

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



Meeting Minutes
March 07, 2025

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The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, March 07, 2025. This was a virtual meeting.

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

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

Board Members Absent: (None)

Staff Present: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, joined (9:19 am); Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Associate Administrator, A'layza Mitchell, Program Support Specialist, OPL; Terry Bryant, Program Support Specialist, OPL; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, OPL; Demetrius Norman, Chief Customer Experience Officer, Office of the Director; Latanja Beckwith, Consumer Protection Investigator, CPU; Shakira Richardson, Program Manager, CPU

Legal Counsel: Jessica Rice, Attorney Advisor; April Randall, Legislative and Public Affairs Director, Jatarious Frazier, Policy Analyst

Public Consumers Present: Kari Bedell and Paul Thrasher, Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWCPAs); Laurie Warwick, Regional Director Middle-Atlantic; and Kent Absec, NASBA VP State Board Relations

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public: No Comment

Agenda Item: Legislative Rule Making

Legislative Update – Ms. Randall gave a brief update to the board regarding the legislative changes to eligibility requirements. The Board of Accountancy's rules code provision does not include a provision that state that amendments to eligibility requirements can be made by rulemaking or by regulation. The legislative rulemaking process, and the timeline for legislative changes could possibly continue into the spring of 2026. The Chair expressed concerns over the timeline for legislative changes required for the spring of 2026, highlighting the potential disadvantage for their CPAs. Ms. Randall, in response, suggested exploring the possibility of emergency legislation to expedite the process.

Agenda Item: New Business

UAA Exposure Draft for Additional Pathway, Revised – Laurie Warwick and Kent Absec gave a presentation on NASBA & the UAA Exposure Draft and gave the board, board staff and public an opportunity to ask questions about the changes.

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Public Financial Disclosure Statement (“PFDS”)- Leon Lewis informed the Board that they are required to submit the FDS each year. It is now a requirement by BEGA, approved for annual ethics training. Angela Meggett-Strudwick provided a link for the next training session available for the board.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes

Upon motion duly made at 10:21 a.m. by board member Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the board unanimously voted to approve the February 7, 2025, draft board meeting minutes with grammatical corrections.

Agenda Item: Report - Applications for Licensure

Upon motion duly made at 10:40 a.m. by board member Jason Danielson, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the Board unanimously voted to approve the list of accountancy applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the March 7, 2025, minutes

Agenda Items: 2025 NASBA Conferences/Meetings & Events Calendar

Upcoming Events

30th Annual Conference for Board of Accountancy Legal Counsel - March 25-27, 2025, Clearwater Beach, FL

43rd Annual Conference for Executive Directors & Board Staff - March 25-27, 2025, Clearwater Beach, FL

Western Regional Meeting - June 17-19, 2025, New Orleans, LA

Eastern Regional Meeting - June 24-26, 2025, Philadelphia, PA

118th Annual Meeting - Oct. 26-29, 2025, Chicago, IL

“Reserve the date”

March 25-27, 2025, 43rd Annual ED Conference & 30th Annual Conference for BOA Legal Counsel

Proposed 2025 Board Meeting Dates – The scheduled board meeting dates and upcoming conferences as listed.

January (Recess)	February 7	March 7	April 4 (Added in the meeting)
May 2	June (Recess)	July 11	August (Recess)
September 5	October (Recess)	November 7	December (Recess)

Agenda Item: Old Business

Accountancy Board Outreach Efforts – Jahmai Jefferson and Jacqueline Noisette gave the board an update on the outreach activities the agency plans to engage in this year for the boards and commissions.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion duly made by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, and properly seconded by board member Jason Danielson, the board unanimously agreed by roll call to enter closed session at 11:08 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, complaints, technical applications, 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:

- *Complaint Review*
- *Fraud Review*

Agenda Item: Legal Matters:

- *None*

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

Upon a motion duly made at 11:50 a.m. by board member Jason Danielson, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the board unanimously voted to accept the following legal recommendation:

In the matter of James (Drew) Walker, to provide a Notice of Intent to revoke license No. CPA903988.

Upon a motion duly made at 11:51 a.m. by board member Jason Danielson, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the board unanimously voted to publish The Accountancy Licensure Amendments Notice of Final Rulemaking.

Adjourn

Upon motion duly made at 11:54 a.m. by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, and properly seconded by board member Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy will be April 4, 2025, call in/virtual.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Todero, Chair

April 2, 2025
Date

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator