

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
HUDSON ROOM - 6TH FLOOR**

I Call to Order and Roll Call - 9:30 A.M.

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Pursuant to those provisions, the proper notifications were made to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Camden Courier-Post, the Trenton Times, the Asbury Park Press, the Record, and the Star-Ledger. Board Secretary, Daniel Geltrude called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. The following roll call was taken:

Keith Balla, CPA	Excused
Jorge A. Caballero	Excused
John F. Dailey, Jr., CPA	Excused
Sara L. DeSmith, CPA	Present
Daniel J. Geltrude, CPA	Present
Hal Model, CPA	Present
Ainsley A. Reynolds, CPA	Present
Michael H. Runge, CPA	Present

Also present at the meeting were William Mandeville, Executive Director, Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General, Melba Rodriguez, Secretarial Assistant; Marie Lisa, Staff; Jaleila Wilson, Staff; Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA; Mike Polito, NJSCPA, Jeff Kaszerman, NJSCPA; David Plaskow, Editor, NJSCPA Magazine and Felician College students Ziaochu Liang, Ziaoye Li, Katherine Perales and Pananya Kamkourkong.

II Minutes of the Meeting of July 19, 2012

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Harold Model, the Board voted to approve the July 19, 2012 Public Session minutes with corrections. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

III President's Remarks

Board Secretary Geltrude welcomed the students from Felician College to the Board meeting.

IV Executive Director's Remarks

Executive Director Mandeville had no report for the Board.

V Request for Reinstatement

A Marci Plotkin

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Michael Runge, the Board voted to request the appearance of Ms. Plotkin before the Investigative Inquiry Committee. When appearing, Ms. Plotkin is to bring with her any and all paperwork regarding her tax fraud conviction. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

VI UNIFORM PENALTY LETTER IN LIEU OF FORMAL COMPLAINT FOR CPE AUDIT - RENEWAL PERIOD 01/01/08 thru 12/31/11

A REQUESTED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

1. Arlene L. Tran
2. Alexander J. Speal
3. Jonathan Chen
4. William C. Peters

5. Salvatore A. Gambino
6. Richard J. Crimi

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to approve the six requests for Voluntary Surrender. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B PAID PENALTY AND WILL MAKE UP CREDITS

1. Timothy P. Braddock - \$8,000 - paid

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Harold Model, the Board voted to reduce the UPL issued to Mr. Braddock to \$1,000.00 and request that he make up the 16 credits in didactic he is short. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Anthony A. Berloco - \$1,500 - paid
3. Ian Blumen - \$8,000 - 16 payments
4. Garrick J. Stoldt - \$8,000 - 16 payments
5. Mark C. Baker - \$1,000 - paid
6. Eileen Red - \$1,000 - paid
7. David S. Tucker - \$2,500 - paid

On a motion made by Michael Runge, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to approve the Paid Penalties and the Making up of Credits by licensees two thru seven. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C REQUESTED BOARD TO CONSIDER EXPLANATION

1. Daniel Gonzalez

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to inform Mr. Gonzalez that he must supply the Board with financial information that shows financial hardship that prevented him from completing the CPE requirements. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Theodore A. Blumenberg, III

On a motion made by Ainsley Reynolds, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL in the amount of \$8,000.00. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

3. Robert C. Kelliher

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to accept the CPE credits submitted. The UPL issued will be rescinded and Mr. Kelliher is to be informed that he must make up the four CPE credits in NJ Law & Ethics. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

4. William K. Furst

On a motion made by Ainsley Reynolds, seconded by Michael Runge, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL in the amount of \$8,000.00. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

5. Thomas W. McDonnell

This matter has been tabled for the October Board meeting.

6. Hyung Ki Chun

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to reduce the UPL issued to \$3,000.00 and inform Mr. Chun that he must complete 74 credits in Technical subjects, 4 in NJ Law & Ethics and 44 in miscellaneous credits. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

7. Andrea Murowski

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Harold Model, the Board voted to inform Ms. Murowski that the UPL issued will be rescinded provided that she places her license in inactive status. She must pay the fine and obtain the credits if she decides to keep an active license. Ms. Murowski must obtain 120 CPE credits prior to date of reinstatement. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

8. Robert L. Swartz

The Chair directed that this matter be moved to Executive Session for further discussion.

9. Jody L. Ryder

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Harold Model, the Board voted to rescind the UPL issued due to the additional CPE credits Ms. Ryder has submitted. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

10. Kalpana Gopalakrishnan

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL in the amount of \$8,000.00. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

11. Milton S. Prime

On a motion made by Ainsley Reynolds, seconded by Michael Runge, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL in the amount of \$8,000.00. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

12. Jerald H. Levitt

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to rescind the UPL issued in the amount of \$4,000.00 due to the additional CPE credits Mr. Levitt submitted. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

13. Angela Boland

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL in the amount of \$8,000.00. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

The previous motion was withdrawn.

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to inform Ms. Boland that she must supply the Board with financial information that shows financial hardship that prevented her from completing the CPE requirements. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

14. Martin P. Hacker

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Sara DeSmith the Board voted to rescind the UPL issued due to the additional CPE credits submitted. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

15. Abraham Weinberger

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to uphold the original UPL in the amount of \$8,000.00. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

16. Cerene Belli

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to inform Ms. Belli that she must supply the Board with financial information that shows financial hardship that prevented her from completing the CPE requirements. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

17. Stephen Breese

On a motion made by Ainsley Reynolds, seconded by Harold Model the Board voted to rescind the original UPL issued. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

18. Matthew Rogers

On a motion made by Michael Runge, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to authorize DAG Palan to contact Mr. Rogers and inform him that he may place his license in inactive status and the UPL will be rescinded. The Board requested that DAG Palan obtain written information from Mr. Rogers' before making a final determination in this matter. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

19. Brendan P. Cox

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Ainsley Reynolds, the Board voted to contact Mr. Cox and request that he provide the Board with copies of his CPE certificates for review and determination. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

VII Committee Reports

A CPA Examination Committee

Harold Model had no report for the Board.

B Ethics Committee

Daniel Geltrude informed the Board that the webcast from Financial Focus was reviewed and approved.

On a motion made by Daniel Geltrude, seconded by Michael Runge, the Board voted to approve the webcast submitted by Financial Focus. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C CPE Committee

Sara DeSmith had no report for the Board.

D RMA Committee

No report was provided but Executive Director Mandeville informed the Board that the RMA exam will take place on December 7, 2012 at the State Office Building. Executive Director Mandeville asked the Board members to check their calendars and inform him of their availability to assist in proctoring the exam. The exam approximately runs for eight hours and there is usually between 15-20 licensees taking the exam.

E Peer Review Oversight Committee

Executive Director informed the Board that the Peer Review Oversight Committee will be having a Committee meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the State Office Building.

F Education Committee

Ainsley Reynolds informed the Board that he needed some guidance as to what the Education Committee reviews. Executive Director informed Mr. Reynolds that Mr. Jenkins the former Committee Chair would be contacted to provide some information.

G Reciprocity Committee

No report was given.

H Nominating Committee

Daniel Geltrude had no report for the Board.

I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

Executive Director Mandeville informed the Board that a meeting was held on September 10, 2012. A number of issues were reviewed along with Betzy Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst. Included in the discussion was didactic courses.

J Monitoring Profession Committee

No report was given.

VIII Public Comments

Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA reported on important Society dates.

- October 3, 2012- NJSCPA Career Night at the Pines Manor Edison, NJ, 3pm-7:00pm
- October 17 & 18, 2012- NJSCPA Major Firm Managing Partner Retreat at Crystal Springs Resort
- November 1, 2012- NJSCPA Women's Conference at the Renaissance Hotel, Iselin, NJ 8:00am to 5:30pm, where the Society's Women of Note will be formally recognized and honored.
- November 7-11, 2012- NJSCPA Professional Development Conference, Captiva, FL
- December 7, 2012 - NJSCPA Board Meeting and Holiday Luncheon at NJSCPA headquarters in Roseland, NJ, 9:00am-12:30pm. Holiday luncheon immediately following the end of the Board meeting.
- December 11th- NJBIA Public Policy Forum for which the Society is a sponsor and participant on the Economic Outlook Panel.

Society Activities and Engagements on the Legislative and Regulatory Front

The legislature has been very quiet as most committees did not meet during the summer. However, the Society continues to monitor activity regarding A-1545 and S-3141, which propose changes to Title 45 of the New Jersey statutes that address license reciprocity and reinstatement of suspended licenses. As a result of bipartisan support in both the Senate and Assembly, these bills may have a chance of being moved forward for either a Senate or Assembly floor vote before the end of the calendar year. The amendments proposed by the Society to the Assembly bill were positively received and incorporated in the latest version of A-1545.

Updates on regarding the following legislative and regulatory activities in Trenton and Washington, DC were provided:

- Appeal Bond Cap Legislation, which the Society supports, continues to be stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is unlikely that any action will be taken before the end of the calendar year. In Washington, the profession has been successful in garnering support for H.R. 1864, the Mobile Workforce bill and Due Dates legislation S. 845 and H.R. 2382. Both of these bills may be acted on during the “lame duck” session of Congress. The Society was actively engaged in soliciting members of the NJ Congressional delegation to support and co-sponsor these bills.
- Within the next week, the Society will be reaching out to members of the NJ Congressional delegation to ask them to sign on as co-sponsors of the Due Dates bills in both the House and Senate, H.R 2382 and S. 845, respectively.

Additional Comments/Questions

- On the mobility front, the state of California passed mobility legislation. It is awaiting the Governor’s signature.
- The Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) appointed members to the Private Company Council (PCC). The PCC is a new body that will work with FASB to determine whether and when to modify U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Billy Atkinson, former Chair of NASBA, was named Chair of the PCC.
- Executive Director Ralph Albert Thomas indicated the Society will present to the State Board of Accountancy for its review and consideration, a proposal that the Board accept the Society’s CPE Tracker as documentation of CPE courses a licensee has taken from the Society. The Society believes its tracking system captures the necessary information the Board would need to verify a licensee’s CPE compliance. Additionally, the Society believes by utilizing the Society’s CPE Tracker, the Board’s CPE review process can be streamlined and staff review

time decreased.

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Harold Model, the Board voted to adjourn the Public Session meeting at 11:05 A.M. to reconvene in Executive Session to discuss the results of the Investigative Inquiry conducted, two matter of New Business, four matters of Old Business, UPL responses, CPE Sponsor Letter, NASBA matter and six Consumer Complaints. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William Mandeville
Executive Director