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

Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2026

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The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy (Board) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, September 04, 2026. This was a virtual meeting.

The meeting was called to order at **9:13 a.m.** by Board Chair **Robert Todero**, and attendance was taken.

Board Members Present: Robert Todero; Joseph Drew; Jason Danielson.

Board Members Absent: Antonia Browning Smiley

Staff Present: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator; Leon W. Lewis, Program Manager; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Demetrius Norman, Chief Customer Experience Officer; Director Tiffany Crowe

Legal Counsel: Jessica Rice, Attorney Advisor; Sidon Yohannes, Attorney Advisor, Allison Brown, Policy Analyst; Taylor Coleman, Legislative Affairs Specialist, April Randall, Legislative And Public Affairs Officer

Public Consumers Present: Brandon Lewis (BEGA), Sergei Negomodzianov, CPA candidate

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public: No comment

Agenda Item: Legislative Rule Making

- *Legislative Update* – Ms. Randall provided an update on the Accountancy Practices Amendment Act. Council moved the legislation to a new vehicle titled the Business Licensing Reform and Accountancy Practices Amendment Act. The bill was passed and signed by the Mayor in July and is now under mandatory 30-day congressional review, with a projected effective date of November 13th. At the same time, Council also passed an emergency bill, which took effect in July and remains in effect until November 8, 2026. This emergency measure allows the Board to begin approving licenses for applicants who qualify under the alternative pathway and mobility provisions.

  The rulemaking makes corollary changes to the regulations to align them with the legislation. The emergency provisions are already in effect, so implementation can proceed. The Board is asked to review and approve the rulemaking in the next meeting, so it can move forward.

Agenda Item: New Business

- *AU MSA Grad Student Orientation Outreach Event August 26, 2026 – Joseph Drew, Demetrius Norman, Angela Meggett-Strudwick, and Jemeisha Lyde (Public Affairs Specialist) attended.*

  Joseph Drew provided a brief overview of the outreach event, noting strong student interaction and engagement with the presenters. He also stayed afterward to answer students' questions about the board and its functions.

- *NASBA /Board Travel Approval FY27*– TBD

  Upon motion, duly made at 10:17 a.m. by board member Jason Danielson, and properly seconded by board member Joseph Drew, the board unanimously voted to approve all relevant board and staff travel with NASBA for FY27.

- *CPA Renewal Opens October 1, 2026* – Mr. Lewis provided an update regarding the CPA renewals. Preparation for the CPA renewal year is underway. Staff will review the updated renewal application for consistency before the renewal period begins on October 1 and runs through December 31, followed by the late filing period. Renewal notices will be issued on or around October 1.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of Draft Minutes

Upon motion, duly made at 9:20 a.m. by board member, Jason Danielson, and properly seconded by board member, Joseph Drew, the board unanimously voted to approve July 10, 2026, draft board meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: Application Approvals

Upon a motion duly made at 9:20 a.m., Joseph Drew and properly seconded by Mr. Danielson the Board voted unanimously to approve September 04, 2026, application list, administratively approved by OPL staff attached hereto, and made a part of September 04, 2026, minutes.

Agenda Items: 2026 NASBA Conferences/Meetings & Events Calendar
Upcoming Events

2026 NASBA Annual Meeting
Oct. 25 – 28, 2026, Litchfield Park, AZ

Agenda Item: Old Business

- *Accountancy Board Outreach Efforts* – GW Outreach in September and AU Campus Board Meeting TBD

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Upon motion duly made at 10:39 a.m. by board member, Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member, Jason Danielson, the board unanimously agreed by roll call to enter closed session 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.

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 11:26 a.m.

Agenda Item: Technical Review:

- *None*

Agenda Item: Legal Matters:

***TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS*:**

- *None*

COMPLAINTS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Upon a motion duly made at 11:27 a.m. by board member Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by board member Jason Danielson the board unanimously voted to accept the following legal recommendation:

1. **In the matter of RSM US LLP, move to send a certified letter requesting RSM file a response to the 2026-12209.**

Upon a motion duly made at 11:27 a.m. by board member, Jason Danielson and properly seconded by board member Joseph Drew the board unanimously voted to accept the following legal recommendation:

2. **In the matter of Sanjay Arora, move to dismiss for no violation of law.**

Adjourn
Upon motion, duly made at 11:29 a.m. by board member, Jason Danielson, 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 on **November 6, 2026**, virtual.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Todero, Chair

Date: September 4, 2026

Recorder: Angela Meggett-Strudwick, Board Administrator