

NH BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Board of Accountancy held on December 14, 2020. Due to the current State of Emergency around the COVID-19 Health Advisory, this meeting was held via teleconference under the Governor's Emergency Order #12 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Vice Chair Grott. Board Members who were in attendance remotely were Briggs, Nelson, Elder, Seifert, Graham and Silverman. Also in attendance remotely was OPLC Staff Member Dawn Couture.

1. Interview/meeting/hearing –

- a. Welcome Richard Silverman – The Board welcomed Member Silverman back onto the Board.

2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Grott to approve the public minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote from each Board Member. Board Member Seifert and Board Member Silverman abstained.

3. Reading of Communications –

- a. Letter from Erickson Demel & Co., PLLC Regarding a Consent Order from the Arizona State Board of Accountancy – The Board received and acknowledges the letter. It will be placed in the firm's file. No further action required.
- b. Notice of Disciplinary Action against Grant Thornton, LLP – The Board received and acknowledges the letter. It will be placed in the firm's file. No further action required.
- c. OPLC Enforcements Standing Order for all Boards – A discussion was held. The Board would like to send a letter to OPLC's Executive Director Courtney, expressing the Board's concerns of another department who does not have a licensed CPA on staff reviewing Board complaints. The Board has asked Staff Member Couture to draft a letter for the Board to review and approve.
- d. Board of Accountancy Newsletter – The Board held a discussion. Board Member Silverman provided some topics that were mentioned in past newsletters.

4. Reading and Consideration of Applications –

- a. Applications processed through NASBA since October 9, 2020 – Board Member Graham made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Silverman and acknowledged the following applicants for licensure. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

Omar Al-Tillawi	9114	October 9, 2020
Michael Ayotte	9115	October 9, 2020
Mary Bahig Aziz Salib	9116	October 9, 2020
Lisa Rouse	9117	October 9, 2020
Mitali Suri	9118	October 9, 2020
Walid Alzubi	9119	October 22, 2020
Quincy Appah	9120	October 22, 2020

4. Applications, Continued –

- a. Applications processed through NASBA since October 9, 2020 – Board Member Graham made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Silverman and acknowledged the following applicants for licensure. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

Kaitlyn Bell	9121	October 22, 2020
Tony Haddad	9122	October 22, 2020
Youngeun Jang	9123	October 22, 2020
Cara Johnston	9124	October 22, 2020
Dustin Ladd	9125	October 22, 2020
Youngju Lee	9126	October 22, 2020
Racquel Pryce-Brown	9127	October 22, 2020
Sajan Shetty	9128	October 22, 2020
Luis Vega	9129	October 22, 2020
Mayank Ahuja	9130	October 29, 2020
Liang Chen	9131	October 29, 2020
Jieying Chen	9132	October 29, 2020
Catherine Harris	9133	October 29, 2020
Christine Chrysafidis	9134	November 5, 2020
Daniel Daragiu	9135	November 5, 2020
Edward P. Eseppi	9136	November 5, 2020
Robert W. Franger	9137	November 5, 2020
Cathleen Gee	9138	November 5, 2020
Anne Scionti Brett	9139	November 5, 2020
Jinay Shah	9140	November 5, 2020
Ahmed Shebl	9141	November 5, 2020
Constantine N. Tsitouras	9142	November 5, 2020
Ahmed I. Alzahid	9143	November 18, 2020
Hyunmin Chun	9144	November 18, 2020
Ammara Najeeb Jamal	9145	November 18, 2020
Joo Ho Lee	9146	November 18, 2020
Ying Li	9147	November 18, 2020
Jeffrey D. Schleicher	9148	November 18, 2020
Thomas Truchok	9149	November 18, 2020
Zaneta Diniz de Carvalho	9150	November 25, 2020
Tianli Fu	9151	November 25, 2020
Tanima Kundu	9152	November 25, 2020
Wuhao Pan	9153	November 25, 2020
Neisha Sutherland	9154	November 25, 2020

5. Unfinished Business –

- a. Update Industrial work experience – The Board has requested for a survey to be conducted regarding what other States may require for public accounting experience and/or do they have a required number of hours allowed for outside public experience. OPLC Staff will reach out to NASBA and see if they can help in reaching out to other States – Tabled till next meeting.

5. Unfinished Business, Continued –

- b. Update of rule subcommittee – The Board held a discussion on recommended changes of the administrative rules that was presented from the rule subcommittee. The Board will continue to discussion possible changes at upcoming meetings.


6. New Business –

- a. Upon the motion of Board Member Graham and the second of Board Member Grott, the Board voted by roll call vote, to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing pending investigations and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 11 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges.
- b. Upon the motion of Board Member Silverman and the second of Board Member Elder, the Board by roll call vote resumed public session.
- c. Upon the motion of Board Member Silverman and the second of Board Member Graham, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to render the proposed action ineffective.
- d. Email from Dan Dustin on Disciplinary Matrix – Tabled till next meeting. Associated with item 5 (a).
- e. Email from NHSCPA on changes in Uniform Accountancy Act education rules – Board Member Silverman provide a brief background regarding upcoming changes approved by NASBA to the Uniform Accountancy Act, education rules. The Board held a discussion. Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Silverman to send a letter to NHSCPA stating that nothing has been proposed at this time regarding these changes; it is still in discussion. The Board is continuing to follow these changes and will keep everyone in formed. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- f. Hayato Matsuzaki #5148: Non-compliant 2018 Audit – CPE Log of hours earned July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 – Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Nelson to reach out to the licensee to have the articles translated, list applicable publication, a list of who reviewed the articles prior to publication and attach word count; per Ac 401.04 (c) and Ac 403.02 (h). The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- g. Kerrin Rounds #6497: Requesting a waiver per Ac 403.01 (m) for not meeting 20 CPE hours by June 30, 2020 – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to grant a one-time waiver per Ac 403.01 (m). The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote from each Board Member. Board Member Grott abstained.
- h. Bei Li #7291: Requesting a waiver for not meeting 20 CPE hours by June 30, 2019 & June 30, 2020 – Board Member Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver along with an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n) for the period of 2018-2019. Per Exhibit H, of NH’s Governor Emergency Order #29, a waiver was granted for the period of 2019-2020. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

6. New Business, Continued –

- i. Rashid Daurov #5005: Non-compliant 2020 Audit – Requesting a waiver for not meeting 20 CPE hours by June 30, 2018 – Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Silverman to grant a one-time waiver along with an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote from each Board Member. Board Member Graham lost connection at this time and did not vote.
- j. Shlomo Lipsett #8803: Requesting a waiver for not meeting 20 CPE hours by June 30, 2019 – Board Member Graham made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Silverman to grant a one-time waiver along with an administrative fine per Ac 403.01 (n). The Board held a brief discussion. Board Member Graham made a motion to amend the previous motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Silverman to grant a one-time waiver per Ac 403.01 (m). The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote from each Board Member. Board Member Seifert had left the meeting early and did not vote.
- k. Election of Officers – The following Board Members were nominated and elected as new officers.
 1. Board Member Graham made a nomination which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to elect Board Member Silverman as Chair. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
 2. Board Member Silverman made a nomination which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Grott to elect Board Member Graham as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
 3. Board Member Grott made a nomination which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Graham to elect Board Member Elder as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- l. 2021 Board Meeting Dates – The Board has acknowledged the meeting dates for the upcoming year.
- m. Date and time of next meeting – ***Monday, February 8, 2021 at 9 a.m.***

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Couture
Supervisor II