

STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
December 5, 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.
Macon M. Ware, III
Edward J. Helmstetter, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Campbell

DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF: Dennis L. Gring, Executive Director
Shanai Jordan, Assistant Executive Director
Linda Rhew, Administrative Officer
Matthew Lawrence, Counsel
Norbert Fenwick, CE Consultant
Janet Morgan, Web Content and Outreach Coordinator
Michelle Roberts, Administrative Specialist III
Mason Land, Investigator

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

The December 5, 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. Marshall, and seconded by Mr. Mostow, the minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting were approved without corrections.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Flach presented Executive Director Dennis L. Gring with an Honorary CPA Certificate for his many years of hard work and dedication to the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy.

Chairman Flach led a discussion on the AICPA/NASBA UAA Committee relative to professional designations, concluding that there should be no addition of proposed language to the UAA and the issue will not be revisited. Chairman Flach also discussed the Block Chain Statutes and the basic points of NOCLAR.

There also was a discussion concerning the new entity known as the Associate of International Certified Professional Accountants and whether the Maryland statute needed to be altered when it referred to AICPA. We concluded that the statute did not need to be altered.

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

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Gring expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Board members.

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

Exam Appeals

Nothing to Report

Education Report

Mr. Korb presented the Education Report. There were three (3) Transfer of Grades applications approved. There were zero (0) Transfer of Grades denials.

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

Experience Report

Mr. Mostow presented the Experience Report. There were fifteen (15) Reciprocal applications approved, zero (0) Reciprocal application denials, and twenty-three (23) Maryland candidate license application approvals, zero (0) Maryland candidate application denials and zero (0) Administrative Closures.

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

Firm Permit Report

Mr. Ware presented the Firm Permit Report. There were two (2) MD firm permit applications approved, one (1) firm application closed as incomplete.

Upon a motion (VI) by, Mr. Helmstetter, and seconded by Mr. Korb, the Board unanimously approved the Firm Permit Report.

Peer Review Oversight Committee Report

Chairman Flach led a discussion the AICPA Enhancing Audit Quality report for 2017 which had a section dedicated to Peer Review.

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

New Business

Request for CE waiver due to military service was reviewed by Board.

Upon a motion (VIII) by, Mr. Korb and seconded by Mr. Mostow, the Board unanimously approved the request to waive CE requirement due to military service.

Old Business

Nothing to Report

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Executive Session

Upon a motion (IX), by Mr. Helmstetter, and seconded by Mr. Ware, the Board went into Executive Session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 at 9:40 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 10:00 AM upon a motion (X), by Mr. Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Korb.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Marshall presented the Complaint Committee Report. Mr. Marshall reported that the Board received three (3) new complaints—Independence Issues and one (1) complaint closed.

Upon a motion (XI) by Mr. Korb and seconded by Mr. Mostow, the Board approved the Complaint Committee Report.

Upon a motion (XII) by Mr. Korb, and seconded by Mr. Helmstetter, the Board adjourned at 10:04 AM.

NEXT MEETING January 9, 2018, 500 North Calvert Street, Third Floor, 9:00 AM

As Edited Without corrections

**SIGNATURE ON
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**

2/6/18
Date