



Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2016

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, May 6, 2016, at 1100 4th Street SW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC, 20024.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero

Board Members Present: Robert Todero, Joseph Drew, Kayla Futch, Bridgett Gagne, Mohamad Yusuff

Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Esq.

Staff Present: Cynthia Briggs, Board Administrator, Grace Yeboah Ofori, Program Support Specialist, Clifford Cooks, Program Manager, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Kathy Thomas, Education Liaison Specialist, George Batista, Investigator

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Agenda Items: Comments or Attendance by Public

Ken L. Bishop, President/CEO National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), CEO of NASBA Center for the Public Trust; Daniel Dustin, Vice President of State Board Relations, NASBA; and Kari Bedell, GWSCPA. Ms. Bedell extended DC Board members an invitation to participate in GWSCPA Meeting, June 9, 2016.

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Agenda Items: Acceptance of Minutes

Upon a motion duly offered by member Mohamad Yusuff, and properly seconded by member Kayla Futch, the Board voted to accept the April 1, 2016 meeting minutes, with noted corrections.

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Agenda Items: Old Business

- a) North Carolina proposed LGBT legislation
b) AICPA – CGMA Designations
c) Draft Report, Proposed Reinstatement of former DC CPA License Holders

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Agenda Items: New Business

NASBA Guest- Ken Bishop and Dan Dustin – Ken Bishop briefed the Board on the CGMA credentialing by AICPA, and noted that NASBA has expressed its concerns about the impact of the new credentials on licensed CPAs and industry. Mr. Bishop also spoke about the International Qualification Examination (IQEX) for accounting professionals who are members of non-U.S. professional associations that have entered into Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) with U.S. Boards of Accountancy. Mr. Bishop stated that Washington, DC, the nation’s Capital, has a distinct advantage in attracting international and local applicants to the profession. He further stated that NASBA offers its full support to the DC Board of Accountancy.

Mr. Bishop enlightened the Board about new and improved NASBA services now available to State Accountancy Boards, including the Center for the Public Trust (CPT), CPA Experience Verification, and International Evaluation Services (IES).

DC Board of Accountancy Proposed Legislation – Kia Winston, Esq., Board Counsel, provided an update regarding the Board proposed “Accountancy Practice Act of 2015 bill.” Ms. Winston stated that the draft is currently with the DC City Council awaiting review, hearing and approval.

Center for the Public Trust (CPT) – Members Kayla Futch and Bridgett Gagne contacted Howard University to set-up a CPT chapter at Howard to promote CPA designations and provide industry and ethics guidance. Ms. Gagne also spoke to Ryan Hirsh from NASBA, to arrange a meet/greet with university representatives and students to further discuss the accounting profession.

Licensing Tax Preparers – OPLA continues to research rules and regulations in other states/jurisdictions regulating this profession.

Proposed Evolution of Peer Review – Board members will provide comments on the American Institute of Certified Public Accountant, Proposed Evolution of Peer Review Administration, no later than August 1, 2016.

2016 NASBA Conferences/Meetings

- NASBA Western Regional Meeting, Denver, CO, June 22 – 24, 2016
- 109th NASBA Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, October 30 – November 2, 2016

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session, the Board discussed reinstatement and technical review applications, legal matters, complaints and investigations, and other privileged/confidential matters as noted. Returning to open session, the Board voted on Executive Session matters.

Reinstatement Applications

REINSTATMENT APPLICATIONS		
NAME	LICENSE TYPE	Approved
MITCHELL, Calvin X.	CPA	X
SMITH, Lawrence H.	CPA	X
RATE, Traci A.	CPA	X

Legal Matters – None

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Action on Executive Session Matters

- Pursuant to DC Mayor Muriel Bowser directive banning travel to North Carolina, the Board voted to attend the Western Regional Conference in Denver, Colorado, June 22 – 24, 2016.
- Upon a motion by Board member Joseph Drew and seconded by member Kayla Futch, the Board unanimously approved the reinstatement applications.

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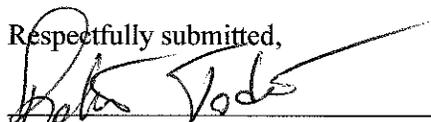
Agenda Item: Correspondence

- NASBA Launches CPA Experience Verification

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Adjourn

Upon a motion duly made by Board member Kayla Futch and seconded by Board member Bridgett Gagne the Board voted to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. The Board of Accountancy will hold its next scheduled meeting Friday, June 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Robert Todero, Chair
 Date 6-3-2016

Recorder: Cynthia Briggs, Board Administrator