

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

MINUTES

Date: November 19, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j99305488720>

Present: Gary Y. Miyashiro, CPA, Chairperson
Christopher K. Lee, CPA, Member
Jon Arbles, CPA, Member
John W. Roberts, CPA, Member
Terrence H. Aratani, Public Member
Brian Uemori, Public Member
Bryan Yee, Supervising Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kedin C. Kleinhans, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Leanne Abe, Secretary
Karyn Takahashi, Technical Support

Excused: Edward Punua, CPA, Vice-Chairperson

Guest(s): 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).

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: Chairperson Miyashiro welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members confirmed they were present with the exception of Vice-Chairperson Punua who was excused.

There being a quorum present, Chairperson Miyashiro called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Chairperson Miyashiro provided verbal instructions to attendees on how to connect to the meeting via Internet or through phone access. He reminded attendees that all microphones will be muted. If anyone would like to speak, they may select the raise

hand button, and when called upon they will be limited to five minutes of testimony per agenda item.

Approval of the
Minutes of the
October 29, 2021
Board Meeting:

Chairperson Miyashiro asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Lee, and unanimously carried to approve the October 29, 2021 meeting minutes as circulated.

Applications:

Chairperson Miyashiro asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

At 8:41 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Lee, 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). (Note: Board and staff moved to Microsoft Teams.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:51 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Lee, and unanimously carried with the exception of Mr. Roberts who experienced technical difficulties, for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

Applications:

A. CPA Certification

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Aratani, seconded by Mr. Lee, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications for certification, provided that applicant, Doreen Caberto, was approved subject to the Board's receipt of a revised experience certification form.

- 1) Doreen Caberto
- 2) Keith Goldhamer
- 3) Guru Kirin K. Khalsa
- 4) Alana K. Mello
- 5) Katelin Moyer
- 6) Hang T.T. Ngo

B. Ratification of Individual CPA Permit to Practice

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

- 1) Allen B. Bell
- 2) Conrad Davis
- 3) Owen Dayton
- 4) Maeghan I. Hutchins
- 5) Travis J. Strickland
- 6) Lauren A. Weir

C. Ratification of Issued Firm Permits to Practice

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

- 1) CJ Park CPA LLC
(FPTP-1323)
- 2) STRICKLAND HARDEE PLLC
(FPTP-1324)

D. Ratification of Firm Trade Name

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

- 1) KAREN ANDREWS CPA LLC

New Business:

Chairperson Miyashiro asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A. NASBA Enforcement Recourses Relating to IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) Data

EO Kleinhans stated that on August 5, 2016 the Board had instructed its EO to conduct a random audit of 10% of individuals who: (1) were issued a PTIN by the IRS; and (2) listed Hawaii as their business address, to determine whether the listed individuals held a Hawaii CPA license. On November 16, 2016, the EO reported the status of 87 randomly-selected individuals:

- Five individuals did not hold a Hawaii CPA license;
- Four individuals who held a Hawaii CPA license, but did not hold a permit to practice;

- Ten individuals who held a Hawaii CPA license and permit to practice, but were not affiliated with a firm that held permit to practice; and
- Nineteen individuals who required further investigation.

Mr. Roberts stated that he reviewed the current list of individuals issued a PTIN by the IRS and found that of the 878 individuals listed, 126 individuals either did not have a Hawaii CPA license, a permit to practice, and/or a firm permit to practice. He expressed concerns with the data and indicated that the referral of this matter to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (“RICO”) may overburden their office.

EO Kleinhans responded that he will ask RICO whether they already use the list of PTIN data provided by the IRS.

Mr. Roberts added that due to current events with COVID-19 situation, the Board may want to defer this matter for a future meeting.

New Business:

Chairperson Miyashiro asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A. Exam Committee

1) QUARTERS 1-3 CPA EXAMINATION RESULTS AND RATIFICATION

Chairperson Miyashiro stated that this agenda item will be deferred to the next meeting.

Executive Officer’s Report:

Chairperson Miyashiro asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A. “NASBA U” Informative Session on December 1-2, 2021

EO Kleinhans reported that NASBA will be holding a virtual informative session on December 1-2, 2021. The session will provide information regarding legislative and governmental affairs, state board relations, client, compliance, and international evaluation services, membership databases, leadership roles newsletters, and NASBA meetings.

B. Status Update on Amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 71

EO Kleinhans reported that the amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 71 were signed by Governor David Y. Ige on November 17, 2021, and routed to Lt. Governor Josh Green's office for filing. Rules will go into effect ten days later after filing.

Mr. Roberts asked whether the rules will affect the 2021 license renewals, specifically with regard to the minimum requirement of twenty CPE hours earned within each calendar year. Mr. Arbles responded that it was his understanding that the new rules would be applied to the next biennium. He stated that licensees and candidates need to be informed of the new rules.

EO Kleinhans stated that he will post a summary of all the changes on the Board's website. Mr. Roberts suggested that EO Kleinhans also provide the summary to the national and community trade associations for further dissemination.

Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Miyashiro asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A. NASBA Annual Meeting on November 2-3, 2021

Chairperson Miyashiro reported his attendance to virtual 114th NASBA Annual Meeting on November 2-3, 2021. He provided the Board with highlights from the conference:

- NASBA's progress on the new CPA Examination Evolution:
 - Disseminating information to education institutions and candidates;
 - The effect of state laws which may require rule changes;
 - Changes to take effect in 2024.
- State Board Presidents/Chairs Meeting:
 - AICPA's initiative to address concerns regarding audit quality in the peer review process;
 - CPA Examination Evolution;
 - The current decrease in the pipeline of candidates;
 - The U.S. Department of Labor plans to conduct an audit quality study in the industry.

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Next Board Meeting: Friday, December 17, 2021
8:30 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Webinar

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Kedin C. Kleinhans

/s/ Leanne Abe

Kedin C. Kleinhans
Executive Officer

Leanne Abe
Secretary

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12/10/21

- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes. See minutes of.