



**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2022**

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, June 3, 2022. This was a call in/virtual meeting.

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

Board Members Present: Robert Todero, Dr. Joseph Drew, and Antonia Browning Smiley

Board Members Absent: Bridgett Gagne, and Angela Avant

Staff Present: Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator – Joined at 9:17

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

Public Consumers Present: Kari Bedell, Greater Washington Society of CPAs and 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.

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Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes

March 4th, 2022, meeting minutes to be approved when more board members are present. Members that were present for the meeting were not in attendance for the March meeting therefore could not vote to approve.

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Agenda Item: Correspondence:

- *New Russian Sanction Directly Affecting the Accounting Profession Issued*

Patrick White expounded on the correspondence regarding the executive order the White House issued, which was highlighted in NASBA’s News report. The report highlighted sanctions directly affecting the accounting profession. Patrick also highlighted where accountants could find the information to be compliant with the sanctions.

- *NASBA Quarterly Enforcement Report 2022, First Quarter*

The Board would like to keep this report as a part of the correspondence going forward. It is a great tool to keep abreast of any enforcements that may affect our licensees.

- *Score Release*

Chairman Todero wants more context on how these numbers breakdown to see the importance of this information. Need more information to see what the numbers mean. Nothing to compare the information with.

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

Upcoming Events

[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)

“Reserve the date”

June 27-29 & October 30 – November 2, 2022

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

Board agreed to change the July meeting date from July 1, 2022, to July 22, 2022.

January 07	February 11	March 04	April 01 (Recess)
May 13	June 03	July 22	August 05
September 02	October 07	November 04	December 02



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Agenda Item: Report - Applications for Licensure

Upon motion duly made at 9:47 a.m. by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, and seconded by Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board unanimously voted with congratulations to approve the June 3, 2022, list of accountancy applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the June 3, 2022, minutes.

Agenda Item: Old Business

- A. CPA Exam Performance Summary: Q -1: Dr. Joseph Drew reported on the progress of his letters sent to NASBA, addressed to John Johnson, expressing concerns about the low passage rates. Mr. Johnson indicated he would investigate the historical record on the passage rate and get back to him and also encouraged Dr Drew to bring the topic up at the Regional Meeting in June. Dr. Drew also inquired about the District of Columbia and why we are doing so poorly with international candidates. No response yet to that question.
- B. NASBA’s response to Ukrainian Crisis for International CPAs: Angela Meggett-Strudwick reported on hearing from NASBA on the Ukrainian crisis. NASBA does not, per DC’s contact, since the CPA credential is governed at the state/jurisdiction level. The decision would be up to each jurisdiction to determine how they would want to handle it. This is something that would need to be addressed at the state level, per NASBA. Dr. Joseph Drew asked if there was a possibility for DC to extend an offer of a temporary license to practice as a CPA for a year or two (2). Chairman Robert Todero didn’t think that would be feasible and Patrick White added in the chat that the DC Municipal Regulations do not allow for the Board to provide this type of temporary relief. If NASBA were supporting it, we would need to bring it to the Council/Mayor to support temporary legislation for Ukrainians.

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Agenda Item: New Business

None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by board member Antonia Browning Smiley and seconded by Dr. Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted to enter closed session at 9:59 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 as a result of the discussion during the closed session:

When a board member enters the meeting late the time will be documented by their name. The votes will reflect the time they were taken to keep the integrity of the voting process.

Agenda Item: Technical Review and Reinstatement Application/s:

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Agenda Item: Legal Matters: None

There were no legal matters to review.

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Adjourn

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy will be July 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Todero, Chair

8/12/2022

Date

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator