

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Minutes

January 19, 2010

An open meeting of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President, Glenn D. Bougie, on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the offices of Deloitte & Touche, 3883 Howard Hughes Pkwy, Suite 400, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Board Members Present:

Glenn D. Bougie, President  
Lynda Hartzell  
Patrick M. Thorne

Felicia O'Carroll, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lisa L. Milke  
Harry O. Parsons

Board Member Absent:

Colleen M. Bacchus

Board Staff Present:

Karen Peterson, Counsel  
Viki A. Windfeldt, Executive Director  
Leslie C. Walsh, Board Coordinator  
Bonnie M. Houldsworth, Investigator

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ CONSENT AGENDA ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

The Consent Agenda contains matters of routine acceptance. The Board Members may approve the consent agenda items as written or, at their discretion, may address individual items for discussion or change.

\*1. Approval of November 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

\*2. Approval of Applications for Certified Public Accountant – Non Appearance

John Adcock	Krista Byers	Paul Chau	Sarah Crumby
Michael Dicianno	Pamela Eugenio	Monica Guerrero	Wendell King
Jennifer LaFrance	Aaron Lee	Gary Massey	Corey Miller
Gayle Perry	Constance Purcell	Faris Soumi	Dawn Tarbet
J. Villanueva	Jamie Yamamoto	D. Yannatone	Christi Yanulavich
Jimyoung Yu			

\*3. Approval of Change to License Status:  
Reinstatement to Active Status: Paula Steepin

<u>Retired Status:</u>	Patricia Barber	Neal Lewis	Theodore Luce
	Lowell Nikolaisen		

<u>Inactive Status:</u>	Sharon Cowburn	Richard Greaves	Michael Hirsch
	Amy Kummer	James Murphy	Patrick McMullen
	Carmen Robles	Narendra Shukla	James Starr
			Eric Preiss
			Jason Watson

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- \*4. Approval of Finances:
  - A. Treasurer's Report
- \*5. Approval of CPA Examination Scores October/November 2009
- \*6. Board Approval of Staff & Legal Counsel Attendance at the NASBA Executive Director and Legal Counsel Conference – Nashville, TN, March 21 – 24, 2010
- 7. No Items Scheduled for this Agenda Item

The consent agenda and supporting documents were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve consent items 1-6. The following Board Members abstained from voting on Approval of Applications of Certified Public Accountant for the following applications: Patrick Thorne & Felicia O'Carroll for Krista Byers.

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Agenda Item 3. Approval of Change to License Status

Retired Status: Dominek Pieretti

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the retired status application of Dominek Pieretti, subject to receipt of additional information.

Inactive Status: Trista Eschenburg

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the inactive status application of Trista Eschenburg, subject to receipt of additional information.

Agenda Item 8: Grievance Report and Grievance Matters.

Note: NRS 241.020 requires the Board to list individuals that may have administrative action taken against them in connection with the Board's disciplinary grievance report. The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health for any of the grievances filed with the board.  
Review of Grievance Report:

Motion was made, seconded and carried to go into closed session to discuss grievance matters.

Upon resumption of the open session, motion was made, seconded and carried to close complaint matter N-09-8, Drew Aguilar, based on compliance of the stipulated agreement provisions.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to issue formal complaint action in complaint matter N-09-7 based on information from investigation of complaint matter filed with the Board.

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Agenda Item 8 (Cont.)

Motion was made, seconded and carried to issue formal complaint action in complaint matter S-09-8 based on information obtained during investigation of complaint matter. Board Member Patrick Thorne abstained from the vote.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to close complaint matter S-09-15 based on compliance.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to close complaint matter S-09-17 based on lack of cause.

Agenda Item 8A: Recess into a closed session Full Board Disciplinary Hearing against the following:

- A. Ronald Harris **10:00 AM**
- B. Ronald Serota **11:00 AM**

Motion was made, seconded and carried to go into closed session to conduct a full board disciplinary hearing against the above named individuals.

Agenda Item 8B: Reconvene into open session for Board Determination of the matters concerning the above.

