

STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
October 3, 2017

LOCATION: 500 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Third Floor Conference Room

**MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:** Arthur E. Flach
Phillip J. Korb
Leslie Mostow
James E. Marshall, Jr.
Edward J. Helmstetter, Jr.
Mary Campbell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Macon M. Ware, III

DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF: John Papavisiou, Deputy Commissioner
Dennis L. Gring, Executive Director
Linda Rhew, Administrative Officer
Matthew Lawrence, Counsel
Janet Morgan
Norbert Fenwick, CE Consultant
Michelle Roberts, Administrative Specialist III
Mason Land, Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Halpern, MACPA
Tom Bray, MSATP

The October 3, 2017, meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman of the Board, Arthur E. Flach.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Mr. Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Korb, the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting were approved without corrections.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Flach introduced Ms. Mary Campbell, Consumer Member as the newest member of the Board. Chairman Flach also extended thanks and gratitude to Mr. Cliff Jeter and Mrs. Naomi Powell for their service on the Board. Chairman Flach also welcomed Linda Rhew back and introduced "Eddie" Helmstetter and James Marshall as the new complaint committee.

Chairman Flach led discussion on the letters from other Boards regarding the title designations and how the views of other Boards are consistent with MD's views of the confusion the designations would cause.

Upon a motion **(II)** by Mr. Helmstetter, and seconded by Mr. Mostow, the Board unanimously approved the Chairman's Report.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Gring introduced Ms. Shanai Jordan as the Assistant Director who will be assisting him with the daily operations of the Board with emphasis on complaint management, continuing education and peer review compliance.

Mr. Gring led a discussion on the CPA examination release dates scores and licensing stats.

Upon a motion **(III)** by Mr. Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Helmstetter, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's Report.

Exam Appeals

Nothing to Report

Education Report

Mr. Korb presented the Education Report. There were zero (0) Transfer of Grades applications approved. There were zero (0) Transfer of Grades denials.

Upon a motion **(IV)** by Mr. Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Marshall, the Board unanimously approved the Education Report.

Experience Report

Ms. Campbell presented the Experience Report. There were six (6) reciprocal applications approved, zero (0) reciprocal application denials, and twenty (20) Maryland candidate license application approvals. There were zero (0) Maryland candidate application denials. There were zero (0) administrative closures.

Upon a motion **(V)** by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Helmstetter, the Board unanimously approved the Experience Report.

Firm Permit Report

Mr. Korb presented the Firm Permit Report. There were five (5) firm permit applications approved, two (2) Maryland Firm and one (1) California Firm, one (1) New York Firm and one (1) Illinois Firm, zero (0) firm application closed.

Upon a motion **(VI)** by Mr. Marshall, and seconded by Mr. Mostow, the Board unanimously approved the Firm Permit Report.

Peer Review Oversight Committee Report

Chairman Flach led a discussion on the two (2) types of Peer Review Programs; AICPA Firm Members and Non- Members. There will no longer be dual peer review programs, non-member firms will now be required to take the same peer review programs as members.

Upon a motion **(VII)** by Mr. Korb, and seconded by Ms. Campbell, the Board unanimously approved the Peer Review Oversight Committee Report.

New Business

No New Business

Old Business

Executive Director Gring led a discussion on two additional conditional credit extension requests for candidates.

- In the matter of Emily Mills this request was denied
Upon a motion **(VIII)** by, Mr. Mostow and seconded by Mr. Helmstetter, the Board unanimously denied this request.
- In the matter of Kate Shin this request was denied.
Upon a motion **(IX)** by, Korb and seconded by Mr. Mostow, the Board unanimously denied this request.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Executive Session

Upon a motion **(X)**, by Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Korb, the Board went into Executive Session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 at 9:35 AM. The purpose of this session was to consult with counsel. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Maryland Annotated Code. It returned to the regular business meeting at 9:54 AM upon a motion **(XI)**, by Mr. Korb, and seconded by Mr. Helmstetter.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Marshall presented the Complaint Committee Report. Mr. Marshall reported that the Board received four (4) new complaints; two (2) consumer and two (2) CE audit failures and three (3) complaints closed.

Upon a motion **(XII)** by Mr. Korb and seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board approved the Complaint Committee Report.

Upon a motion **(XIII)** by Mr. Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board adjourned at 10:04 AM.

NEXT MEETING November 7, 2017, 500 North Calvert Street, Third Floor, 9:00 AM

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11/7/2017
Date