

**STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2021**

LOCATION: Google Meets Teleconference

MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE: James E. Marshall, Jr., Chair
Macon M. Ware, III, Secretary
Barrett E. Young
Leslie Mostow
Joe Petito
Brian Dunne
Dr. Jan L. Williams

MEMBERS/STAFF

ABSENT: Norbert Fenwick, CE Consultant

DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF: Kausar Syed, Deputy Commissioner
Shanai Jordan, Executive Director
Christopher Dorsey, Assistant Executive Director
Matthew Lawrence, Legal Counsel
Linda L. Rhew, Administrative Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Halpern, MACPA
Bill Feehley, MSATP

The April 6, 2021, 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.

Deputy Commissioner Syed was introduced to the Board. She shared with the Board she is a CPA and a member of MACPA. She is especially looking forward to working with the Board of Public Accountancy.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Ware, the minutes of the March 2, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved without corrections.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Marshall briefly discussed with the Board the paper he had emailed to Board members from AICPA and NASBA concerning the Gap Analysis Report addressing the need for college accounting programs to update their curricula, as well as Boards of Accountancy to update their educational requirements.

Chairman Marshall reminded Board members to complete their financial disclosures by April 30, 2021.

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

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Jordan asked Board members and staff to introduce themselves to Deputy Commissioner Syed and provide their background information.

Ms. Jordan explained to the Board licenses must be renewed by June 30, 2021, for any licensee that has postponed their renewals during the Covid-19 Pandemic. CE must be reported at the time of renewal.

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

Exam Appeals

There were no exam appeals.

Education Report

Dr. Williams presented the Education Report. There were three (3) Transfer of Grades application approvals. The approved transfer of grades applications originated from NJ, NY, and PA. There was one (1) transfer of grades application denial that originated from DE. The application was denied for lacking three (3) semester credit hours in ethics.

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

Experience Report

Mr. Mostow presented the Experience Report. There were eleven (11) Reciprocal applications approved, one (1) Reciprocal application denials. The eleven (11) Reciprocal applications originated from the following states: 1-AK, 1-AL, 4-CA, 1-FL, 1-NH, 2-VA, and 1-PR. The Reciprocal denial was due to the applicant is not currently licensed in the US or another country. He did not take the Uniform CPA exam see Title 2 Business Occupations and Professions, Annotated Code of Maryland 2-308.

There were thirty-five (35) Maryland candidate license application approvals and zero (0) Maryland candidate application denials.

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

Firm Permit Report

Mr. Dunne presented the Firm Permit Report. There was four (4) Maryland firm permit applications approved with offices located in Maryland. There were two (2) firm permit applications closed.

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

Peer Review Oversight Committee Report

Mr. Ware reported the following have occurred beginning March 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2021: Zero (0) new firm has enrolled in the Peer Review Program since March 1, 2021; 15 (fifteen) firms have had reviews accepted since March 1, 2021; zero (0) firms have failed since March 1, 2021;

three (3) firm were dropped or terminated due to scheduling information not being received since March 1, 2021; and two (2) firm have passed with deficiencies since March 1, 2021.

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

New Business

Ms. Jordan and Deputy Commissioner Syed presented to the Board the budget. After discussion it was decided to revisit the budget in August and then to have quarterly updates.

Upon a motion **(VIII)** by Mr. Ware, and seconded by Mr. Petito, the Board unanimously approved the plan for budget discussions.

Old Business

There was no correspondence.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Executive Session

Upon a motion **(IX)**, by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board went into a closed Executive Session at 10:01 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. It returned to the regular business meeting at 10:06 AM upon a motion **(X)**, by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Ware.

Return to Open Session

Upon a motion **(XI)** by Mr. Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board unanimously approved the motions made during Executive Session.

Upon a motion **(XII)** by Mr. Mostow, and seconded by Mr. Petito, the Board adjourned at 10:16 AM.

NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2021, via Google Meets teleconferencing at 9:00 AM

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Signature on original document

5/4/2021

Chairman

Date