

## NH BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Board of Accountancy held on May 3, 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 9:01 a.m. by Chair Silverman. Board Members who were in attendance remotely were Briggs, Elder, Seifert, Graham, Grott and Powell. Also in attendance remotely was OPLC Staff Member Dawn Couture. Attendance via remote from the DOJ was Attorney Michael Haley.

### **1. Interview/meeting/hearing –**

- a. Welcome Charles Powell – The Board welcomed new Member Powell.
- b. Attorney Michael Haley – Attorney Haley introduced himself. Also, informed the Board that with he is with the DOJ and will be the Board’s support system during meetings in case any questions come up that may require legal assistance.

**2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting** – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to approve the public minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote from each Board Member. Board Member Graham and Board Member Powell abstained.

**3. Reading of Communications** – None.

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

- a. Applications processed through NASBA since February 4, 2021 – Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Grott and acknowledged the following applicants for licensure. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

Lakeisha Albury	9166	Feb. 4, 2021
Mohammed Alhamid	9167	Feb. 4, 2021
Molly Burns	9168	Feb. 4, 2021
Tyler Desmarais	9169	Feb. 4, 2021
Collin Galione	9170	Feb. 4, 2021
Altamash Khan	9171	Feb. 4, 2021
Jongyik Kim	9172	Feb. 4, 2021
Songserm Lorgunpai	9173	Feb. 4, 2021
Mustofa Ali	9174	Feb. 26, 2021
Elkana Amitai	9175	Feb. 26, 2021
Chang-I Lin	9176	Feb. 26, 2021
Laura Matar	9177	Feb. 26, 2021
Thomas Miller	9178	Feb. 26, 2021
Mahmoud Osman	9179	Feb. 26, 2021
Matthew Pliskin	9180	Feb. 26, 2021
Katherine Pohle	9181	Feb. 26, 2021
Xingchen Ren	9182	Feb. 26, 2021

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

- a. Applications processed through NASBA since February 4, 2021 – Board Chair Silverman made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Grott and acknowledged the following applicants for licensure. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

Aayushi Sahni	9183	Feb. 26, 2021
Yingxin Cui	9184	March 12, 2021
Yue Deng	9185	March 12, 2021
John DiCaro	9186	March 12, 2021
Jessica Dillon	9187	March 12, 2021
Zareen Jawaid	9188	March 12, 2021
Ashleigh Lambert	9189	March 12, 2021
Chengrui Li	9190	March 12, 2021
Pooja Patel	9191	March 12, 2021
Puranjay Patel	9192	March 12, 2021
Jacqueline Talbot	9193	March 12, 2021
Clayton Theberge	9194	March 12, 2021
Matthew Zylak	9195	March 12, 2021
Angela Campbell	9196	April 1, 2021
Pascal Daye	9197	April 1, 2021
Mohamad Hantas	9198	April 1, 2021
Ryan Knowles	9199	April 1, 2021
Thi Tuyet Nguyen	9200	April 1, 2021
Sumit Sharma	9201	April 1, 2021
Yiru Shen	9202	April 1, 2021
Antillio Bastian	9203	April 16, 2021
Weiwei He	9204	April 16, 2021
Stephen Hession	9205	April 16, 2021
Sayed Husain Khalaf	9206	April 16, 2021
Danielle Lachance	9207	April 16, 2021
Nicholas Marino	9208	April 16, 2021
Pragnesh Patel	9209	April 16, 2021
Bachir Saadeddine	9210	April 16, 2021
Tianyi Zhao	9211	April 16, 2021

**5. Unfinished Business –**

- a. Social Security requirement for exams and licensure – Board Chair Silverman informed the Board that the newly licensed applicants have either completed their application or where in the process of completing prior to the cutoff date of March 8, 2021 for the new rule requirement regarding social security numbers.
- b. Industrial work experience and Disciplinary Matrix and Rules Subcommittee Update – Board Member Graham informed the Board that he and Board Member Elder will be working on the rules during the next few months. Tabled until next meeting.

**5. Unfinished Business, Continued –**

- c. Board of Accountancy Newsletter – Board Member Graham informed the Board that he will be working on the newsletter during the next few months. Tabled until next meeting.

**6. New Business –**

- a. At 9:30 a.m. upon the motion of Board Member Graham 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. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- b. At 10:10 a.m. upon the motion of Board Member Briggs and the second of Board Member Grott, the Board by roll call vote resumed public session.
- c. At 10:12 a.m. upon the motion of Board Member Graham and the second of Board Member Grott, 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. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- d. NASBA Regional Meeting – Board Chair Silverman informed the Board that NASBA's annual meetings have been held via remotely.
- e. Hayato Matsuzaki #5148: Non-compliant 2018 Audit – Submitted supporting documentation regarding published articles claimed on 2018 renewal – Board Member Elder informed the Board that upon reviewing the submitted documents a few things still remained un cleared. The Board held a discussion. Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Seifert to schedule a hearing to take place at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- f. Michael Patrick Brewer #6127: Non-compliant 2020 Audit – Requesting a waiver for not meeting required minimum 20 hours by June 30<sup>th</sup> – Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver; which shall also be noted in the licensee's file. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- g. Azza Osman #7017 – Requesting a waiver for not meeting required minimum 20 hours by June 30, 2020 – Board Member Elder made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to grant a one-time waiver per administrative rule Ac 403.01 (m). Waiver shall be noted in the licensee's file. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

**6. New Business, Continued –**

- h. Soohyun Ham #8838 – Requesting a waiver for not meeting required minimum 20 hours by June 30, 2020 – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Graham to grant a one-time waiver per administrative rule Ac 403.01 (m). Waiver shall be noted in the licensee’s file. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- i. Maitrai Joshi #8616 – Requesting a waiver for not meeting required minimum 20 hours by June 30, 2019 & June 30, 2020 – Board Member Briggs made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Grott to grant a one-time waiver per administrative rule Ac 403.01 (m). Waiver shall be noted in the licensee’s file. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- j. Sami Jamal Elshaweesh – Requesting a waiver to extend AUD credit until Dec. 31, 2021 – Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to approve the extension of AUD credit until Dec. 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- k. Hamada Ali Issa Ali – Requesting a waiver to extend FAR credit until Dec. 31, 2021 – Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to approve the extension of FAR credit until Dec. 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- l. Alaa Bawyan – Requesting a waiver to extend AUD & FAR credit until Dec. 20, 2021 due to current pregnancy – Board Member Grott made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to approve the extension of AUD & FAR credits until Dec. 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- m. Di Wu – Requesting a waiver to extend FAR credit due to current pregnancy – Board Member Graham made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to approve the extension of FAR credit until Dec. 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.
- n. Ronald LaPlante – Experience verification for reciprocity – A letter to be sent to Mr. LaPlante stating that he must follow the experience requirement as stated in administrative rule Ac 304.03.
- o. Dana Najjar – Requesting special consideration for licensure – Ms. Dana Najjar was in attendance via telephone. The Board held a brief discussion with Ms. Najjar regarding her application. Board Member Graham made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Briggs to accept Ms. Najjar’s application for licensure and the fact that Ms. Najjar’s application was completed prior to the new social security rule. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from each Board Member.

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**6. New Business, Continued** –

- p. Zaki Demian – Requesting special consideration for licensure – It is unclear if Ms. Laura Jean Humbert was Mr. Demain’s direct supervisor. A letter is to be sent to Mr. Demain requesting for additional information to be provided regarding the status of Mr. Demain’s experience and does it met the requirements set forth under the Board’s current administrative rules.
  
- q. Date and time of next meeting – *Monday, July 12, 2021 at 9 a.m.*

**7. Adjournment** – Board Member Graham made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Elder to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Couture  
Supervisor II