



## Occupational and Professional Licensing BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

### Meeting Minutes December 9, 2022

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, December 9, 2022. This was a call in/virtual meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero, and attendance was taken.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator, Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator, Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager, Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist

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

**Public Consumers Present:** Paul Thrasher, Greater Washington Society of CPAs

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#### **Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:**

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

#### **Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made at 9:10 a.m. by board member Angela Avant, and properly seconded by board member Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted to approve the October 9, 2022, draft board meeting minutes.

### **Agenda Item: Correspondence:**

- *2022 Q- 3 OA Candidate Performance*
- *2022 Q-3 Overall Statistics*
- *District of Columbia Q-3 2022*

Dr. Joseph Drew pointed out the fact that DC had 0 foreign candidates in this quarter to take the exam in this jurisdiction. Dr. Drew spoke with John Johnson of NASBA during the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting about this short fall in our jurisdiction and wants to understand why this is and how we can fix this potential problem within our regulations or application process. Chairman Robert Todero indicated he spoke with Dan Dustin with NASBA at the Eastern Regional conference, where Mr. Dustin indicated that there was an issue with our jurisdiction’s regulations. Chairman Todero requested the board administrator set up a meeting between him, Dr. Drew, Dan Dustin of NASBA, and board staff to understand what regulations pose a potential block to foreign candidates.

- *Candidate Care Quality Report Q-3 2022, FYI*
- *CPA Exam into the Future: Tentative Key Dates Announced, FYI*
- *NASBA Announces 2022-2023 Board of Directors, FYI*
- *UAA\_Rule\_5.7\_Proposed\_Amendments\_Approved\_by\_NASBA\_Board\_for\_Exposure\_FINAL1011 2022, Reading and Next Meeting Discussion*

Accountancy Board requested J. Patrick White, General Counsel, provide a comparison on Rule 5-7 with other jurisdictions to ensure DC does not have anything in the DC regulations to effect the changes being implemented with the amendment. General Counsel and Board Administrator will collaborate on this assignment to preferably have a report by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting.

- *CPA Exam Conduct and Non-Disclosure Agreement Notification, FYI*

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

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **[28th Annual Conference for Board of Accountancy Legal Counsel](#)**

**Feb. 27 – March 1, 2023, Tucson, AZ**



41st Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff

**Feb. 27 – March 1, 2023, Tucson, AZ**

116th NASBA Annual Meeting

**Oct. 29 – Nov. 1, 2023, New York, NY**

**“Reserve the date”**

**February 27 – March 1, 2023**

Upon motion duly made at 9:50 a.m. by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, and seconded by board member Angela Avant, the Board unanimously voted to approve that all board staff attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff in Tucson, AZ, February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 1, 2023 and General Counsel attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Board of Accountancy Legal Counsel in Tucson, AZ, February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 1, 2023.

**Proposed 2023 Board Meeting Dates** – The scheduled board meeting dates and upcoming conferences as listed.

<b>January 06</b>	<b>February 03</b>	<b>March 03 (? Travel)</b>	<b>April 07 (Recess)?</b>
<b>May 05</b>	<b>June 02</b>	<b>July 07</b>	<b>August 04</b>
<b>September 01</b>	<b>October 06</b>	<b>November 03</b>	<b>December 01</b>

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**Agenda Item: Report - Applications for Licensure**

Upon motion duly made at 10:00 a.m. by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, and seconded by board member Angela Avant, the Board unanimously voted to approve the December 9, 2022, list of accountancy applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the December 9, 2022, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

- *Accountancy Board Outreach Efforts*

Mr. Lewis and Ms. Meggett-Strudwick reported on efforts to contact universities in the area to resume outreach efforts. George Washington University, Howard University, and University of DC are on the

list of universities to contact for spring outreach. DC plans to enlist NASBA as a resource to join in person or virtually with outreach efforts. Board meetings on campus, if we are allowed to return to campuses in person, are on the agenda. Chairman Todero volunteered to invite one of his CPAs to speak at a board meeting held on campus so that students can hear an earlier career accountant's point of view of working in the industry. The Board expressed an interest in reaching out to high schools as well. The board staff will meet to form a more concrete plan to begin the outreach efforts for 2023 after connecting with NASBA and college contacts. Update to come at the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, board meeting.

- *Board Legislative Committee*

The Board revisited the committee's purpose in expanding the Board from five (5) members to seven (7) members, earlier career members, and the best process to move forward with the committee. The Board Staff and General Counsel will meet to determine who in the agency to include in the meetings before scheduling a committee meeting.

### **Agenda Item: New Business**

#### A. *115th NASBA Annual Meeting 2022 Report*

1. *Bridgett Gagne, Pipeline Task Force Committee*
2. *Angela Avant, Nominating Committee, Middle-Atlantic Region 2023; Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Committee 2022-2023*
3. *Cynthia Briggs, Executive Director Committee 2022 - 2023*
4. *Joseph S. Drew & Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Legislative Support Committee 2022 -2023*

Chairman Todero allowed each committee appointee to report on committee updates. Because these were new appointments many of them did not have meeting dates or information to report currently. The Board will revisit updates for the next meeting, January 6, 2023.

#### B. *BOA Newsletter- Pictures (Holiday Luncheon) TBA*

Chairman Todero offered to treat the Board to a holiday lunch after the in-person January 6, 2023, board meeting. We will use this as an opportunity to update the pictures that will be included in the upcoming newsletter scheduled to go out January 2023.

\*\*Scheduled to return to in-person meetings next meeting, January 6, 2023\*\*

### **Agenda Item: Technical Review and Reinstatement Application/s:**



Upon motion duly made at 10:29 a.m. by board member, Antonia Browning Smiley, and properly seconded by board member, Dr. Joseph Drew, the Board voted to approve the technical review applications. Board member Angela Avant abstained.

TECHNICAL REVIEW APPLICATION		
NAME	APPROVED	INCOMPLETE / DEFERRED
GRANT THORNTON LLP	X	
MARCUM LLP	X	
Novogradic & Company	X	
DAVID ALISON		X
PINGPING CHEN		X
KATHERINE IANDOLI		X

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**Agenda Item: Legal Matters:** None

There were no legal matters to discuss currently.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon vote taken by Chairman Robert Todero, the Board unanimously voted to enter closed session at 10:29 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.

The following actions were taken due to the discussion during the closed session:

Upon motion duly made by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, and properly seconded by board member Bridgett Gagne, the Board agreed to approve technical applications listed above.

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**Adjourn**



Upon motion duly made by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, and seconded by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:16 am. Board member Angela Avant abstained.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy will be January 6, 2023, in person.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert Todero", is written over a solid black horizontal line.

Robert Todero, Chair

January 20, 2023

Date

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator