

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: July 18, 2018

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the State Accounting Office, 200 Piedmont Avenue, SE, Suite 1604, West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

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

Board members absent:

Ashley Addison, CPA

Staff present:

Paul Ziga, CPA, Executive Director
Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Coordinator
Ayokah Harrison-Roberts, Investigator

Attorney General Representative:

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

None

Chairman Deal established a quorum was present at 10:00 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session Minutes:

Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the May 23, 2018 board meeting as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

At 10:02 a.m., Mr. Mixon 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. Huffman seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Chairman Deal, Mr. Cole, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Martin. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

After break, Chairman Deal declared open session at 12:05 p.m. to vote on discussions held in Executive Session.

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NASBA Applications:

The following requests from NASBA were reviewed at the July 18, 2018 meeting:

Applicant S.B.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Mr. Cole made a motion to approve this applicant for reciprocal licensure. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Reinstatements:

Ms. LeGrand-Fleming reported that there were ninety-five (95) Certified Public Accountant licenses and thirteen (13) Public Accounting Firm licenses reinstated since the May 23, 2018 Board meeting.

Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve the applications that met requirements for reinstatement. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Enforcement Report:

Ms. Harrison-Roberts presented the following enforcement cases requiring board action:

Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept the recommendations made in Executive Session as follows:

J. H.: The Board voted to refer this case to the Attorney General's Office for a Cease & Desist Hearing for violation of the conditions of the Consent Order.

W.B.: The Board voted to refer this case to Investigations for further investigations.

ACCT180022: The Board voted to close this case with no action.

ACCT180023: The Board voted to table this case pending further documentation.

ACCT180030: The Board voted to table this case for further investigation.

Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Williams-McNeely advised the Board on the Cease & Desist Hearing process.

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Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Williams-McNeely presented the following memos and cases referred for action:

ACCT180005 – The Board referred for unlicensed practice. There is insufficient evidence to indicate that this business is an accounting firm. Mr. Huffman made a motion to accept the Attorney General's recommendation to close this case. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCT180034 –The Board referred for unlicensed practice. The Board voted to refer this case to Investigations for more information.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the May 23, 2018 Board as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Issued:

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved forty (40) Certified Public Accountant licenses (CPA036034 through CPA036073) since the May 23, 2018 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved nineteen (19) Public Accounting Firm licenses (ACF006709 through ACF006727) since the May 23, 2018 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Ziga informed the Board that there are currently 20,460 Active CPAs and 1,977 Active firms in Georgia.

Mr. Ziga gave an update on the NASBA CPE Audit.

Mr. Ziga gave the Board a status update on the firm renewals generated, completed, and in process. He mentioned that there were 460 firms that did not renew before the June 30, 2018 expiration date.

Mr. Ziga informed the Board that the Epiware Document Management system will be replaced with the State Accounting Office SharePoint system.

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Board Member Report:

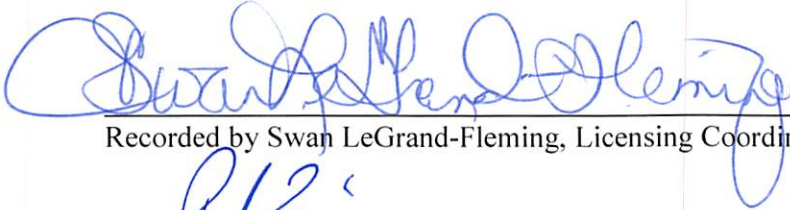
Mr. Smith reported on the New Board Member orientation at the regional meeting of NASBA and how there are certain items that the board may want to review in its internal procedures. Chairman Deal asked Mr. Smith to serve as a committee of one and make a report back to the board any items that may need to be reviewed.

Chairman Deal discussed the need for Board committees. Mr. Mixon was appointed as the lead on the Rules Committee to research and draft a Board Rule regarding an Ethics Requirement. Mr. Huffman was appointed as the lead on the Peer Review Oversight Committee.

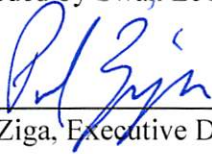
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With no other business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

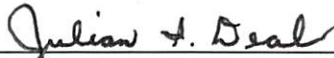
The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.



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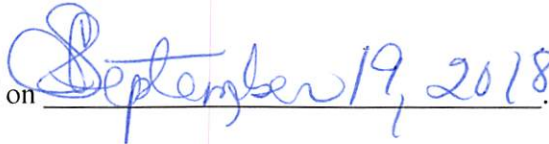


Paul Ziga, Executive Director/Secretary



Julian I. Deal, Chair

These minutes were approved on



CPA LICENSES ISSUED – 5/23/2018 – 7/17/2018 – 40 LICENSES

Lic #	Last Name	First Name	Approval Date	Expiration Date
CPA036034	Carson	Jeniffer	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036035	Cappai	Kellie	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036036	Cimorelli	Nicholas	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036037	Griffin	Alexander	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036038	Kuehnert	John	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036039	Pittsley	Joel	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036040	Stein	Erica	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036041	Stein	Scott	2018-05-29	2019-12-31
CPA036042	Bianchi	Thea	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036043	Gibbon	Chase	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036044	Hancock	Elizabeth	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036045	Harlow	Kyle	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036046	Hoffman	Amanda	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036047	Holt	Jaimie	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036048	Jiva	Ahsan	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036049	Lu	Shangru	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036050	Mazerolle	Elizabeth	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036051	Park	Jae	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036052	Rivera	Jose	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036053	Sarno	Tara	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036054	Smith	Tanner	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036055	Sun	Ziwen	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036056	Wray	Chadwick	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036057	Zhang	Mingshu	2018-06-08	2019-12-31
CPA036058	Ralston	Georgia	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036059	Chevalier	Naika	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036060	Chrysler	Nathaniel	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036061	Cua	Ma Vina Laurice	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036062	Goss	John Harrison	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036063	Hewitt	Samuel	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036064	Kongi-Reid	Oluwaseyi	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036065	Krueger	Paul	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036066	Liasides	Christos	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036067	Miller	Zachary	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036068	Newaz	Faiza	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036069	Shaikh	Noman	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036070	Starnes	Mary	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036071	Strickland	Mary	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
CPA036072	Tesoriero	Robert	2018-06-22	2019-12-31

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CPA036073	Won	Brian	2018-06-22	2019-12-31
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FIRM LICENSES ISSUED – 5/23/2018 – 7/17/2018 – 19 LICENSES

Firm Name	Lic #	Approval Date	Expiration Date
EXERGYCPA LLC	ACF006709	2018-05-29	2020-06-30
Pro-Fi Accounting Solutions, LLC DBA Naegele & Mea	ACF006710	2018-05-29	2020-06-30
Market Street Partners, PLLC	ACF006711	2018-06-08	2020-06-30
Sharon C. McKelvey, CPA, LLC	ACF006712	2018-06-08	2020-06-30
Grant Gunter CPA	ACF006713	2018-06-08	2020-06-30
TunedIn CPA, LLC	ACF006714	2018-06-08	2020-06-30
Denise Castro, CPA & Associates, LLC	ACF006715	2018-06-08	2020-06-30
Greene CPA & Company, P.C.	ACF006716	2018-06-08	2020-06-30
Legacy Business Consulting Services, Inc	ACF006717	2018-06-08	2020-06-30
The Honest Accountant, LLC	ACF006718	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
Linette Barclay CPA	ACF006719	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
McGowen, Hurst, Clark & Smith	ACF006720	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
Debbie Rickett CPA	ACF006721	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
James A. Youmans, CPA	ACF006722	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
Billie L. Sanders, CPA, LLC	ACF006723	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
Ben T Waddill, Jr	ACF006724	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
Chase CPA, LLC	ACF006725	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
Kevin W Harris CPA, LLC	ACF006726	2018-06-15	2020-06-30
JABS, LLC	ACF006727	2018-06-15	2020-06-30