Alyaa Ahmed Rafat- Upon motion by JB and second of CP, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to grant the extension until 07/31/24, ED opposed.

6. Aniska Rigby- Extension request for BEC - Upon motion by JB and second of ED, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to grant the extension until 06/30/2024.
 7. Bielasan Lubbadah- Extension request for FAR - Upon motion by JB and second of ED, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to grant the extension until 08/31/24.
 8. Katsufumi Ishida- Upon motion by RS and second of DG, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to grant the extension until 06/30/24.
 9. Mohammed Salim Shehadeh-Extension request for AUD and FAR - Upon motion by RS and second of ED, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to deny the request for an extension.
 10. Ragad Bin Mohini- Upon motion by RS and second of JB, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to grant the extension until 12/31/23.
 11. Reema Ibrahim Aljuhayman- Extension request for FAR - Upon motion by RS and second of ED, members of the Board, voted unanimously by roll call to grant the extension until 12/31/24.
- D. History of CE Waiver requests – The Board held a discussion concerning CPE waivers.
 - E. Course Review Request from NASBA – members reviewed the course offering from NASBA, “Progam Management in Health”. It was indicated that this course would not be accepted as part of the 30 hours of continuing education requirements.
- IV. OPLC/Board Administration Updates- Chris Senko – It was reported that several initiatives are in process at OPLC in order to meet the strategic plan. Aquiring CE broker and veridoc programs are part of those changes.
 - V. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics
 - A. Shane Goulet- Attorney Goulet reminded members of RSA 91 A and if they need to communicate information to utilize the Board Administrator. Updates were also provided on HB 655 and HB 594.
 - VI. Update on rule changes – Rule changes will be presented in October.
 - VII. Committee Reports

- A. Charles Powell – Legislation – Provided follow up discussion on HB 655 passing, HB 2 passing and the next legislative session is beginning.
- B. Jennifer Elder – Rules – UAA Changes to 30 months for testing period. Changes to the rules will be reviewed during the October meeting.
- C. Ed David – Peer Review – a report from the Peer review Organization is being reviewed.
- D. Rich Silverman – Newsletter – Rich indicated that the newsletter will be developed with NASBA for late fall/early winter. Rich provided updates of members terms. It was noted that some are three years and some are five. The next NASBA meeting is in NYC.
- E. Jonathan Blais – Disclosed that he is currently serving on the Executive Board of the NH Society of CPAs.

VIII. Licensure – Applications approved by NASBA since May 18, 2023

May 18, 2023

- 1. Xuanying Dong – 09383
- 2. Megan Elwell – 09384
- 3. Frank Fromwiller – 09385
- 4. An Chi Huang – 09386
- 5. Lucas Jones – 09387
- 6. Ylrakli Khabeishvili – 09388
- 7. Nikita Ostwal – 09389
- 8. Simina Paul – 09390
- 9. Jian Sun – 09391
- 10. Kirsten Tischbein – 09392
- 11. Zeyang Xu – 09393

July 6, 2023

- 1. John S. Kim- 09394
- 2. Jiachen Pan- 09395

Upon motion by RS and second of CP, the members of the Board voted unanimously by roll call, to approve the applications submitted above.

IX. Non-Public Session

Upon motion by RS and second of CP, members of the Board voted unanimously by roll call, to convene a non public session at 1:29pm.

Non-public session, conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, (1978), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges.

X. Resume Public Session – Upon motion by RS and second of ED, members of the Board voted unanimously by roll call to resume public session at 3:18pm.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Upon motion by RS, and second of ED, the members of the Board voted unanimously by roll call to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

XII. Next Meeting – Members agreed to change the meeting from Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 9:00 am. Members agreed to an additional meeting on September 18, 2023 at 9:00 am.

XIII. Adjournment – Upon motion by RS, and second of ED, the members of the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:19pm.