

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Minutes
May 17, 2017

An open meeting of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy was called to order at 8:45 A.M. by President, L. Ralph Piercy, May 17, 2017 at the offices of Snell & Wilmer, 3773 Howard Hughes Pkwy, Suite 800, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Board Members Present:

L. Ralph Piercy, President	Nicola Neilon, Secretary/Treasurer	
Robert C. Anderson	Steven Brockovich	Candace Johnson
Michael E. Davis	Brian Wallace	

Board Staff Present:

Karen Peterson, Counsel
Viki A. Windfeldt, Executive Director
Leslie C. Walsh, Deputy Director

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish a Quorum
- B. **Public Comment Section:** In accordance with NRS 241.020 Public Comment will be taken prior to the beginning of the meeting.
Note: No one was present for this section of the public comment agenda item.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ 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 Board Meeting Minutes (*For Possible Action*)
A. March 16, 2017 – Legislative Committee Conference Call
B. March 22, 2017 – Board Meeting Minutes
- *2. Approval of Applications for Certified Public Accountant – Non Appearance (*For Possible Action*):
Kelsey Agerholm Bryson Alm Svetlana Antonov Rovin Chavarria
David Cowart Yeon Hwa Ju Mandy Leavitt John Miller
Heather Myles Joshua Price John Reddall Steve Shin
Nadine Sta. Brigida Julian Tolliver Victor Verry Mengyi Wu
Michael Young
- *3. Approval of Change to License Status (*For Possible Action*):
Retired Status: Christine Mault
- *4. Approval of Finances (*For Possible Action*)

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Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the recommendation of hearing officer to revoke the licenses of the above noted individuals for non-payment of 2017 license renewal fees and non-compliance of the 2016 CPE requirement. Board member Brian Wallace abstained from the vote.

Recommendation to Dismiss Formal Complaints Based on Compliance:
(For Possible Approval)

Marc Dupras	Eric Johnson	Jeffrey Noorda	Robert Shomon
Steven Spooner	Paula Wallin	Tori Warren	

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the recommendation to dismiss the complaint matters for the above individuals based on compliance.

Recommendation to Dismiss Formal Complaints Based on Voluntary
Surrender :

(For Possible Approval)

Allen Bolnick	Joseph Dwyer	Ralph Hardwick	Sonya Moreno
Wayne Pastrano	Jarick Poulson	Loran Stensland	

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the recommendation to dismiss the complaint matters for the above individuals based on voluntary surrender status.

C. Board Review and Determination on Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Disciplinary and Consent Order for Bojan Stokic (For Possible Action):

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the following provisions of the Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Disciplinary and consent order for Bojan Stokic:

1. STOKIC's Certified Public Accountant's Certificate No. CPA-5331 shall be placed on probation for a period to run concurrently with the PCAOB's Order for the period from the date of this Consent Order through December 13, 2017.
2. STOKIC shall provide to the Board copies of any correspondence with the PCAOB and/or its Staff and copies of any and all reports and information required by the PCAOB or its Staff within ten (10) days of its date.
3. STOKIC will not associate with a PCAOB registered public accounting firm or accept any engagements to audit any issuer, as defined in Section 3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78(c)), during the probationary period.
4. During the probation period, STOKIC shall provide quarterly reports to the Board listing the names of new clients for which attestation services will be provided in Nevada and the public accounting services provided to such clients. The report shall be submitted to the Board within thirty (30) days of the end of each quarter and provided under penalty of perjury.
5. The discipline imposed on STOKIC shall be binding upon and apply to any firms associated with STOKIC, including but not limited to any firm formed by STOKIC or any purchaser or buyer of all or substantially all of the assets of STOKIC OR STOKIC's firm.

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6. STOKIC's failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of these Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Disciplinary and Consent Order shall result in the immediate revocation of STOKIC's CPA Certificate Number 5331 without any further action or proceeding before the Board.
7. This Decision will be published in accordance with NAC 628.450.

Agenda Item 9: Report of Legal Counsel (*For Possible Action*)

A. Legislative Update

Board Counsel provided the Board with information relating to the various bills within the 2017 Legislative Session.

Agenda Item 10: Report of Executive Director (*For Possible Action*):

A. Board Approval of Insurance Policy Reviews

The Board was provided with a summary of the Board's independent insurance policies and the possible proposed legislation AB328 that may require Board's to opt into the State's insurance fund. The Board was also advised of the cost to have the independent policies reviewed. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve an independent review of the Board's policies to ensure adequate coverage at a cost not to exceed \$6000.

B. Nominating Committee Support Letter Update

The Board was provided with an update regarding letters of support that were sent to NASBA. Letters were sent supporting the re-appointment of Nicola Neilon as Mountain Regional Director and appointment of Harry Parsons to the Nominating Committee.

C. Board Approval of Foreign Evaluation Providers

Executive Director provided the Board with updated information regarding the approved Foreign Evaluation providers. Based on the information provided it was recommended the Board approve only one provider for foreign evaluations. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve NASBA International Evaluation Services as the only provider for Nevada Board evaluations.

D. Board Discussion & Position on Use of Titles

The Board was provided with information relating to the upcoming exposure for non-practice use of title language within the Uniform Accountancy Act. The Board discussed the use of titles and directed Board staff to draft a letter opposing this language in the UAA. Board members Nicola Neilon, Steven Brockovich, and Ralph Piercy will review the response prior to submission.

E. Board Discussion NASBA Center for Public Trust Ethics Modules

Executive Director provided the Board with information relating to Ethics Modules that have been developed by NASBA's Center for Public Trust. Many states are now requiring these modules for individuals that have been disciplined by the State Board. In addition to the three standard behavioral modules, an additional state specific ethics module can also be added. The Board discussed the topic and requested a trial copy to evaluate and review.

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F. Board Review of 2017 Regulation Change Topics

Executive Director provided the Board with a list of proposed topics for regulation amendment consideration. The Board discussed the following areas: Education, CPA exam, experience, peer review, and the code of professional conduct. Board staff was directed to re-write proposed regulations for future workshops.

G. AICPA Peer Review Evolution

The Board was provided with information regarding the AICPA Proposed Peer Review Evolution. Several issues that concerned the Board had been addressed and resolved. The Board directed staff to communicate with the Nevada Society of CPAs about a response.

H. Board Software Update

Executive Director provided the Board with a status summary of the Boards software. The Board was informed the Mr. Stam's services were appreciate but no longer needed to complete various tasks and projects. Several projects were being accelerated and hands on training would be completed to ensure a more streamlined process.

I. Board Pre-Release Review Guidelines

Executive Director provided the Board with additional information in connection with the Board's Pre-Release Review Guidelines. The Board discussed the topic and provided comments on the sample letter that provides clarity to the licensee that is being disciplined.

Agenda Item 11: Board Approval of Employment Contracts and Independent Contractor Contracts for the following *(For Possible Action)*:

- A. Louis Ling, Esq., – Board Counsel – Independent Contractor
- B. Glenn Bougie, CPA – Board Investigator – Employment Contract
- C. Harry Parsons, CPA – Board Investigator – Employment Contract
- D. Patrick Thorne, CPA – Board Investigator – Employment Contract
- E. Jay Schmitt – Board Staff – Employment Contract

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the contract agreement and employment agreements, with approved rate increases, for the above noted individuals. The rate increases were due to the fact that no increases had occurred since 2008.

Agenda Item 12: Board Applications for CPA Certification *(For Possible Action)*

A. Emily Dacanay

Appearance 10:00 AM

Ms. Dacanay and employer Ronald Withaeger came forward to discuss the experience obtained for licensure. The Board reviewed the application information and discussed the experience obtained. Ms. Dacanay's application for CPA certification will be moved to the July 19, 2017 agenda for the Boards consideration.

B. Matthew Mitchell

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Application for CPA Certification of Matthew Mitchell based on the information provided.

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Agenda Item 13: Board Consideration of Accounting Courses toward Education Requirement.

A. Robert Morris (*For Possible Action*)

The Board reviewed the information provided by Mr. Morris in connection with the request for education consideration toward the accounting course requirement. Motion was made, seconded and carried to deny the request of Mr. Morris.

Agenda Item 14: Board Request Extension of CPA Exam Notice to Schedule

A. Danielle Boyde (*For Possible Action*)

The Board reviewed the request of Ms. Boyde for extension of the exam Notice to Schedule. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the request based on medical hardship.

Agenda Item 15: Board Staff Personnel Performance Review (*For Possible Action*)

Motion was made, seconded and carried to go into closed session to conduct the personnel session of Board staff.

Upon resumption of the open session the Board reviewed the information provided by members L. Ralph Piercy and Niki Neilon in connection with the review process of Board staff. Board staff was provided with a review and evaluation. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the recommended salary structure.

Agenda Item 16: Election of Board Officers (*For Possible Action*)

Election of Officers for the Nevada State Board of Accountancy was held. Nominations were opened for President. Nicola Neilon was nominated. There being no other nominations, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed. Nicola Neilon will be elected by acclamation. The record reflects Nicola Neilon as President of the Board for a one-year term effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Nominations were opened for Secretary/Treasurer. Brian Wallace was nominated. There being no other nominations, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed. Brian Wallace will be elected by acclamation. The record reflects Brian Wallace as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board for a one-year term effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Agenda Item 17: President's Report (*For Possible Action*)

Nothing discussed under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 18: Next Board Meeting: July 19, 2017 Reno, Nevada

C. **Public Comment Section:** In accordance with NRS 241.020 Public Comment will be taken prior to the adjournment of the meeting.

Note: No one was present for this section of the public comment agenda item.

D. Adjournment