

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

MINUTES

Date: Friday, September 25, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/97552839472>

Present: Darryl T. Komo, CPA, Chairperson
Gary Y. Miyashiro, CPA, Vice-Chairperson
Christopher Lee, CPA, Member
Terrence Aratani, Member
Edward L. Punua, CPA, Member
Carleton L. Williams, CPA, Member
John W. Roberts, CPA, Member
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Relley W. Araceley, Executive Officer
Leanne Abe, Secretary
Karyn Takahashi, Secretary to DCCA Director Catherine P. Awakuni Colón
Terry Akasaka-Toyama, Secretary to DCCA Deputy Director
Jo Ann M. Uchida Takeuchi

Excused: Brian Uemori, Member

Guests: Anonymous
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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).

A brief video was played to explain procedures for this virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairperson Komo.

Chairperson Komo proceeded with roll call. All Board members were present.

Approval of the
Executive Session
Minutes of the
January 31, 2020
Board Meeting:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Punua, and unanimously carried to approve the executive session minutes of the January 31, 2020 meeting.

Approval of the
Executive Session
Minutes of the
February 21, 2020
Board Meeting:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Miyashiro, and unanimously carried to approve the executive session minutes of the February 21, 2020 meeting.

Approval of the
Minutes of the
July 30, 2020
Board Meeting:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Punua, and unanimously carried to approve the July 30, 2020 meeting.

Applications:

At 8:40 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Miyashiro, and unanimously carried 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 9:40 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Punua, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Miyashiro, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

Chairperson Komo proceeded with roll call. All Board members were present.

Chairperson Komo requested for an amendment on agenda item # 3:

[G.] D. "Ratification of Firm Name Approval"

~~[D.]~~ **E.** "Consideration for Application"

It was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Miyashiro, and unanimously carried to approve the letter changes of the agenda, with the aforementioned amendment (with new material underscored in bold and repealed material bracketed and stricken through).

Applications for
CPA Certification:

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

- 1) ALLEN, Rebecca D.
- 2) ALLMAN, Victoria
- 3) DANDURAND, Kai A.
- 4) DUDA, Michalina
- 5) DYHR, Camile E.
- 6) FUNG, Raymond Ching-Hung
- 7) GARZON, Antonio M.
- 8) HONG, Yeseul
- 9) KROUSE, Raymond E. Jr.
- 10) LEYNES, Natalya R.
- 11) MATSUNAGA, Lia
- 12) MARTIN, Sheryl Mae J.
- 13) MILES, Michael J.
- 14) NAIDU, Megan E.
- 15) PARKER, Amy
- 16) POPEK, Amber J.
- 17) PROCOPIO, Rosalba
- 18) TAM, Andrew
- 19) WANG, Dillon Jung Wing
- 20) YAMAMOTO, Shigeo
- 21) YANG, Niangui

Ratification of
Individual CPA
Permits to Practice:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Punua, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the following individual CPA Permits to Practice:

- 1) GLUCK, Jessica Elaine
- 2) SHETLER, Kristn Wade
- 3) JACKSON, Chelluh Aranas
- 4) KANG, Jaeyong
- 5) NAKAMURA, Erica Nicole
- 6) O'BRIEN, Mary Louise

7) HARADA, Kelly Yuji

Ratification of
Issued Firm
Permits to Practice:

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

- 1) MARIA C KAZEMI
- 2) NELSON H HARANO
- 3) RICHARD P MARTIN CPA LLC
- 4) KAREN ANDREWS CPA LLC
- 5) SPIEGEL ACCOUNTANCY CORP
- 6) KAJ KOLOHALA LLC DBA KIMBERLY JONES CPA

Ratification of
Firm Name Approval:

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and unanimously carried to ratify the approval of the following firm name:

- 1) Jennifer J. Laloulu, CPA, LLC
- 2) Richard Martin CPA LLC

Consideration for
Application:

Applicant requested to defer consideration for application to the October meeting. The Board deferred this agenda item.

