



Accountancy Public Meeting Minutes

Accountancy Board
Jun 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT
@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Present:

Members: Jon Blais, Dawn Couture, Jennifer Elder (remote), Shane Goulet, Debra Grott, Charles Powell, Chris Senko, Richard Silverman

Absent:

Members: Edward David

I. Call to Order –

9:10 a.m.

II. Approval of Public Minutes of the April 24, 2023 meeting –

Board Chair Silverman requested a minor change, to add Robin Abbott and Maura Coakley as being presented. Board Member Powell also suggested a few changes.

- Grammatical corrections regarding attendance.
- Section II, item A, last bulletin; rephrase language to “reflect that Board Member Powell was provided the authority to convey and act upon the Board’s proposed position.”
- Section IV, item A #2, third line; add in the words “earned for” after the word be to read “can be earned for teaching....”
- Section IV, item B #4, second paragraph, third line; add in the word “mail” after all.
- Section IV, item C; add in the applicant’s name.
- Section IV, item E, second line; add an “s” to months and replace the word going to “increasing.”
- Section IV, item F; change “legislator” to “legislation”.
- Section V, item A, second line; add the word “about” after ‘the Board’.
- Section VIII, second line; add the words “the Board” after ‘roll call’.

Board Chair Silverman made a motion to accept the public minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business –

A. CPE Waiver Requests:

1. Kristina Bean (Fish) – Waiver for missing CPE hours by June 30, 2022 –

Board Member Grott made a motion to grant the licensees request. The motion was seconded by Board Member Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Exam Extension Requests:

1. Hamada Ali Issa Ali – Extension request for BEC –

Board Member Grott made a motion to extend both credit scores to 12/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Board Member Blais. The Board held a discussion. Based on the candidates exam history and that an extension was previously granted for FAR the motion was denied with a 3-2 vote.

2. Laniquar Martin – Extension request for FAR, past 18 month window –
Board Member Grott made a motion to grant an extension until 12/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Board Member Powell. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Abedalfattah Saleh – Extension request for FAR –
Board Member Elder made a motion to send a letter making sure the candidate is aware that effective 1/01/2024, all parts of the exam will be extended 12 months under the new evaluation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Meenakshi N. Balla – Extension request for FAR –
Board Member Elder made a motion to send a letter making sure the candidate is aware that effective 1/01/2024, all parts of the exam will be extended 12 months under the new evaluation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Powell. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Ahmed Salah Fathi Elsayed Abdelrahman – Extension request for AUD and REG –
Board Member Elder made a motion extend both credit scores for 12 months; AUD until 9/30/2024 and REG until 12/31/2024. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Hussam Ahmed Abu Gharbieh – Extension request for AUD –
Board Member Elder made a motion to grant an extension until 12/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Ahmed Sayed Abdelrahman Abdelmagid – Extension request for BEC and FAR –
Board Member Blais made a motion to extend both scores to 1/01/2024. The motion was seconded by Board Member Elder. The Board held a brief discussion. Board Member Blais made an amendment to the motion, to extend the scores for BEC & FAR until 12/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Board Member Elder. The motion passed 4-1.
8. Rochelle Holness – Extension request for BEC and FAR –
Board Member Blais made a motion to grant an extension for both scores until 12/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Board Member Elder. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Turki Alqahtani – Extension request for AUD and FAR –
Board Member Blais made a motion to grant an extension for both scores until 12/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Board Member Powell. The Board held a brief discussion. Board Member Blais made an amendment to the motion, to not extend FAR but extend AUD until 10/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Board Chair Silverman. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Mohamed Hany Ibrahim – Extension request for AUD –
Board Chair Silverman made a motion to grant an extension until 1/01/2024. The motion was seconded by Board Member Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Advocating in the NH Legislation Training

Board Chair Silverman provided the Board with a brief update of what this course was about and recommends it to the other members.

