



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Meeting Minutes January 7, 2022

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, January 7, 2022. This was a call in/virtual meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero, and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: Robert Todero, Dr. Joseph Drew, Antonia Smiley, Angela Avant, and Bridgett Gagne.

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leon Lewis, Executive/Program Coordinator; Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education; Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

Legal Counsel: J. Patrick White, Office of the General Counsel

Guests Present: Paul Thrasher, Greater Washington Society of CPAs
Kari Bedell, Greater Washington Society of CPAs

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Agenda Item: Public Consumers and Comments from the Public:

There were no comments from the public.

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Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes

Upon motion duly made by member, Antonia Browning Smiley, and seconded by Bridgett Gagne. The Board unanimously voted to approve the December 3, 2021, draft Board meeting minutes.



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Agenda Items: 2022/2023 NASBA Conferences/Meetings Calendar Meetings & Events

Upcoming Events

[27th Annual Conference for Board of Accountancy Legal Counsel](#)

April 25-27, 2022, Clearwater Beach, FL

[40th Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff](#)

April 25-27, 2022, Clearwater Beach, FL

[Western Regional Meeting](#)

June 7-9, 2022, Colorado Springs, CO

[Eastern Regional Meeting](#)

June 27-29, 2022, White Sulpher Springs, WV

[115th NASBA Annual Meeting](#)

October 30-November 2, 2022, San Diego, CA (tentative)

Proposed 2022 Board Meeting Dates – The scheduled board meeting dates and upcoming conferences as listed.

January 07	February 11	March 04	April 01 (Recess)
May 06	June 03	July 01	August 05
September 02	October 07	November 04	December 02

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Agenda Item: Old Business

- A. Board members revisited the conversation on efforts to increase diversity and inclusion with outreach efforts by the Board. Bridgett Gagne stated she is serving on the NASBA Equity and Inclusion Committee which seeks to combine all those efforts. NASBA had a kickoff meeting in December and another meeting is scheduled for next week. Ms. Gagne stated she may have more to report for the March meeting and possibly the February Board of Accountancy meeting. The Board is currently trying to develop an outreach program to reach more young people with hopes of diversifying the profession. Chairman Todero opened the floor to any other board members and the public. No other comments.



- B. Chairman Todero revisited the discussion on expanding our Board to be more inclusive and representative of the diversity in our industry, especially given the fact that NASBA seeks to see the same on our Boards. Todero suggested adding 2 more Board members to diversify and give the Board the odd number that is needed. Mr. Lewis indicated that this change is a legislative matter, which must be reviewed by the executive branch and eventually the city Council for passage. Mr. Lewis stated he would meet with Staff Attorney Patrick White, who is agreeable in exploring avenues to effect the proposal to expand the Board to 7 members. The Board agreed that the language should convey the type of seats sought for the Board to increase diversity. Mr. Lewis requested 2 Board members appointed to the efforts and Chairman Todero agreed to assign two Board members to assist in meeting on the proposal.
- C. Board member Bridgett Gagne wanted to discuss the meeting calendar. Chairman Todero requested that the Board Administrator be given the calendar that was used in the past that outlines most of the dates for the next 10 months. Due to conflicts of several Board members for the next scheduled meeting on February 7th, the Board agreed to move February's Board meeting to February 11th, 2022. Board and Staff agreed to the moved date.

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Agenda Item: New Business

- D. Chairman Todero inquired if Dr. Drew had any updates on the recruiting efforts for the international students. Dr. Drew stated he sat in on the legislative committee meeting that continues to be involved in the fight since the North Carolina case, so that the public boards can be shielded from suit and continue to have public board representation in the United States.
- E. Mr. Lewis recapped the NASBA Education webinar that he attended on Thursday January 6, 2022. He recounted NASBA's efforts from the education perspective based on the regulatory bodies and the curriculum changes that may need to be made eventually. Mr. Lewis also indicated that it would be beneficial for the Board to have one or two of its members participate in the meetings. Chairman Todero requested that Angela Meggett-Strudwick as Administrator send an email out to the Board members when something is scheduled to make sure that at least one Board member is covering.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION



It was agreed that there would be no Executive Session at this meeting since there were no technical applications to bring before the Board.

- Complaints/legal matters
- Applications

Agenda Item: Technical Review and Reinstatement Applications:

There were no technical review applications or reinstatement applications to review.

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Agenda Item: Legal Matters: None

There were no Legal Matters to review.

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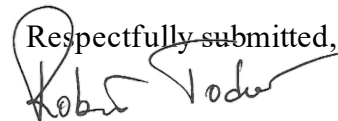
Agenda Item: Correspondence: None

There was no correspondence to review.

Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Board member, Angela Avant, and properly seconded by board member, Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:19 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy will be February 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Todero, Chair

2/17/2022

Date

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator