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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

TIME: 10:33 A.M.

Held at the
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2601 North Third Street
One Penn Center, Board Room C
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
as well as
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

May 18, 2022

State Board of Accountancy
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BOARD MEMBERS:

- Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair
- Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Monique M. Ericson, CPA, Office of Attorney General
- Mary Jensik, CPA
- Paul J. Kelly III, CPA
- Charles A. O'Brien, CPA - Absent
- Michael D. Ocker, CPA
- Sheri L. Risler, CPA, Vice Chair - Absent
- Michael P. Rollage, CPA
- David W. Stonesifer, CPA - Absent
- John J. Grater, CPA
- Philip Reck, PA - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
- Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Carolyn DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution Division
- Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
- Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
- Miranda Murphy, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

- Alexandra Fabian, Government Relations Manager, Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants

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2 State Board of Accountancy

3 May 18, 2022

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, to have
8 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of
9 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board
10 returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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12 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
13 everyone the meeting of the State Board of
14 Accountancy was being held in a hybrid format of in-
15 person and livestream teleconference pursuant to Act
16 100 of 2021, which requires boards to use a virtual
17 platform to conduct business when a public meeting is
18 held.

19 Mr. Rouse also noted the Board met in Executive
20 Session to have attorney-client consultations and for
21 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
22 deliberations.]

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24 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
25 Board of Accountancy was held on Wednesday, May 18,

1 2022. Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, called the meeting
2 to order at 10:33 a.m.

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4 Roll Call

5 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, requested a roll call of
6 Board members. A quorum was noted to be present.]

7 ***

8 Approval of minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting

9 CHAIR ELLIS:

10 Are there any questions or comments
11 from the Board members on the January
12 19, 2022 minutes?

13 I believe we will have a motion to
14 approve the January 19, 2022 State
15 Board of Accountancy Minutes.

16 Do I have a motion?

17 MR. OCKER:

18 So moved.

19 CHAIR ELLIS:

20 Do I have a second?

21 MS. JENSIK:

22 Second.

23 MR. ROUSE:

24 We are going to have a roll call vote.

25

1 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner
2 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,
3 aye; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye; Rollage,
4 aye; Grater, abstain.

5 [The motion carried. John Grater abstained from
6 voting on the motion.]

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8 Approval of minutes of the April 22, 2022 meeting

9 CHAIR ELLIS:

10 I believe there is also a motion to
11 approve the April 22, 2022 State Board
12 of Accountancy Meeting Minutes.

13 Do I have a motion?

14 MR. OCKER:

15 So moved.

16 CHAIR ELLIS:

17 Second?

18 MS. JENSIK:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR ELLIS:

21 Roll call.

22

23 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner
24 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,
25 abstain; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye;

1 Rollage, aye; Grater, aye.
2 [The motion carried. Mary Jensik abstained from
3 voting on the motion.]

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5 Report of Prosecutorial Division
6 [Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution
7 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No.
8 20-55-003075, Case No. 20-55-012225, and Case No. 21-
9 55-012427.]

10 MR. ROUSE:

11 Is there any matter on this case for
12 which we need to go back into Executive
13 Session?

14 Based on that, regarding the
15 Consent Agreement at item 3 on the
16 agenda for Case Nos. 20-55-003075, 20-
17 55-012225, and 21-55-012427, I believe
18 the Board would entertain a motion to
19 reject the Consent Agreement as too
20 lenient.

21 Is there such a motion?

22 CHAIR ELLIS:

23 So moved.

24 MR. ROUSE:

25 Is there a second?

1 MR. OCKER:

2 Second.

3 MR. ROUSE:

4 Could we have a roll call on the vote?

5

6 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner

7 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,

8 aye; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye; Rollage,

9 aye; Grater, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Prosecutorial Division

13 [Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution

14 Liaison, informed Board members that she would be

15 going on maternity leave and would see everyone in

16 the fall or early next year.

17 Mr. Michalowski also informed Board members that

18 he would be taking over as liaison until Ms. Solomon

19 returns because another prosecutor assigned to the

20 Board accepted a position with another agency in the

21 state. He mentioned Timothy Fritch would also be

22 participating and handling cases until there is a

23 replacement.

24 Mr. Michalowski noted prior discussion regarding

25 reaching out to the professional associations and

1 informed Board members of a meeting with Jen Cryder
2 from the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public
3 Accountants (PICPA) on June 8, 2022.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel

6 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
7 certified public accountant (CPA) evolution. He
8 referred to the presentation from Colleen Conrad from
9 the National Association of State Boards of
10 Accountancy (NASBA). He stated CPA evolution is an
11 initiative of NASBA and the American Institute of
12 Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), which seeks to
13 change the CPA licensure model, particularly the
14 education of CPA candidates in order to meet the
15 changing demands of the profession.

16 Mr. Rouse noted the current CPA examination is
17 tested in four parts that must be completed within 18
18 months in Auditing and Attestation (AUD), Regulation
19 (REG), Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR), and
20 Business Environment and Concepts (BEC).

21 Mr. Rouse stated the CPA Examination will have
22 three core parts under CPA evolution, where an
23 applicant would have to make a choice of taking one
24 of three disciplines as the fourth part of the
25 examination. The three core parts include Financial

1 Accounting and Recording (FAR), Auditing and
2 Attestation (AUD), Taxation and Regulation (REG). He
3 noted the three disciplines would include Business
4 Analysis and Reporting (BAR), Information Systems and
5 Control (ISC), and Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP).

6 Mr. Rouse informed Board members the change would
7 not require a statutory or regulatory amendment in
8 Pennsylvania because the individual parts of the CPA
9 Exam are not identified with specificity in their CPA
10 Law or within Board regulations.

11 Mr. Rouse referred to the transition policy from
12 NASBA, where candidates who have credit in AUD, FAR,
13 or REG prior to December 31, 2023, will not have to
14 take the new core sections on the 2024 CPA Exam. He
15 mentioned that candidates who lose credit for AUD,
16 FAR, or REG after December 31, 2023, would have to
17 take the new core sections.

18 Mr. Rouse stated candidates who have credit for
19 BEC prior to December 31, 2023, will not have to take
20 one of the three disciplines, but candidates who lose
21 credit for BEC after December 31, 2023, would have to
22 take one of the three disciplines of the new CPA
23 exam.

24 Mr. Rouse announced that NASBA will be issuing an
25 exposure draft regarding the changes to the CPA

1 Examination on July 1, 2022, and expects the comment
2 period to run through September 2022. He noted NASBA
3 is requesting state boards consider a dark period
4 when candidates cannot test for BEC once a start date
5 for implementation of the new CPA Examination is
6 finalized.

7 Mr. Rouse commented that the Board could discuss
8 the exposure draft in July and whether there are
9 other issues where regulatory changes may need to be
10 considered, although he does not foresee any based on
11 what had been presented thus far.]

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13 Report of Board Chair

14 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, referred to the Sunshine
15 Act and Gift Ban Policy for the Board's review and
16 noted no changes have been made to the policies.]

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18 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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20 Review of Program Sponsor Applications

21 MR. ROUSE:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to approve the Program Sponsor
24 Application of McCarthy & Company, PC
25 at item 7 on the agenda.

1 Is there such a motion?

2 CHAIR ELLIS:

3 So moved.

4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Is there a second?

6 MR. OCKER:

7 Second.

8 MR. ROUSE:

9 Roll call on the vote.

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11 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner
12 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,
13 aye; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye; Rollage,
14 aye; Grater, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

16

17 Review of Requests - Extension of CPA Examination

18 Credit - Final Decision Needed

19 MR. ROUSE:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to approve the Extension of CPA
22 Exam Credits for items 8 through 13 and
23 15 through 17 for Patel, Bucci,
24 Ellenburg, Scarccetti, Treible, Sethi,
25 Comiskey, Saade, and Reitenbach.

1 Is there such a motion?

2 CHAIR ELLIS:

3 So moved.

4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Is there a second?

6 MR. OCKER:

7 Second.

8 MR. ROUSE:

9 Any discussion? Roll call on the vote.

10

11 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner
12 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,
13 aye; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye; Rollage,
14 aye; Grater, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MR. ROUSE:

18 At item 14, Rabinowitz, I believe the
19 Board would entertain a motion to deny
20 the Extension of CPA Examination Credit
21 for item 14 on the agenda.

22 Is there such a motion?

23 CHAIR ELLIS:

24 So moved.

25 MR. ROUSE:

1 Is there a second?

2 MR. OCKER:

3 Second.

4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Any discussion? Hearing none. Roll
6 call on the vote.

7

8 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner
9 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,
10 aye; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye; Rollage,
11 aye; Grater, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Review of Requests - Extension of Peer Review - Final
15 Decision Needed

16 MR. ROUSE:

17 Regarding item 18 on the agenda, I
18 believe the Board would entertain a
19 motion to approve the Extension of Peer
20 Review for David W. Wagstrom, CPA PC at
21 18 on the agenda.

