



**Meeting Location: Howard University  
 Department of Accounting, Room 322  
 School of Business  
 Washington, DC 20059**

**Meeting Minutes  
 October 6, 2017**

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, October 06, 2017, at Howard University, Department of Accounting, Room 322 School of Business Washington, DC 20059.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero, and attendance was taken.

**Board Members Present:** Robert Todero, Joseph Drew, Kayla Futch, Bridget Gagne and Angela Avant.

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Clifford Cooks, Program Manager, Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator, Leon Lewis, Executive Director and Asia Dumas, Investigator.

**Legal Counsel:** Kia Winston

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**Agenda Items: Comments from the Public:** Byron Henry, Chair (Acting) along with faculty members were in attendance. Alfonzo Alexander, Chief Relationship Officer of NASBA and President of NASBA’s Center for the Public Trust (CPT) and Daniel J. Dustin, CPA, Vice President, State Board Relations, attended from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and were invited speakers to the DC Board of Accountancy meeting. Mr. Brian Kearney and Mr. Riley attended representing Kearney & Company. Kari Bedell and Welansa Mekonnen, Professional Development Director, attended from the Greater Washington Society of CPA’s. Mr. Todero thanked Dr. Henry, and welcomed invited speakers and invited members of the public to provide comments. Kari Bedell inquired if training sessions could be provided for GWCPA members on the new credentialing system and spoke about an outreach initiative that might be of interest to the board. Mr. Riley and Ms. Bedell spoke about the Real Estate and Construction Conference coming up on 12/ 14/ 2017. This conference is for professionals affiliated with industry and public accounting firms for the purpose of gaining the latest insights on industry knowledge.

Dan Dustin spoke about recent events at NASBA nationally with respect to accountancy. Some of the topics he discussed included the upcoming regional and annual meetings; CPE Audit tool (8 states that use the early model); CPA Exam (Addition of Excel); individual and firm CPA mobility; and definition of attest.

Additionally, he spoke of the UAA Committee – National projects such as ‘Use of Titles Exposure Draft’ and indicated that CPE model rules will be finalized soon. Mr. Dustin also mentioned NASBA’s commitment on assisting boards with the use of data analytics and big data, and envisioning the impact on the profession in areas such as Peer Review and regulatory oversight issues. He also discussed NASBA strategic plan for 2016 and 2019, which is increasing women and minority representation on boards and encouraging dialogue between state societies and state Boards of Accountancy

Mr. Alfonso Alexander delivered an excellent presentation about the mission of the NASBA Centre for the Public Trust. He shared insight on the benefits of students setting personal ethical standards and examples of the pitfalls related to the neglect of ethical considerations.

He also presented on the Center for the Public Trust’s Ethics Certification program a requirement for licensees disciplined by the State Board for ethics infractions. This on-line program can be tailored to a Board’s requirements for reinforcing ethics rules in their jurisdiction. Mr. Alfonso asked if the board will be interested in using this professional program for their disciplinary cases.

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**Agenda Items: Acceptance of Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by member Joseph Drew and properly seconded by member Kayla Futch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 8, 2017, Board meeting minutes with revisions.

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**Agenda Items: Old Business - None**

**New Business**

Review Board Calendar – 2017 meeting dates / Conferences/ Meetings

2017 Meeting Dates:

January 6	February 3	March 3
April 5 (Recess)	May 5	June 2
July 7 (No Meeting)	August 9	September 8
October 6	November 3 (No Meeting)	December 6

Review Board Calendar – 2018 Meeting dates - The board reviewed the proposed 2018 meeting dates. Upon a motion duly made by member Bridgette Gagne, and properly seconded by member Kayla Futch, the Board unanimously voted to accept the 2018 meeting dates tentatively until further discussion.

January 5	February 2	March 2
April 6 (Recess)	May 4	June 1
July 6	August 3	September 7
October 6	November 2	December 7

Outreach date – University of the District of Columbia- The board discussed the dates for the next outreach event at the University of the District of Columbia.

Fall/Winter Newsletter - Submission of topics – The Board was informed to submit topics to be included in the upcoming newsletter. The Education Unit is working on a draft for the fall/winter Accountancy Newsletter.

American University Outreach Event- September 11, 2017- Ms. Ofori conducted an outreach event at American University’s Kogod School of Business on September 11, 2017 to communicate licensing requirements for undergraduate students regarding the CPA exam, experience, and education requirements in DC. In attendance

were board member, Angela Avant, and Leon Lewis. Mr. Lewis added that it was an excellent presentation with positive feedback with the university and students.

CPA Exam Performance 2017 Q-2 – The board discussed the highlights on the Uniform CPA Examination summary provided by NASBA. The District of Columbia is compared to the overall candidate performances from the 55 boards of accountancy jurisdictions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made by member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted to enter into closed session at 10:55 a.m. pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (4) (A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b) (9) to discuss

disciplinary matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-775(b)(13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding.

- Complaints/legal matters
- Applications

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**Agenda Item: Reinstatement Applications**

The following actions were taken as a result of the closed session:

- Upon motion duly made by board member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Bridgett Gagne, the Board unanimously voted to approve the individual reinstatement applications.
- Upon motion duly made by board member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted to approve the firm reinstatement application of Kearney and Company and rescind the consent order.
- Upon motion duly made by board member, Kayla Futch, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board voted to defer the reinstatement application of Gilbert & Wolfand and approve application upon the issue of a Consent Order to include a \$1500.00 fine and subsequent payment of fine when executed. Dr. Drew abstained. Motion passed.

Reinstatement Application

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION		
NAME	LICENSE TYPE	APPROVED
BECK, KENNETH G.	CPA	X
CLAY, NAFEES S	CPA	X

Technical Review Application

TECHNICAL REVIEW APPLICATION		
NAME	LICENSE TYPE	APPROVED
GILBERT & WOLFAND	REINSTATEMENT	FINED

**Agenda Item: Legal Matters: None**

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**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

**Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by board member, Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by board member, Kayla Futch, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:34 a.m.

The Board of Accountancy has scheduled its next meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room E300, Washington, DC 20024

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Todero, Chair

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Date

Recorder: Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator