

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: May 20, 2020

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held via Zoom webinar on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

The following Board members were present:

Clayton J. Huffman, CPA, Chair
Ashley Addison, CPA, Vice Chair
Michael E. Mixon, CPA
Charles Cole, CPA
Craig Smith, CPA,
Julian I. Deal, CPA
Jim Martin, Consumer Member

Board members absent:

None.

Staff present:

Paul Ziga, CPA, Executive Director
Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Tech 3
Ayokah Harrison-Roberts, Compliance Business Analyst 3
Sandy Ferris, Licensing Tech 2

Attorney General Representative:

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Don Cook, The Georgia Society of CPAs
Boyd Search, The Georgia Society of CPAs
Kirsten Daughdril, Attorney General's Office

Chairman Huffman established a quorum was present at 10:01 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session Minutes:

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the March 25, 2020 board meeting with corrections. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Office Operations:

Mr. Ziga reported the following:

- The Board staff has been working from home and coming into the office on an as needed basis to process mail. The Board staff has responded quickly to emails and has received compliments and no negative feedback on the current operations.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: May 20, 2020

NASBA Operations:

Mr. Ziga reported the following:

- NASBA furloughed some staff members due to the pandemic. The staff went from 20 members to 6 members. In addition, the Georgia Coordinator has also resigned.
- The Board Staff has received feedback from applicants regarding NASBA's lack of response. A discussion was held with the Board's Point of Contact for NASBA.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Ziga reported the following:

- There are currently 21,157 Active CPAs and 2,049 Active firms in Georgia.
- The 2019 Individual CPA license renewal status is as follows:
20,478 CPA licenses have completed renewal requirements.
1,166 CPA licenses were lapsed on May 1, 2020 for failure to complete the renewal.
- From the 2,065 notices sent for firm renewals, to date, 742 have been completed and 45 are pending. Every firm application must be processed manually.
- There were 985 CPE Audit notices sent on April 20, 2020.
- The Peer Review Program was extended to September 30, 2020.
- An exemption was requested for the FY21 Budget Reduction.

Other Business:

GSCPA Updates

Mr. Search gave an update on GSCPA operations.

Mr. Cook gave an update on Legislative issues.

Board Member Reports:

The NASBA Eastern and Western Regional Meetings will be held virtually in June. Chairman Huffman encouraged all Board members to attend.

Mr. Search stated that the GSCPA annual meeting will be held virtually in June.

Mr. Cook stated that Billy Hickman, who is a Georgia CPA, is running for State Senate.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: May 20, 2020

Executive Session:

At 10:45 a.m., Ms. Addison made a motion to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Chairman Huffman, Mr. Cole, Mr. Smith, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Deal. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

After break, Chairman Huffman declared open session at 11:39 a.m. to vote on discussions held in Executive Session.

NASBA Applications:

The following requests from NASBA were reviewed at the May 20, 2020 meeting:

Applicant E.A.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Ms. Addison made a motion to approve this applicant for reciprocal licensure. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant E.D.A.: After reviewing the request for initial licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Ms. Addison made a motion to approve this applicant for initial licensure. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant Y.C.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Ms. Addison made a motion to table this application. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant S.Q.: After reviewing the request for initial licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Ms. Addison made a motion to approve this applicant for initial licensure. Applicant was denied at the January 10, 2018 board meeting but has met the requirements for licensure. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board ratified the NTS Extension and CPA exam Credit Extension.

Reinstatements:

Mr. Ziga reported that there were eighteen (18) Certified Public Accountant licenses and two (2) Public Accounting Firm licenses reinstated since the March 25, 2020 Board meeting.

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the applications that met requirements for reinstatement. Ms. Addison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: May 20, 2020

Enforcement Report:

The Enforcement Committee made a motion to approve the following actions:

ACCT200019: The Board voted to close this case.

ACCT200020: The Board voted to refer this case to the Attorney General's office for revocation.

ACCT200021: The Board voted to close this case with a letter of concern to remove CPA from name.

Ms. Addison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Georgia Law, Board Rules, and Board Policies

After discussion on Policy No. 9 regarding Firm Names, the Board made a recommendation to table for further Board review.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Williams-McNeely gave a status report on the enforcement cases referred to the Attorney General's Office for action. There was one case referred from the last board meeting.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Ms. Addison made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the March 25, 2020 board meeting as presented. Mr. Deal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Issued:

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Mr. Deal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved fifty-six (56) Certified Public Accountant licenses (CPA037696 through CPA037751) since the March 25, 2020 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Mr. Deal seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved fourteen (14) Public Accounting Firm licenses (ACF006930 through ACF006943) since the March 25, 2020 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Other Business continued:

Ms. Williams-McNeely informed that Board that after working with the GSBA since 2016, she will be retiring on June 30, 2020. She introduced the Board to Kirsten Daughdril, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

The Board welcomed the new Attorney General for GSBA, Ms. Daughdril, who is the Section Chief in charge of all 44 Professional Licensing Boards.

