

Board of Accountancy Public Meeting Minutes

Accountancy Board Feb 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM EST to Feb 6, 2024 at 1:00 PM EST

Members Present: Ed David – Chair, Richard Silverman, Joseph Bator, Lisa Athanasia, Charles Powell, Jonathan Blais(Remote), Debra Grott(Remote)

Staff: Alex Fisher – Board Administrator, Carson Hansford – Board Administrator, Cassandra Brown, Esq. - Board Counsel

I. Call to Order - ED called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Board went into non meeting at 9:06AM.

Board ended non meeting at 9:15AM.

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second Joe, the board voted that Jonathan Blais and Debra Grott can appear remotely due to illness. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

II. New Business

- A. NASBA ALD Denied Status
 - **1.** Denied status means that the applicant failed to meet the requirements of the board.

III. Hearings

- A. Pante-a Farrokhi 9:30 AM
- IV. Non Public Session

Motion: Upon a motion by Ed with a second by Charles, the board voted to go into non public session. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

- V. Approval of Public Minutes
 - **A.** October 17, 2023

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Joe, the board voted to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote passed 5-0. Joe and Lisa abstained.

B. December 4, 2023

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Deb, the board voted to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote passed 6-0. Lisa abstained.

C. January 25, 2024

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Joe, the board voted to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote passed 6-0. Lisa abstained.

VI. CPE

- A. Rise Private Wealth Management Team
 - 1. The board reviewed the information regarding the CE course and it is their understanding that NASBA has approved this course.

Board went into non meeting at 9:41AM.

Board ended non meeting at 10:00AM

VII. Administrative Rules and Legislative Topics

A. AC 100 - Review Final Proposal

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Lisa, the board approved the final proposal as amended. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

B. AC 200 - Review Final Proposal

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Lisa, the board approved the final proposal as amended. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

C. AC 504 - Review Final Proposal

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Lisa, the board approved the final proposal as amended. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

- **D.** AC 300 Initial Proposal
 - 1. Rulemaking Request Form

- **a.** Richard will represent the board regarding AC 300.
- **E.** Ed and Charles provided legislation update.
 - **1.** HB 1272
 - **2.** HB 1676
 - **3.** HB 1408

VIII. CE Broker Final Rollout

- A. Heather Kelley 11:00AM
 - **1.** Mentioned contract regarding CE broker and how it will affect accountancy.
 - **2.** Stakeholder meetings will be coming up. They will be recorded and posted on the website.

IX. CE Audits

- **A.** Bethany Cottrell informed the board that we are in the process of implementing the CE Audits for 2023.
- **B.** The board would like the audit letters to not be sent during tax season.

X. NASBA Meetings

- A. Eastern Regional Meeting June 4th 6th Louisville, KY
- B. 117th Annual Meeting October 27th-30th Orlando, FL
- XI. 2024 Meeting Dates
 - **A.** Next meeting April 23rd
 - B. June meeting modified to June 10th
- XII. Terms of Office
 - A. Ed David November 20, 2023 December 2, 2028
 - B. Richard Silverman December 3, 2020 December 2, 2025
 - C. Debra Grott -December 6, 2017 December 2, 2026
 - **D.** Joseph Bator October 4, 2023 September 17, 2028
 - E. Jonathan Blais February 8 2023 December 2, 2027
 - F. Charles Powell April 7, 2021 September 21, 2025
 - G. Lisa Athanasia December 20, 2023 December 2, 2028

XIII. Non Public Session

Motion to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion: Upon a motion by ED with a second by Rich, the board voted to go into non public session. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

XIV. Seal Minutes of 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

Motion: Upon a motion by ED with a second by Charles, the board voted to seal the non public minutes. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

XV. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion by CP with a second by Joe, the board voted to adjourn at 12:53PM. Roll call vote passed 7-0.