

**BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES

Date: Friday, January 10, 2014

Time: 8:32 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Nelson K.M. Lau, CPA, Chairperson  
Gregg M. Taketa, CPA, Vice-Chairperson  
Wendy M. Glaus, CPA, Member  
Craig K. Hirai, CPA, Member  
Darryl T. Komo, CPA, Member  
Gabriel Lee, Member  
Steven R. Oberg, CPA, Member  
Keith A. Regan, Member  
Carleton L. Williams, CPA, Member  
Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General  
Laureen M. Kai, Executive Officer  
Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Guests: None.

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 92-7(b).

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairperson Lau.

Additions/Revisions to Agenda: Executive Officer Kai requested the following amendments and additions to the agenda:

- Amend: 4. APPLICATIONS  
C. Ratification of Individual CPA  
Permits to Practice (2014-2015)  
4) LIN, Zhiyu  
D. Ratification of Issued Firm  
Permits to Practice  
3) EVAN K TOKITA CPA INC

- Add: 7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS  
F. Peer Review  
G. Uniform CPA Examination

Mr. Lee arrived to the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried to approve the amendments and additions as noted above.

Approval of  
Minutes of the  
December 13, 2013  
Board Meeting:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Oberg, seconded by Ms. Glaus, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2013 Board Meeting as circulated.

Executive  
Session:

At 8:34 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Oberg, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:22 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Lee, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session and to immediately recess the meeting.

At 9:33 a.m., the Board reconvened its scheduled meeting.

Applications for  
CPA Certification:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Oberg, seconded by Mr. Komo, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications for certification:

1. DEYOUNG, Kalea S.
2. FIEMAN, Sara C.
3. O'LEARY, Elina V.
4. SOTELO, Sharmaine S.
5. VINCENT, Douglas R.
6. WAMURA, Shiho
7. WILSON, David C.

Ratification of  
Individual CPA  
Permits to Practice  
(2012-2013):

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the following individual CPA Permits to Practice (2012-2013):

1. BLACKMAN, Seth H.
2. EGERTSON, Jeffrey D.
3. HEISLER, Donald A.
4. HORII, Masayo
5. SIZER, John C. Jr.

Ratification of  
Individual CPA  
Permits to Practice  
(2014-2015):

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the following individual CPA Permits to Practice (2014-2015):

1. CHEN, Nelson K.
2. DIMAYA, Mary Ann G.
3. LIN, Zhiyu
4. LINK, Russell M.
5. MATSUDA, Daryce T.
6. MIYAMOTO, Mika S.
7. NAEL-DECIERDO, Victoria L.
8. PARK, Linda
9. SCANLAN, Tialei A.
10. TAMURA, Travis T.
11. WHETZEL, Steve O.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Williams, and unanimously carried (Chairperson Lau recused himself from the vote) to ratify the approval of the following individual CPA Permit to Practice (2014-2015):

1. KIM, DongHyun

Ratification of Issued Firm Permits to Practice:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Lee, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the following issued Firm Permits to Practice:

1. RONALD T C YOUNG
2. JTO INNOVATIVE SERVICES LIMITED
3. EVAN K TOKITA CPA INC
4. ERIC W K WONG
5. CALVERT G CHIPCHASE III
6. DEAN ISAMU SUGIMOTO
7. LYNELLE M TAMASHIRO
8. JANE Y AMANO
9. STUART K Y HONG
10. YURICA U GRIFFIN
11. YVONNE C YOUNG
12. HARRY TAM CPA INC
13. TIMOTHY P BOGAN
14. WENDY Y M CHONG
15. DEBRA PRESEALT
16. TUEFFERS GUCKIAN & GAMON PLLC
17. HATTORI CPA LLC
18. CINDY M FUJII
19. PETER A MATSUMOTO INC
20. CHARLES T MORITA
21. HAWAII CARE SERVICE LLC
22. ALVIN W HIGASHI
23. TRACEY A KEAHI CPA LLC
24. DEAN H W L UEDA
25. PACIFIC BUSINESS VALUATION LLC
26. EILEEN D BURG
27. EARL H F LEE
28. SHIOTANI & RALEY TAX AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES INC