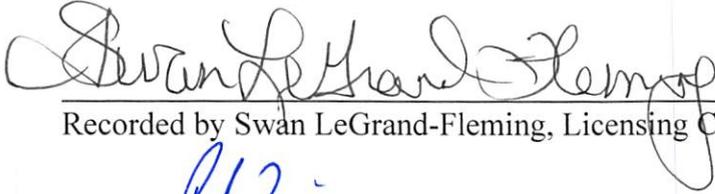
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: May 20, 2020

Chairman Huffman stated that the Board has received a lot of accolades. GSBA used to be one of the poorest performing boards and now GSBA is a Top 5 Accountancy Board. He stated that Ms. Williams-McNeely played a big role in the Board's success.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: May 20, 2020

With no other business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.



Recorded by Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Coordinator



Paul Ziga, Executive Director/Secretary



Clayton J. Huffman, Chair

These minutes were approved on

July 15, 2020

State of Georgia
County of Fulton

Affidavit Supporting Closing
Of Public Meeting

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now **Clayton J. Huffman** the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy.

I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.

On May 20, 2020, entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was O.C.G.A. § 43-3-25.1(a) and (b), O.C.G.A. §§ 43-3-20(b).

The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
Review Applications, Complaints, and Investigations

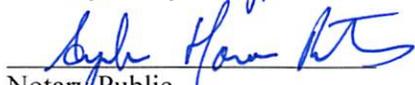
Further the affiant sayeth not.



(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 18 Day of September, 2020



Notary Public



Ayokah Harrison Roberts
NOTARY PUBLIC
Newton County, Georgia
My Commission Expires
February 9, 2022

My Commission Expires

CPA LICENSES ISSUED – 3/25/2020 – 5/19/2020 – 56 LICENSES

License #	Last Name	First Name	Approved	Expiration Date
CPA037696	Meinhold	Kelly	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037697	Crabtree	Alexis	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037698	Robertson	Ryan	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037699	Bowyer	Davis	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037700	Jones	Charrial	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037701	Veliotis	Maria	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037702	Eriksen	Michael	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037703	Rose	Kyle	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037704	Asrat	Bezayehu	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037705	Collini	Mark	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037706	Ramchandran	Ranjana	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037707	Maimo	Berinyuy	2020-03-27	2021-12-31
CPA037708	Beyers	Sone	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037709	Jacobs	Tony	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037710	Kim	Pil Kyun	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037711	Knowles Jr	Carlton	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037712	Moore	Ashley	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037713	Pang	Yun Hui	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037714	Rolle	Javon	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037715	Whittaker	Kristen	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037716	Xu	Rui	2020-04-09	2021-12-31
CPA037717	Bromm	Jodi	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037718	Blomeley	Zachary	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037719	Janco	Ryan	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037720	Micca	Peter	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037721	Cheatham	Benjamin	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037722	Blount	Ashlie	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037723	Karen	John	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037724	Dubreuil	May	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037725	Jolley	Rachael	2020-04-29	2021-12-31
CPA037726	Waszkielewicz	Emilia	2020-04-30	2021-12-31
CPA037727	Berger	Ryan	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037728	Brown	Diyone	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037729	Canty	Ashley	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037730	Carter	Claire	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037731	Hines	Kenneth	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037732	Howell	Aaron	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037733	Johnson	Christopher	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037734	Johnson	Jaya	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037735	Jones	Brittany	2020-05-13	2021-12-31

CPA LICENSES ISSUED – 3/25/2020 – 5/19/2020 – 56 LICENSES

CPA037736	Key	Megan	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037737	Kidd	Richauna	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037738	Lee	Kee	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037739	Levitz	Courtney	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037740	Lucas	Cary	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037741	McPeek	Austin	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037742	Porterfield	Emily	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037743	Sears	Richard	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037744	Rajagopalan	Jayashri	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037745	Williams	Mary	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037746	Willson	Ashley	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037747	Yacila	Jadira	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037748	Zaumseil	Bradley	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037749	Zayidi	Ahmed	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037750	Zhao	Liqi	2020-05-13	2021-12-31
CPA037751	Bentley	John	2019-03-29	2021-12-31

FIRM LICENSES ISSUED – 3/25/2020 – 5/19/2020 – 14 LICENSES

License #	Firm Name	Approval Date	Expiration Date
ACF006930	Kruse Mennillo, LLP	2020-03-27	2022-06-30
ACF006931	Brauer & Co., PC	2020-03-27	2022-06-30
ACF006932	Southern Business Consulting Inc.	2020-03-27	2022-06-30
ACF006933	Oteman Group LLC	2020-03-27	2022-06-30
ACF006934	SLB Accounting Unlimited, LLC	2020-04-09	2022-06-30
ACF006935	TOM FOSKEY CPA PC	2020-04-09	2022-06-30
ACF006936	Coastal Consulting Management Group	2020-04-09	2022-06-30
ACF006937	KP LYNCH CPA PC	2020-04-29	2022-06-30
ACF006938	Rainwater Advisors, LLC	2020-04-29	2022-06-30
ACF006939	Krystal K Comer CPA LLC	2020-04-29	2022-06-30
ACF006940	Gene Mullis CPA LLC	2020-04-29	2022-06-30
ACF006941	Patrick H Brewer, CPA, LLC	2020-04-29	2022-06-30
ACF006942	CENTER STAGE TAX SERVICES LLC	2020-05-13	2022-06-30
ACF006943	B&T CPA LLC	2020-05-13	2022-06-30