

## NH BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Board of Accountancy held on February 8, 2021. 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 Silverman, Briggs, Nelson, Elder, Seifert and Grott. Also in attendance remotely was OPLC Staff Member Dawn Couture. Board Member Graham did not attend.

**1. Interview/meeting/hearing** – None.

**2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting** – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to approve the public minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

**3. Reading of Communications** –

- a. NASBA Memorandum Re: Focus Questions – The Board held a brief discussion. The Board went through each question. Staff Member Couture will complete the questionnaire with the Board’s respective responses and submit it to NASBA.

**4. Reading and Consideration of Applications** –

- a. Applications processed through NASBA since January 7, 2021 – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Nelson and acknowledged the following applicants for licensure. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

Janae Watkins	9155	Jan. 7, 2021
Thaymy Valadao de Almeida	9156	Jan. 7, 2021
Michael Samuel	9157	Jan. 7, 2021
Nina Raso	9158	Jan. 7, 2021
Devi Sravani Pinnana	9159	Jan. 7, 2021
Yaw Osei-Kumah	9160	Jan. 7, 2021
Peter Loeber	9161	Jan. 7, 2021
Matthew Curtin	9162	Jan. 7, 2021
Tamae Campbell	9163	Jan. 7, 2021
Maria Babiceva	9164	Jan. 7, 2021
Nada Al Assi	9165	Jan. 7, 2021

**5. Unfinished Business** –

- a. Industrial work experience and Disciplinary Matrix – Tabled
- b. Rule Subcommittee Update – Tabled
- c. Board of Accountancy Newsletter – Tabled

**6. New Business –**

- a. Upon the motion of Board Member Grott and the second of Board Member Elder, 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 Grott and the second of Board Member Briggs, the Board by roll call vote resumed public session.
- c. Upon the motion of Board Member Grott and the second of Board Member Elder, 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. Alma Zholbayeva #04628 – Requesting a waiver under Ac 403.01 (m) for not meeting 20 CPE's by June 30, 2019 – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Silverman to grant a one-time waiver. The Board held a discussion. Board Member Briggs made a motion to amend the previous motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Silverman for Staff Member Couture to ask Ms. Zholbayeva to provide documentation for the 28 hours earned at the end of June 2019 but was not reported with the 2016-2019 renewal period. If the documentation cannot be provided, then a waiver would be required for the next meeting. If the documentation is provided, no waiver is required. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- e. Eugene N. Hretzay #03800 – Requesting a waiver for not meeting 20 CPE's by June 30, 2020 – Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver per Ac 403.01 (m). The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- f. Xin Wang – Requesting to extend BEC for 3 months – The Board held a discussion. Extensions cannot be granted past the 18-month window requirement. Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs that Ms. wang must retake the other 3 parts of the CPA exam. Due to the current standing order authorized by the Board on Nov. 2, 2020, BEC has been extended until Sept. 14, 2021. Ms. Wang may submit a request for BEC when it's closer to September, as long as the remaining exams have been taken and passed. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- g. Ahmed Massoud – Requesting a waiver for FAR – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to grant an extension for FAR due to COVID-19. Extension has been granted until June 30, 2021. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- h. SSN# required for exams and licensure – As of February 12, 2020, applicants must have a social security number to apply for licensure in NH.

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**6. New Business, Continued** –

- i. Public Member Opening – Board Chair Silverman informed the Board that Board Member Seifert’s term has been extended. Board Member Nelson also informed the Board that he will be retiring and has recommended another applicant to the Board as his replacement. The Board thanked Board Member Nelson for his service and dedication to the Board.
- j. OPLC ‘Respect and Civility in the Workplace’ training – Board Chair Silverman reminded the Board that the training must be completed by March 14, 2021.
- k. Date and time of next meeting – *Monday, May 3, 2021 at 9 a.m.*

**7. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Couture  
Supervisor II