

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Minutes

November 14, 2008

An open meeting of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President, Patrick M. Thorne, on Friday, November 14, 2008 at the First Independent Bank Building, 5335 Kietzke Lane, Second Floor, Reno, Nevada.

Board Members Present:

Patrick M. Thorne, President
Karen Wilkes

Harry O. Parsons
Kathy L. Zeller

Felicia O'Carroll

Board Members Absent:

Glenn D. Bougie, Secretary/Treasurer
Colleen M. Bacchus

Board Staff Present:

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

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ 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 September 19, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Matthew Anderson	Simon Brewer	Julie Curd	Bradley Degarmo
Brian Donnelly	Bonnie Duke	Phil Forbush	Jared Frost
Nachum Golodner	Jin Kim	Coral Lopez	Lori Love
Joseph Macrillo	Zeth Macy	Dileep Makhija	Jill Maradiaga
James Nicely	Jessica Ragain	Curtis Rasmussen	Rebekah Rivard
Antonio Roma	Sally Shao	Gillian Sit	Nancy Telliano
Ricahrd Vallari	Patricia Welsh	Bryce Wisan	

*3. Approval of Temporary Licensing Permits – Non Appearance

Katherine Leman	Charles Maurer	Benjamin Snyder	Sheri Pearce
Dale Rector	Michael Simmons	John VanTright	Mark Blackburn
Mark Cohen	Charles Wright	Stephen Taylor	Melinda Lawrence
Richard Dally	Michael Hayford	Paige Raible	Douglas Jones
Gary Wilson	Mark Gerstle	Frederick Starker	William Barlow
Randy Throener	Paul Anderson	M. Schmidtchen	Kevin O'Connor
Steven Bolz	Rolla VanMeter	Peter Gautreau	John Sizer
Kelly Brookie	Shaun Fisher	Ronald Sahmel	Nancy Stephan
Roland Roos			

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- *4. Approval of Change to License Status:
Retired: Virginia Daniel Donald Muckel
John Routhier Lynn Smith
Inactive: Sara Griggers Glenn Tsuda
- *5. Approval of Finances:
A. Treasurer's Report
B. FY 2008/2009 Board Budget
- *6. Approval of CPA Examination Scores – July/August 2008 Window
- *7. Nothing scheduled under this item.

The consent agenda and supporting documents were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve consent items 1-6. Board members Felicia O'Carroll and Patrick Thorne abstained from voting on approval of Applications for Certified Public Accountant for Gillian Sit.

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Agenda Item 4: Approval of Change to License Status:
Retired: Thomas Atkinson **Appearance 9:30 AM**

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the application for retired status based on receipt of additional items.

Agenda Item 5: Approval of Finances:
C. FY 2008 Draft Financial Statements
Beth Kohn/Kohn Colodny Appearance 10:30 AM

Beth Kohn of Kohn Colodny LLP came forward to discuss the annual audit of the Board's financial statements. Ms. Kohn reviewed the draft financial statements with the Board. The Board asked Ms. Kohn a variety of questions. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2008 financial statements with amendments.

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.

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Agenda Item 8 Con't

Upon resumption of the open session, motion was made, seconded and carried to close complaint matter S-08-10, Jane Kato based on compliance with the stipulated agreement provisions.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to close complaint matter S-08-12 based on lack of cause.

Motion was made, seconded and carried in complaint matter S-08-14, to issue formal complaint against Robert Saxton for failure to comply with his inactive status.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the following non-licensee complaint matters, based on compliance:

NN-08-1	Jean Regan
NN-08-2	Bonnie Duke
SS-08-4	Anne Lyman Petty
SS-08-5	Michael Segelstein
SS-08-6	Robert Nikoley
SS-08-8	Regina Resch
SS-08-9	David Straus

Agenda Item 9: Report of Counsel

Legal Counsel, Karen Peterson reported on the proposed legislative changes.

Agenda Item 10: Report of Executive Director

A. NASBA Draft 150/120 Paper

Executive Director provided the Board with the NASBA 150/120 Draft Paper. The Board reviewed the information under agenda Item 15.

B. NASBA Fair Value Comments

Executive Director provided the Board with the NASBA Fair Value Comments. The Board reviewed the information provided. Board Member Harry Parsons summarized the reason for NASBA's letter of comment in connection with National Standards issues.

C. Nevada Gaming Commission Proposed Regulations

Executive Director provided the Board with the Nevada Gaming Commission Proposed Regulations. The Board reviewed the information provided. Legal Counsel will draft a letter of comment for Executive Director signature prior to the comment period of November 20, 2008.

D. NASBA Annual Meeting Follow Up

Executive Director provided a brief summary of the NASBA Annual Meeting. The Board discussed the conference.

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Agenda Item 10 Con't

E. Proposal for Certification of Candidates with Non-CPA Firms.
Kathy Zeller provided the Board with a subcommittee action plan to review the approved internal audit agencies and individual review process. Past Board Member, Bonnie Houldsworth will be conducting the agency reviews. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the proposal as provided.

F. NASBA Regional Director Focus Questions
The Board reviewed the NASBA Regional Director Focus questions and provided appropriate responses to NASBA.

Agenda Item 11: Board Approval and Determination of Policies:

A. Amendment to Board Policy on Travel Reimbursement
Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the revised travel policy with amendments.

B. New Board Policy for Peer Review Administration
Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the policy for peer review administration.

Agenda Item 12: Recommendation of Hearing Officer:

Motion was made, seconded and carried to revoke the CPA certificate of Linda Taylor for failure to comply with the 2008 Practice Monitoring (Peer Review) Program and failure to provide self reporting information on her 2008 License Renewal Form. Board Member Felicia O'Carroll abstained from the vote.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss Formal Complaints for the following individuals based on compliance:

Sara Griggers Mark Springer Connie Thompson

Hearing Officer, Felicia O'Carroll, abstained from the vote.

Agenda Item 13: Recommendation of Hearing Officer

Motion was made, seconded and carried to revoke the CPA Certificate of Nanette Miller based on failure to comply with the CPE Administrative Complaint Procedure.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss Formal Complaints against the following individuals based on compliance: Rafael Herrera Brian Sorensen

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the stipulated agreements for the following individuals in connection with their failure to comply with the CPE Administrative Complaint Procedure:

Paul Palmer Ronald Serota David Williams

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Agenda Item 13 Con't

Motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss formal complaint and deny waiver of the attorney's fees assessed in connection with the formal complaint for failure to pay CPE penalties associated with obtaining hours outside the required year based on personal hardship for Duane Ellis.

Hearing Officer Felicia O'Carroll abstained from all votes made above.

Agenda Item 14: Discussion of Proposed Fee Dispute Panel

This item was deferred to the next scheduled meeting

Agenda Item 15: Discussion of proposed 2009 Legislative Language
150/120 Educational Requirements **Appearance 2:00 PM**

The Board expressed appreciation to the following individuals for their appearance to discuss the educational issues concerning the 150/120 hour requirement.

John Mills, Charles Carslaw, Richard Mason from the University of Nevada, Reno
Paulette Tandy from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Discussion was held in connection with the national trend to move the education required to sit for the CPA Examination back to a four year degree with an accounting emphasis. The current requirement requires a candidate to obtain 150 semester hours that include specific accounting and business courses. The trend is to allow candidates to apply for the exam without obtaining the 150. The 150 would then be required for licensure. The concept is that it would provide for more candidates to begin testing earlier. Various comments were made by those in attendance that would not support a change in the current educational requirement.

Agenda Item 16: Report of President

No items were discussed under this agenda item

Agenda Item 17: Public Comment 10:00 AM

No items were discussed under this agenda item

Agenda Item 18: Next Board Meeting: January 16, 2009 Las Vegas