- A. Ronald Harris **10:00 AM**

Upon resumption of the open session, motion was made, seconded and carried to revoke the CPA license of Mr. Harris for falsification of the Certificate of Attest Experience form and the Peer Review exemption form. In the event Mr. Harris should seek re-licensure, the Board assessed a fine of \$10,000 plus attorney's fees and costs in connection with the hearing held, peer review with corrective action addressed and specific continuing education for the type of engagements performed. The decision of the Board will be published in accordance with NAC 628.450.

- B. Ronald Serota **11:00 AM**

Motion was made, seconded and carried to revoke the CPA license of Mr. Serota as well as revocation of Serota's corporation. The revocation was based on information obtained by the Board that Mr. Serota had violated NRS 628.390 sections (b)(d)(i)(j) in his misappropriation of funds within his clients trust account. The Board assessed a fine of \$5000 and attorney's fees and costs associated with the disciplinary hearing. The decision of the Board will be published in accordance with NAC 628.450.

Note: Glenn Bougie was exempt from voting on the above matters as Board President.

Agenda Item 9: Report of Legal Counsel

Nothing was discussed or reported under this agenda item.

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### Agenda Item 10: Report of Executive Director:

A. Certificate of Attest Experience – Program Review & Procedures  
Executive Director provided the Board with the Certificate of Attest Experience program review and procedures, for review. Bonnie Houldsworth discussed with the Board the changes that have taken place since she began coordinating the program. Ms. Houldsworth will attend the NASBA Legal Counsel conference and recommend changes to the program following her attendance at the conference.

B. NASBA Vice Chair Nominations  
Executive Director provided the Board with the list of eligible individuals for NASBA Vice Chair nominations. The Board reviewed the list and decided to wait for solicitation of support from the candidates running for the position.

### Agenda Item 11: Board approval of Individual Review Report for Nora Lonquist as provided by Bonnie Houldsworth

The Board reviewed the Individual Review report for Nora Lonquist as prepared by Bonnie Houldsworth, CPA. Ms Houldsworth was in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the individual review. The Board asked Ms. Houldsworth a variety of questions in connection with her review. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the report as provided. The Board will consider Ms. Lonquist's application for CPA Certification, upon completion of the additional continuing education courses required.

### Agenda Item 12: Board Discussion of Experience Form – Boyd Buxton **9:00 AM**

Boyd Buxton, CPA and Partner of Conway Stuart & Woodbury, came forward to discuss the Certificate of Attest Experience Form. Bonnie Houldsworth was present to answer any questions in connection with her review of the Certificate of Attest Experience form as signed by Mr. Buxton.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to go into closed session to discuss the matter with Mr. Buxton.

Upon resumption of the open session motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Ms. Houldsworth's report in connection with the Certificate of Attest Experience as signed by Mr. Buxton.

### Agenda Item 13: Board Discussion of Experience – Julie Clifford **1:00 PM**

Julie Clifford came forward to discuss the experience she had while under the employ of Ronald Harris, CPA. Bonnie Houldsworth was present to answer any questions in connection with her review of the Certificate of Attest Experience form. The Board asked a variety of questions of Ms. Clifford regarding her experience. Motion was made, seconded and carried to issue a stipulated agreement with the following provisions: 1) complete continuing education course Staff Training Level III; 2) a pre-release review of any attestation reports; and 3) notification to the Board within 60 days of accepting any attestation engagements.

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Agenda Item 14: Board request Rescinding Prior Revocation – David Mowery

The Board reviewed the request of David Mowery to rescind its prior revocation of his CPA license. The license was revoked for failure to respond to the Board's Continuing Education Audit. Mr. Mowery has provided all of the documents requested under the audit for 2007 and 2008. Mr. Mowery has also completed all of the required courses for 2009. It is staff's determination that Mr. Mowery has complied with the CPE Audit. Based on the information provided, motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the request and rescind the revocation of the CPA license of David Mowery. Mr. Mowery is still required to pay a fine of \$500 and attorneys fees and costs associated with the hearing of \$540. Hearing Officer Felicia O'Carroll abstained from the vote.

Agenda Item 15: Report of President

No discussion was held under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 16: Public Comment 1:30 PM

No discussion was held under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 17: Next Board Meeting: March 1, 2010 Reno