State of Maryland

Board of Certified Public Accountants

Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 2, 2022

 *Via Google Meets Teleconference*

**MEMBERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** James E. Marshall, Jr., Chair

Macon M. Ware, III, Secretary

 Dr. Jan L. Williams

Joseph Petito

 Barrett E. Young

**MEMBERS/STAFF**

**ABSENT:** Brian Dunne

 Tamara Bensky

**DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF:** Christopher Dorsey, Executive Director

 Jessica Praley, Legal Counsel

Michelle Roberts, Administrative Specialist III

Danielle Anderson, Web Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Beth Halpern, MACPA

Rebecca Brown, MACPA

 Andy Neil

The August 2, 2022, meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman of the Board, James E. Marshall, Jr.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Young, the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Marshall led a discussion about the Eastern Regional Meeting which was attended by Dr. Williams, Mr. Petito & Ms. Bensky.

Upon a motion (**II**) by Mr. Ware, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board unanimously approved the Chairman’s report.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director, Christopher Dorsey, informed the Board of new staff member, Jason Williams, Administrative Specialist III

Upon a motion **(III)** by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director’s report.

**Exam Appeals**

There were no exam appeals.

**Education Committee Report**

Dr. Williams presented the Education Report. There were two (2) Transfer of Grades application approvals both from New York and zero (0) Transfer of Grades application denials

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

**Experience Committee Report**

Mr. Petito presented the Experience Report. There were fourteen (14) Maryland candidate license application approvals and zero (0) Maryland candidate application denials.

There was twenty-one (21) Reciprocal application approvals which originated as follows: 1-MA, 2-NJ, 3-NY, 4-VA, 2-IN, 1-NC, 1-NH, 1-PA, 1-MO, 2-GA, 1-DE, 1-OH, 1-CO.

There were two (2) Reciprocal application denials.

Upon a motion **(V)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the Experience Report.

**Firm Permit Committee Report**

Dr. Williams presented the Firm Permit Committee Report for June & July 2022. There were two (2) firm permit application approvals. There were zero (0) firm permit application denials.

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

**Peer Review Oversight Committee Report**

Mr. Ware reported the following to have occurred beginning June 1, 2022, and ending July 31, 2022: nine (9) new firms enrolled in the Peer Review Program; thirty (30) firms had reviews accepted; three (3) firms passed with deficiencies, one (1) firm failed for the first time; and nine (9) firms were dropped or terminated.

Upon a motion **(VII)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Petito, the Board unanimously approved the Peer Review Report.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

Mr. Dorsey informed the Board that NASBA out sourcing was put off due to concerns regarding cost to candidates.

Dr. Williams led a discussion about MACPA / AICPA

Mrs. Halpern introduced Rebecca Brown to the Board as the new CEO of MACPA

**Correspondence**

None

**Open Discussion**

None

**Executive Session**

Upon a motion **(VIII)**, by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board went into a closed session at 10:16 AM via a Google meeting teleconference, where log-in information was only provided to Board members and staff. 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.

**Return to Open Session**

Upon a motion **(IX)** by Mr. Petito and seconded by Mr. Ware, the Board unanimously approved the motions made during Executive Session.

Upon a motion **(X)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Ware, the Board adjourned at 10:18 AM.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 13, 2022 via Google Meets teleconferencing at 9:00 AM.

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Signature on File September 13, 2022

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