V. OPLC/Board Administration Updates

A. Division Director Bethany Cottrell and Public Information Officer Donna Long: Discuss PIO Process, Press Releases and Notices of Emergency Orders –

Division Director Cottrell informed the Board on how OPLC is trying to increase their public communication with enforcement/disciplinary issues, and licensing. Currently these notices are posted on the Board's webpage under Board Actions. At this time the Board will take under advisement and report back to OPLC.

B. Discussion regarding renewals and SSN Re: Licensees not able to renew due to not having an SSN -

Board Chair Silverman stated that all those who are currently licensed trying to renew and those who have previously held a NH CPA license and are trying to return to the practice shall be grandfathered. Legal Counsel Attorney Goulet informed the Board this a statutory issue not a rule. Division Director Cottrell mentioned the requirement for an SSN is a New Hampshire federal requirement RSA 161-B. OPLC will accept either an SSN or ITIN. Board Chair Silverman asked Attorney Goulet to research this further. A special meeting will take place on June 16, 2023 to further discuss the issue.

VI. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Update on rule changes from the April 24, 2023 meeting –

The Board went through each set of rules. Tina Kelley was in attendance.

- Ac 100 – Board Chair Silverman made a motion to accept as proposed and begin the rulemaking process. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ac 200 – Tabled to the next meeting.
- Ac 300 – Tabled to the next meeting.
- Ac 400 – Tabled to the next meeting.

B. Legislative Update

Counsel Attorney Goulet provided the Board with a brief update.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Charles Powell – Legislation

Board Member Powell asked to receive a copy of the current version of all bills, blacklined from Counsel Attorney Goulet.

B. Jennifer Elder – Rules – UAA Changes to 30 months for testing period.

Board Member Elder informed the Board that NASBA is encouraging all states to grant extensions for exams until the 30-month extension comes into effect. Board Chair Silverman made a motion to extend the current 18-month exam window under Ac 303.02 (b) to 30-months. The extension will be from the date of notice received on passing the exam. The motion was seconded by Board Member Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Ed David – Peer Review

Tabled.

D. Rich Silverman – Newsletter – Review Draft

A draft was provided to the Board for review. Board Chair Silverman made a motion to send the newsletter to licensees and legislation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. Board Member Powell provided some minor changes to the content. Board Chair Silverman made an amendment to the motion to approve the newsletter with the minor changes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Licensure - Applications approved by NASBA since January 20, 2023

Board Chair Silverman made a motion to acknowledge the following applicants for licensure with the corresponding license number. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grott. The motion passed unanimously.

A. January 20, 2023

Gabriel Da Luz – 09362
Arwin Guban – 09363
Kazi Hassan – 09364
Beatrice Kithandi – 09365
Ashley Mayo – 09366
Ying Simpson – 09367

B. February 2, 2023

Sophie Hammond – 09368
Megan Standafer – 09369
Guido Kemper – 09370
Benjamin Hodges – 09371

C. February 21, 2023

Tiffany White – 09372
Amjad Al-Samhoury – 09373

D. March 29, 2023

Brooke Davis – 09374
Yanhong Huang – 09375
Ishita Goda – 09376
Alhamis Marushu – 09377
Zachary Reynolds – 09378
Cheng Li – 09379
Christopher Syner – 09380
Taylor D'Ottavio – 09381
Uzair Afzal – 09382

IX. Next Meeting – Friday, June 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

X. Board Membership Update

Board Chair Silverman informed the Board that Board Member Elder will be moving out of New Hampshire; therefore, her last meeting will be the August 7, 2023 meeting. Board Chair Silverman

mentioned that he has received a few inquiries already and does not feel that it will be difficult to have a full Board again. The position will be filled when the term expires in December 2023.

XI. **NASBA Regional Meeting Report**

Board Member Blais provided the Board with highlights from the NASBA Regional meeting.

XII. **Adjournment**

Board Member Grott made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Powell. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.