- 1) Alaa Eldin Ismail (request for application and acceptance for CPA licensure)

Chairperson's
Report:

A. National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) Western Regional Meeting

The Western Regional Virtual Meeting was conducted by NASBA Pacific Regional Director, Katrina Salazar. Chairperson Komo provided a brief report to the Board on important issues discussed:

- NASBA voted to support the CPA Evolution Project – moving on to expand on that in the future
- There will be changes to the NASBA Bylaws that will be voted on in the upcoming NASBA meeting scheduled for October 30, 2020
 - Proposed amendment to allow for teleconference meetings given the current COVID-19 situation

- Proposed amendment to provide the NASBA Nominating Committee all the resources necessary to fulfill their duties
- o CPA examination continuous testing which started in July 2020
- o Started international testing in June 2020; currently have testing sites in India
- o A lot of the other states have similar issues as Hawaii
 - Meeting via teleconference
 - A lot of the state societies have trouble with budgetary constraints; issues about trying to get more revenue to support their boards and societies
 - Guam: with tourism and testing sites closed, they are discussing the permanent closure of the Guam testing center. Guam relies a lot on international candidates taking the CPA examination. With their testing site closed, they do not have enough activity amongst the Guam candidates themselves to substantiate having the testing site open.
- o An Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (“ARPL”) - they commissioned a study by Oxford Economics to counter the argument that licensing stifles economic growth. They are trying to justify that licensing provides more growth and education amongst the public.
- o Upcoming NASBA Annual Virtual Meeting on November 2 - 4, 2020 (no registration fee)

Executive Officer Araceley commented that the possibility of closing the Oahu testing site would not be an issue since the Prometric testing site is shared with other professions. He could not get a definite answer regarding if they are going forward with opening the Hilo Prometric testing site.

New Business:

A. Extension of Exam Score Credit and Notice to Schedule (“NTS”) into 2021

Chairperson Komo stated that the Board extended the exam score credit until December 31, 2020 at the last meeting. There was a request from

HSCPA if the Board would consider extending the exam score credit beyond December 31, 2020. He commented that at the NASBA Regional Western Meeting there was discussion about extending the exam score credit and some states have extended to June 30, 2021.

Mr. Williams asked if the Board has the authority to do so.

DAG Leong replied that he cannot think of any issue if this were a policy-based decision for the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and unanimously carried that the Board extend the exam score credit and NTS until June 30, 2021 due to COVID-19 limitations in being able to take the examination.

B. Effects of AICPA Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagement (“SSAE”) No. 19 on the Hawaii Peer Review Process

Mr. Williams cited the new standard for agreed-upon procedures engagements SSAE 19, and stated that this is effective immediately:

“SSAE 19 provides flexibility to a practitioner performing an agreed-upon procedures engagement by (1) removing the requirement that the practitioner request an assertion from the responsible party; (2) permitting the practitioner to issue a general-use report (3) no longer requiring intended users to take responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures; and (4) allowing procedures to be developed over the course of the engagement and allowing the practitioner to develop or assist in developing the procedures with a requirement that the engaging party acknowledge the appropriateness of the procedures prior to the issuance of the practitioner’s report.”

C. Timeline for Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 71 Amendments Process

Executive Officer Araceley stated that the Pest Control Board will be having the Division's first virtual public hearing next week. The Board of Public Accountancy will be the next board for the virtual public hearing and plans to schedule it for the November 2020 board meeting. If there are no major issues that arise from the public hearing then the rules will be forwarded through the final steps of the administrative process to be approved by the Governor.

D. Clarification on Continuation of Teleworking Measures Including the Continued Use of Digital Conference Meetings and Office Operations Throughout 2020

Executive Officer Araceley stated that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") Professional and Vocational Licensing Division staff will continue to telework towards the end of the year. Although staff is staggered coming into the office, everyone is still working from home and the public can reach us via email or phone. Currently, the DCCA office is open to the public from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except State observed holidays). The Board will continue to meet virtually as scheduled through the end of the year.

Next Board Meeting: October 30, 2020
Virtual Videoconference Meeting

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Relley W. Araceley

/s/ Leanne Abe

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Executive Officer

Secretary

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See minutes of.