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



Meeting Minutes May 9, 2025

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The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, May 9, 2025. This was a virtual meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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; Leon W. Lewis, Program Manager, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Terry Bryant, Program Support Specialist, OPL; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, OPL; Demetrius Norman, Chief Customer Experience Officer, Office of the Director; Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Associate Administrator.

**Legal Counsel**: Jessica Rice, Attorney Advisor; April Randall, Legislative and Public Affairs Director, Jennifer Durden, Paralegal OPL.

**Public Consumers Present:** Kari Bedell and Paul Thrasher of Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWCPAs).

## Agenda Item: Comments from the Public: No comment.

## Agenda Item: Legislative Rule Making

• <u>Legislative Update</u> – Ms. Randall still waiting to see if our BSA was accepted. She will give an update once it is submitted.

Ms. Randall also updated the board on the Financial Disclosure Statement, (FDS) requirements. The board and commission members are not required to submit this year. The Board of Ethics has put a pause on the requirement for board and commission members.

#### Agenda Item: New Business

• <u>DLCP New Travel Policy</u> – Leon Lewis informed the Board that they would need a waiver and approval by the Office of The City Administrator to travel moving forward.

## Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes

Upon motion, duly made at 9:19 a.m. by board member Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the board unanimously voted to approve March 7, 2025, draft board meeting minutes.

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Upon motion, duly made at 9:20 a.m. by board member Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the board unanimously voted to approve April 4, 2025, draft board meeting minutes.

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

Upon motion, duly made at 9:52 a.m. by board member Joseph Drew, 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 May 9, 2025, minutes.

## Agenda Items: 2025 NASBA Conferences/Meetings & Events Calendar

## **Upcoming Events**

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"*

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

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 – DLCP Team updated the board on the upcoming outreach events. Turner Elementary on May 29, 2025; American University, August & September dates to be announced. Jacqueline Noisette and Jahmai Jefferson gave the board an update on the outreach plans for high schools and elementary schools for the remainder of the year

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, and properly seconded by board member Joseph Drew, the board unanimously agreed by roll call to enter closed session at 9:54 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.

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Upon motion duly made by board member Jason Danielson, and properly seconded by board member Joseph Drew, the board unanimously voted to end the executive session at 10:23 a.m.

## Agenda Item: Technical Review:

• See below actions

## Agenda Item: Legal Matters:

• See below actions

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

Upon a motion duly made at 10:31 a.m. by board member Joeseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member Antonia Browning Smiley, the board unanimously voted in the matter of Dembo Jones to issue a \$2500 civil fine, a formal reprimand, and offer a CO.

Upon a motion duly made at 10:31 a.m. by board member Jason Danielson, and properly seconded by board member Joseph Drew, the Board unanimously voted in the matter of Clear Accounting LLC to dismiss the complaint for lack of jurisdiction.

## <u>Adjourn</u>

Upon motion, duly made at 10:31 a.m. by board member Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member Jason Danielson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Accountancy will be July 11, 2025, call in/virtual.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Todero, Chair

July 11, 2025

Date

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator