# **NH BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MINUTES**

There was a meeting of the Board of Accountancy held on August 1, 2022. The following Board Members attended in person at the Board's Office: Silverman, Briggs, Powell, Seifert, Grott, Elder and David.

Attended in person were OPLC Board Administrators Dawn Couture, Bobbie Mayo and Marla Pike.

Also attended in person was Attorney Stacy Moeser from the AG's office.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

# 1. Interview/meeting/hearing - None.

**2.** Reading and approval of the minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to approve the public minutes with a few minor corrections. The motion passed 6-0. Board Member Powell was not present and did not vote.

# 3. Reading of Communications – None.

#### 4. Reading and Consideration of Applications -

a. Applications processed by NASBA since June 3, 2022 – Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to acknowledge the following applicants for licensure. The motion passed 6-0. Board Member Powell was not present and did not vote.

| June 3, 2022         |      | June 22, 2022          |      | July 1, 2022     |      |
|----------------------|------|------------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Rebecca Couto-Uboldi | 9317 | Kristin Fogarty        | 9320 | Ehsan Al-Ajlouni | 9326 |
| Corey McEwn          | 9318 | Emily Medeiros         | 9321 | Mateusz Baron    | 9327 |
| Rebecca Tourville    | 9319 | Bryce Moser            | 9322 | Alyssa Maston    | 9328 |
|                      |      | Theodore J. Proctor II | 9323 |                  |      |
|                      |      | Jyothi Rajendran       | 9324 |                  |      |
|                      |      | Meixin Zhou            | 9325 |                  |      |

#### 5. Unfinished Business -

- a. Board of Accountancy Newsletter The Board received the final copy from NASBA. The Board will release two versions, fall and spring. Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Grott to send out the copied presented at the meeting to all licensees, executive counselors and legislative members. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Upon the motion of Board Chair Silverman and the second of Board Member Seifert, to go into a non-public session the Board, by roll call, voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of the reading and approval of the non-public minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting, and evaluating complaints against licensees, accredited individuals, institution, or organizations, or persons charged with practicing unlawful accounting activity, and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each Member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the vote of all members present.

# 6. New Business -

- c. Upon the motion of Board Chair Silverman and the second of Board Member Seifert, and the Board unanimously voted by roll call, to reconvene the public meeting.
- d. Upon the motion of Board Chair Silverman and the second of Board Member Powell, by roll call voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session from the public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III(c), on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely affect adversely the reputation of licensees, accredited individuals, institutions, or organizations, or persons charged with practicing unlawful accounting activity, RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. The motion passed with each member recording his or her vote on the motion.
- e. Email from NASBA Re: Law School courses The Board had a brief discussion. Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to deny the Law School courses that were presented as they were not what was needed to sit for the CPA exams. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Michele C. Neeb #06241 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- g. Zhengying (Julia) Wu Exam extension request, extend REG Board Member Briggs made a motion to extend REG until February 28, 2023. The Board held a brief discussion. Board Member Briggs withdrew the motion. Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to deny the request and not extend REG. The motion passed 6-0. Board Member Briggs abstained.
- h. Mohammed Nabil Exam extension request, extend REG Board Member Powell made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to deny the request unless the applicant can provide supporting documentation that they were scheduled to take the exam between March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed 6-0. Board Member Briggs abstained. During the meeting, the applicant emailed Administrator Couture the requested supporting documentation. Board Member Powell made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to rescind the prior denial. Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Scheder by Board Member Powell to grant an extension until December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- i. Nathan Walker #08771 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to issue a one-time waiver and accept the submitted administrative fine. The motion passed unanimously.
- j. Leslie Walker #04413 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to issue a one-time waiver and accept the submitted administrative fine. The motion passed unanimously.
- k. Latalya Sherell Newbold Exam extension request, extend FAR Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant the request until December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

- Bassam Samaha #07273 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 & 2022 Board Member
  Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Silverman to deny the request.
  The motion passed unanimously.
- Robert Albury Exam extension request, extend FAR Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to send the applicant a letter stating the request was submitted prematurely. The applicant should continue to test and if an extension is still required as it gets closer to the exam, then the applicant may submit an extension request. The motion passed unanimously.

# The Board took a break at 10:46 am, returning to session at 10:54 am.

- Mohammed Saab Exam extension request, extend AUD Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Silverman to grant an extension until December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- n. Shannon Soong #05474 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- o. David J. Shibli #05973 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- Faisal Saaty Exam extension request, extend AUD & FAR Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant an extension until December 31, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- q. Ahmad Odeh #08003 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2019 & 2020 Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder for licensee to show completion of CPE by August 30, 2022 and resubmit request along with an administrative fine of \$100.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- r. Yusufcemil Yatkin #07994 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 & 2021 Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- s. Bessie Papoulidis #07018 CPE extension request Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs that no action is required as licensee has filed for Inactive status. The motion passed unanimously.
- t. Lori Wamser #02289 CPE extension request Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.

- u. Svetlana Zhussupova #08935 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for all three years Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- v. James Novin #07537 Waiver request, missing CPE documentation for 2019 Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to respond back reminding them that licensees are required to hold onto CPE certificates for at least 4 years per Ac 403.02 (b). The motion passed unanimously.
- w. Monika Rubacha #07062 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 & 2021 Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- x. Mallika Paranjpe #09050 CPE extension request Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Silverman to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- y. Chrystal Nolet #04443 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for all three years Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- z. Mark Signer #01676 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 & 2021 Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- aa. John Kim Exam extension request, extend REG Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant an extension until December 31, 2022. The motion passed 6-0. Board Chair Silverman abstained.
- bb. Natalia Soboleva #04230 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for all three years Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Silverman to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- cc. Alisha Singh #08269 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 & 2021 Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- dd. Evangelia Panousou #05204 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- ee. Wayne Vitalis #04909 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 & 2021 Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.

- ff. Justin Pearce #08499 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for all three years Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- gg. Curtis Woodard #06046 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Grott to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- hh. 'Sabrina' Haiyan Yang #04736 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. Sean M. Purcell #05208 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- jj. Matt Wright #03807 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- kk. Filippo Oliva #08521 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Helene G. Rogers #02118 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2021 Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- mm. Joseph Santiago #02253 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- nn. Christopher Vaal #02281 Waiver request, will not meet CPE hours Board Member David made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder for licensee to show completion of CPE by August 30, 2022 and resubmit request along with an administrative fine of \$100.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- oo. Marie Tule #01963 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- pp. Patrick Shalloo #07299 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for 2020 Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.

- qq. Matt Stolpe #05028 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for all three years Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- rr. Garrett B. Paolilli #08606 Waiver request, did not meet 20 hours for all three years Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver and issue an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed unanimously.
- ss. Rimmi Jain #07371 Selected for 2021 CPE audit, does not have documentation Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member David to file complaint for not having the required CPE supporting documentation per Ac 403.02. The motion passed unanimously.
- tt. Dan Shekhtikhin #06871 Did not meet CPE requirements Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to seek further information from the licensee as to what exactly they are requesting. The motion passed unanimously.
- uu. NASBA Regional Meeting Update Board Member David provided an update to the Board
- vv. New Online System Administrator Mayo went over the new system that Board Administrators and Board Members will be using to communicate Board meeting information.
- w. Date and time of next meeting Monday, October 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**<u>7. Adjournment</u>** – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dawn Couture Board Administrator II