22 Is there such a motion?

23 CHAIR ELLIS:

24 So moved.

25 MR. ROUSE:

1 Is there a second?

2 MR. OCKER:

3 Second.

4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Any discussion? Hearing none. Roll
6 call on the vote.

7

8 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner
9 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,
10 aye; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye; Rollage,
11 aye; Grater, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Miscellaneous - Travel Request - NASBA 2022 Eastern
15 Regional Meeting

16 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, noted the NASBA Eastern
17 Regional Meeting is June 27-29, 2022, in White
18 Sulphur Springs, WV, at The Greenbrier.]

19 MR. ROUSE:

20 I believe there is a motion to send
21 Keri Ellis and Monique Ericson to the
22 NASBA 2022 Eastern Regional Meeting in
23 White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

24 Is there such a motion?

25 MR. KELLY:

1 So moved.

2 MR. OCKER:

3 Second.

4 MR. ROUSE:

5 Any discussion? Hearing none. Roll
6 call on the vote.

7

8 Chair Ellis, aye; Acting Commissioner
9 Claggett, aye; Ericson, aye; Jensik,
10 aye; Kelly, aye; Ocker, aye; Rollage,
11 aye; Grater, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Miscellaneous - NASBA Committee Interest Forum

15 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, stated anyone interested
16 in joining a NASBA Committee should have responded by
17 May 12, 2022.]

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19 Miscellaneous - NASBA Board of Directors Seeking
20 Regional Directors

21 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, mentioned NASBA is
22 seeking regional directors and nominations are due
23 June 13, 2022.]

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25 Miscellaneous - NASBA Board of Directors Seeking

1 Regional Directors-at-Large

2 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, noted NASBA is also
3 seeking regional directors-at-large and nominations
4 are due June 6, 2022.]

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6 Miscellaneous - NASBA Awards Call for Nominations

7 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, noted the call for awards
8 nominations are also due June 30, 2022.]

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10 Miscellaneous - NASBA Enforcement Committee - Q1 2022
11 Report

12 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, referred to the NASBA
13 Enforcement Committee Report for the Board's
14 information.]

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16 Miscellaneous - NASBA Exam Statistics for Q1 2022

17 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, addressed exam statistics
18 for Q1, reporting 882 candidates and being at nine
19 for the number of candidates and nine for the
20 sections people take. She noted a 44.35 percent pass
21 rate, which is 46 out of all of the reporting
22 jurisdictions. She reported ranking 49th with an
23 average score of 69.27 percent.]

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25 Miscellaneous - Professional Licensing Waiver Roll

1 Back Notice

2 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, referred to the
3 Professional Licensing Waiver Roll Back Notice press
4 release issued by the state regarding professional
5 licensing waivers that were issued during COVID and
6 expiring by June 30, 2022.]

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8 Miscellaneous - Candidate Care Quarterly Report - Q1
9 2022

10 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, addressed the 2022 Q1
11 Candidate Care Quarterly Report showing 231 items and
12 the highest number of issues noted by test takers
13 were scheduling issues with about 100 issues but only
14 12 retests were awarded.]

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16 Miscellaneous - Board Committees

17 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, addressed committee
18 assignments due to Board composition changes, where
19 they included Mr. Ocker on the Regulatory Committee,
20 Jack Grater on the Communications and Continuing
21 Professional Education (CPE) Article Review
22 Committee, and Phil Reck on the Program Sponsor and
23 Experience Review Committee.]

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25 Miscellaneous - Next Meeting Dates

1 [Keri A. Ellis, CPA, Chair, noted the remaining 2022
2 meeting dates and the next scheduled meeting date on
3 July 19. She also noted the 2023 meeting dates for
4 the Board's review.]

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6 Introduction of Attendees

7 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, requested
8 an introduction of those in attendance.]

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10 Adjournment

11 CHAIR ELLIS:

12 I believe there is a motion to adjourn
13 the May 18, 2022 State Board of
14 Accountancy Meeting.

15 Do I have a motion?

16 MR. OCKER:

17 So moved.

18 CHAIR ELLIS:

19 Do I have a second?

20 MS. ERICSON:

21 Second.

22 MR. ROUSE:

23 The meeting is adjourned.

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25 [There being no further business, the State Board of

1 Accountancy Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.]

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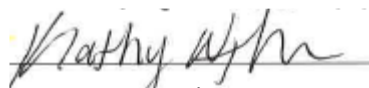
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I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
8 minutes of the State Board of Accountancy meeting,
9 was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision,
10 and that the minutes accurately summarize the
11 substance of the State Board of Accountancy meeting.

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Kathryn Witherow,

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Minute Clerk

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