



Occupational and Professional Licensing
District of Columbia Board of Accountancy
1100 4th Street, SW Suite 400
Washington, DC 20024

Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2023

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The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, March 31, 2023. This was a call in/virtual meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero, and attendance taken.

Board Members Present: Robert Todero, Dr. Joseph Drew, Bridgett Gagne, and Antonia Browning Smiley (9:05 a.m.)

Board Members Absent: Angela Avant

Staff Present: Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator; Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator; and Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel: Marc Nielsen, Office of the General Counsel

Public Consumers Present: Paul Thrasher, Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWCPAs); Kari Bedell, Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWCPAs); Sheila Bedford, American University; and Nathan Tietz

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Agenda Item: Comments from the Public:

Kari Bedell of GWSCPA informed the board the GWSCPA Board has met to develop their positions regarding the extension of the exam window. They have voted to request that the window be extended to 36 months and will send NASBA feedback during the current comment period. The GWSCPA is also supportive of other programs that are currently being introduced for comment as alternative pathways to licensure along



with the Minnesota State Society’s position in putting forth legislation to introduce a second pathway to licensure at 120 hours plus two (2) years of experience, in addition to the 150 hours and 1 year of experience. GWSCPA is not asking that the DC Board of Accountancy take any actions currently but wants to know where the Board’s view is presently because they feel it would be a worthwhile activity to pursue a new pathway to licensure.

Nathan Tietz had no comment. Sheila Bedford, American University faculty, had no comment but was interested in the Board’s conversation regarding the proposed changes made by the AICPA and the exam window extension.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes

Upon motion duly made at 9:12 a.m. by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board, including Chairman Todero voted to approve the February 3, 2023, draft board meeting minutes. Bridgett Gagne abstained.

Agenda Item: Correspondence:

- [NASBA-AICPA-Issue-Proposed-Revisions-to-the-CPE-Standards_Final-14Dec22](#)

*(Interested parties are encouraged to review and provide comment on the exposure draft by **March 31, 2023**, by emailing comments@nasba.org.)* – The Board addressed the item and encouraged members to submit feedback by email as publicized in its agenda to NASBA or the Board Administrator

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

[Eastern Regional Meeting](#)

May 31 – Jun 2, 2023, Savannah GA

[Western Regional Meeting](#)



Jun 27 – Jun 29, 2023, Kansas City MO

[116th NASBA Annual Meeting](#)

Oct. 29 – Nov. 1, 2023, New York, NY

“Reserve the date”

April 6, 2023 (GW Outreach)

May 31 – Jun 2, 2023

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

January 06	February 03	March 31	April (Recess)
May 05	June (Recess)	July (14)	August 04
September 01	October 06	November 03	December 01

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Agenda Item: Report - Applications for Licensure

Upon motion duly made by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, and seconded by board member Bridgett Gagne, the board unanimously voted to approve the March 31, 2023, list of accountancy applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the March 31, 2023, minutes.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Board Calendar – 2023 meeting dates / Conferences / Meetings – No changes were made to the approved conference attendance. Changes to the board meeting calendar are as follows: April - recess, June - recess due to conflict with Eastern Regional Meeting. July- rescheduled. The board will discuss the option of meeting sooner if warranted at the May 5, 2023 meeting.

Accountancy Board Outreach Efforts - Finalize contacts to pursue holding a board meeting on a DC university campus during the 2023 fall semester.

Board Legislative Committee - Deferred to the next meeting.



BOA Newsletter- Pictures - Deferred to the next meeting.

International Candidates - Dr. Drew reiterated a need to remove the social security number from the CPA application and Chairman Todero asked if DLCP could clarify the language so that the foreign candidates would not be confused by what information to put in the field. Leon Lewis indicated he would follow up with the IT team to discuss where we are with the removal of the social security number from the CPA application.

Agenda Item: New Business

41st Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff - Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator, reported to the Board on topics discussed during the conference. The Board further discussed the CPA pipeline issues and alternative pathways addressed during the conference. Kari Bedell joined in the conversation regarding the pipeline as well as Sheila Bedford. Ms. Bedford reiterated the challenges the universities are experiencing regarding the CPA pipeline decline because of many factors, as well as a decline in interest for the profession. The Board will address the topic more fully moving forward and plans to discuss during the Regional Meetings and the NASBA Annual Conference.

Invitation to Master of Accountancy Event at George Washington University – Staff, Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Leon Lewis, Kendra Covington, board member Dr. Joseph Drew, and guest, Matthew Arovas, CPA, will participate in the MAccy event hosted by George Washington University on April 6, 2023.

April & June Board Meeting – The board confirmed the month, April, to recess and June to recess because it conflicts with the regional meeting date. The board retains the option of adding another meeting or modifying the calendar further if warranted.

Accountancy Board Meeting Dates - Bridgett Gagne wanted to know if the Board of Accountancy meetings were mandated and how many meetings were required and how was the number of meetings determined and is it possible to change the pattern or number of meetings. Leon Lewis confirmed that the Board of Accountancy is required to meet at least four (4) times a year and if the meetings are reduced then certain delegations would need to be made to the staff not to delay the technical and reinstatement application approvals. Also, it would be up to the board to make changes to the board meetings. Chairman Todero addressed his concerns in decreasing the number of meeting dates while the board is in the process of adding to the number of board members and other initiatives. Bridgett Gagne expressed a desire to revisit the subject later.

Kari Bedell and Sheila Bedford provided comments throughout the meeting on issues addressing the CPA Pipeline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by board member Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by board member, Antonia Browning Smiley, the board unanimously agreed to enter closed session at 10:28 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.

Agenda Item: Technical Review and Reinstatement Application/s:

TECHNICAL REVIEW APPLICATION		
NAME	APPROVED	INCOMPLETE / DEFERRED
MULLINS, PC	X	
JOHN MULLINS	X	
PINGPING CHEN	X	

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Agenda Item: Legal Matters: None

There were no legal matters to discuss currently.

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

- Upon motion duly made at 10:30 a.m. by board member Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, the board unanimously agreed to approve the technical review applications for the above.
 1. PingPing Chen CPA application renewal approved. No action taken.
 2. John Mullins CPA reinstatement approved. No action taken.
 3. Mullins, PC, firm reinstatement approved. No action taken.

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Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by board member Dr. Joseph Drew, and seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board voted to adjourn at 10:32 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy will be July 14, 2023, virtual/call in.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert Todero, Chair

August 1, 2023

Date

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator