



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

**Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2020**

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday January 22, 2020. This was a call in/virtual meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:08.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero, and attendance was taken.

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

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator, Leon Lewis – Executive Director, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator and Irina Moore, Exam Coordinator.

Legal Counsel: Keith Parsons

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Agenda Items: Public Consumers and Comments from the Public:

Kari Bedell and Paul Thrasher attended on behalf of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWSCPAs). Colleen Conrad Colleen Conrad, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer- NASBA was also in attendance to present on Remote Testing and Remote Proctoring. Tim Gillis, Tara Spruill- Jones, and Jeremy and Mr. attended from the public. There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Items: Acceptance of Minutes

Upon motion duly made by member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Antonia Smiley, the Board voted to approve the December 04, 2020, Board meeting minutes.

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113th Annual Meeting
November 1-4, 2020, San Diego, CA



Agenda Items: 2020/2021 NASBA Conferences/Meetings Calendar Meetings & Events (all travel has been suspended until further notice)

Past Events

113th Annual Meeting

November 1-4, 2020, San Diego, CA

Upcoming Events

[39th Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff](#)

April 12-14, 2021, Clearwater Beach, FL

[Eastern Regional Meeting 2021](#)

June 21-23, 2021, White Sulphur Springs, WV

[114th NASBA Annual Meeting](#)

Oct. 31 – Nov. 3, 2021, San Diego, CA

Proposed 2021 Board Meeting Dates - The board reviewed the 2021 meeting dates and upcoming conferences. All travel ban is still in effect. The February meeting was postponed to February 19.

January 08	February 19	March 05	April 02 (Recess)
May 07	June 4	July 02	August 06 (No meeting)
September 03	October 01	November 05	December 0

New Business

- A. Remote testing – Colleen Conrad, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer- NASBA- gave a detailed presentation on Remote Testing/Proctoring and addressed all the questions from the board members and staff.
- B. 2020 License Renewal – the board addressed questions from the public regarding the 2020 renewals and CPE timeline.
- C. Exam and Score Extensions – COVID-19: The Board discussed ways to handle the multiple NTS and score extensions request due to Covid. The Board voted to extend all NTS and CPA Exam scores request to December 31, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by member, Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board unanimously voted to enter into closed session at 10:48a.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



Agenda Item: Technical Review and Reinstatement Applications

The following actions were taken because of the closed session:

Upon motion duly made by member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Antonia Smiley, the Board voted to extend all NTS and CPA exam score till December 31, 2021. Ms. Avant voted ‘Nay’. Motion passed. The Motion passed with 3 votes in favor and 1 against.

Upon motion duly made by member, Antonia Smiley, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board unanimously voted to approve the reinstatement application.

Upon motion duly made by member, Antonia Smiley, and properly seconded by member, Angela Avant, the Board voted to impose a fine of \$1500 on Mr. Balagan Arumugaswamy for practicing with an expired individual license and providing CPA including Attestation services in DC without a firm license. He was ordered to apply for DC firm license in 30 days. Mr. Todero voted ‘Nay’. Motion passed. The Motion passed with 3 votes in favor and 1 against.

Upon motion duly made by member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member, Bridgett Gagne the Board voted in favor of remote testing/proctoring initiative by NASBA and to accept remote CPA test scores deemed valid by AICPA.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION	
NAME	APPROVED
GRAHAM M. SMITH	X

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Agenda Item: Legal Matters: None

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Agenda Item: Correspondence: CPA Exam Remote Proctoring Pilot and FAQs

Adjourn

Upon motion duly made by Board member, Bridgett Gagne, and properly seconded by board member, Antonia Smiley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:52 am.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy – February 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Todero, Chair



Date

Recorder: Grace Yeboah Ofori, Board Administrator

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