29. TAMMI A WATSON
30. WAYNE T WATANABE
31. EDWARD L PUNUA CPA INC
32. ALLISON D T VAN ORMAN
33. WAYNE H. NISHIMURA
34. GUSTAVO L FILIPPE CPA INC

Ratification of  
Firm Name  
Approval:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Oberg, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the following Firm Name:

1. Jane Amano, CPA, LLC

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Oberg, and unanimously carried (Chairperson Lau recused himself from the vote) to ratify the approval of the following Firm Names:

1. Patricia A. Matsumoto, CPA
2. Sean E. Tsutsui, CPA, LLC

Chairperson's  
Report:

A. National and Industry Update

Chairperson Lau reported there were no new national and industry updates.

Executive Officer's  
Report:

A. Renewal of Licenses and Permits to Practice

Executive Officer Kai reported that for the third biennial renewal, CPAs were able to renew licenses and permits to practice via the online process and that a majority of CPAs who do so express their appreciation and approval of the online renewal option; however, many of these CPAs believe that renewing online will significantly expedite the renewal process. She noted that the Board's office and the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division staff remind these licensees that the online renewal process is an effective and time-saving data gathering procedure, but that the actual processing of the renewals continues to be

done manually. Thus, the time it takes to process electronic renewals is not as short as many believe it could or should be.

The Executive Officer then provided the following statistics related to the renewal of licenses for the 2014-2015 license period:

CPAs eligible for renewal	2850
# of licenses who have renewed	2473
	(86.8% of all eligible)
# who renewed online	2362
	(95.5% of all online renewals)
	(82.9% of all renewals)
PA eligible for renewal	1
	(to date, has not renewed)

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Communications

Committee Chairperson Lee had no report.

B. Continuing Professional Education

Committee Chairperson Glaus had no report.

C. Ethics

Committee Chairperson Hirai had no report; however, as requested by the Executive Officer, Mr. Hirai will follow up with Susan Coffey of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") for an update on the AICPA's progress in drafting model language to implement the recodification of the AICPA Code of Conduct.

D. Legislation and Rules

Committee Chairperson Williams had no report. Former Committee Chairperson Hirai commented that various committees of the State Legislature have already begun

scheduling hearings on new bills for this Legislative session as well as carryover bills from the 2013 Legislative session.

As instructed at the Board's last meeting by DAG Tam, Mr. Hirai had asked Jessica Faige, legislative analyst for the House Judiciary Committee, to contact DAG Tam to discuss her concern relating to House Bill No. 716. DAG Tam commented that he did exchange email correspondence with Ms. Faige, and informed her that HRS chapters 92 and 436B already impose a license suspension period of not more than five (5) years. Because this limitation on the maximum length of a suspension is already specified in other statutes, House Bill No. 716, which proposes to amend HRS section 466-9(A)(2) relating to the Board's authority for disciplinary action, does not need to specify a similar limitation. It is, however, up to the Legislature to determine whether to insert this limitation in HRS chapter 466 or not.

E. Mobility

Committee Chairperson Taketa had no report.

F. Peer Review

Committee Chairperson Oberg stated that his report is combined with his report as Chairperson of the Investigative Committee on Peer Review.

G. Uniform CPA Examination

Committee Chairperson Regan had no report.

Investigative  
Committee Reports:

A. Investigative Committee on Peer Review

Investigative Committee on Peer Review ("ICPR") Chairperson Oberg reported that the submittal of the peer review administration plan by the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants ("HSCPA") is pending. He mentioned that HSCPA is waiting for AICPA's approval, prior to its submittal to this Board. Chairperson Lau suggested that the Board should inquire about the possibility of reviewing the administration plan concurrently with the AICPA's review, as it was unclear what the process and how long the duration of AICPA's review would be. Executive Officer Kai was instructed to follow up with HSCPA Executive Director Kathy Castillo concerning the Board's request.

Mr. Oberg commented that the ICPR is still working on drafting administrative rules to implement the peer review law. He mentioned that the ICPR is considering a meeting with the HSCPA and the Peer Review Oversight Committee to determine whether and to what extent administrative rules are necessary to implement the peer review program.

Open Forum: None.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, February 14, 2014  
8:30 a.m.  
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Announcements: None.

