

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: July 19, 2017

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 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
Ashley Addison, CPA
Michael E. Mixon, CPA
Craig Smith, CPA
Charles Cole, CPA
Jim Martin, Consumer Member

Board members absent:

None.

Staff present:

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

Attorney General Representative:

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Don Cook, VP, Legislative Affairs, Georgia Society of CPAs
Isaac Byrd, Office of the Attorney General
Andrew Zach, Office of the Attorney General, Intern

Chairman Deal established a quorum was present at 9:58 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Chairman Deal welcomed new board member Charles Cole.

Open Session Minutes:

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the May 17, 2017 board meeting as presented. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

At 10:01 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. Ms. Addison seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Chairman Deal, Mr. Smith, Mr. Cole, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Huffman. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

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Open Session:

Chairman Deal declared open session at 12:07 p.m. to vote on discussions held in executive session.

NASBA Applications:

The following requests from NASBA were reviewed at the July 19, 2017 meeting:

Applicant J.B.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, the Board voted to table this request and refer to NASBA to get more information from the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountants.

Applicant S.C.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Ms. Addison made a motion to refer this applicant to the Attorney General's Office for a PRIVATE consent agreement requiring applicant to obtain six hours of upper-level accounting semester hours by June 30, 2019. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Applicant Y.L.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, the Board voted to table this request and refer to NASBA to get a NIES evaluation.

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

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

Applicant V.S.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, the Board voted to table this request and refer to NASBA to get a NIES evaluation.

Applicant C.H.: After reviewing the request for initial licensure with special consideration of the experience requirement, Mr. Huffman made a motion to deny this applicant for initial licensure. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant R.C.: After reviewing the request for initial licensure with prior conviction(s). Ms. Addison made a motion to approve this applicant for initial licensure. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Enforcement Report:

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

ACCT170036 – The Board voted to close this case with no action.

ACCT170038– The Board voted to close this case, firm has been registered.

ACCT170039 – The Board voted to table this case.

ACCT170040 – The Board voted to close this case with no action.

ACCT180001 – The Board voted to table this case.

ACCT180003 – The Board voted to close this case with a letter of concern.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Williams-McNeely presented a status report to the Board of cases and advice referred for action.

Mr. Mixon made a motion to close the following cases:

ACCT110042

ACCT130057

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

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the May 17, 2017 Board as presented. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Issued:

Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Ms. Addison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved one hundred twenty-eight (128) Certified Public Accountant licenses (CPA035155 through CPA035282) since the May 17, 2017 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Huffman made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Ms. Addison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved eight (8) Public Accounting Firm licenses (ACF006589 through ACF006596) since the May 17, 2017 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

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Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Ziga informed the Board that there are currently 21,120 Active CPAs and 1,862 Active firms in Georgia.

Mr. Ziga gave the Board an update on the Board's revenues.

Mr. Ziga stated the Board would come in under its operating budget for the third consecutive year.

Board Member Report:

Mr. Smith stated that the GSBA newsletter has been completed and posted to the website.

Mr. Mixon gave the Board highlights of the NASBA Eastern Regional Meeting.

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With no other business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

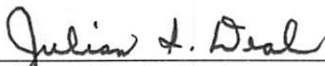
The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.



Recorded by Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Coordinator

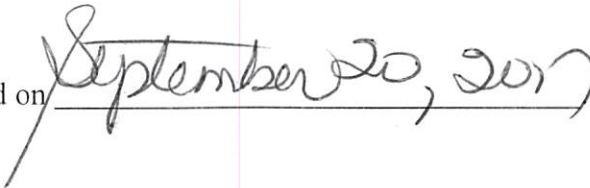


Paul Ziga, Executive Director/Secretary



Julian I. Deal, Chair

These minutes were approved on



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 Julian I. Deal 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 September 20, 2017, 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

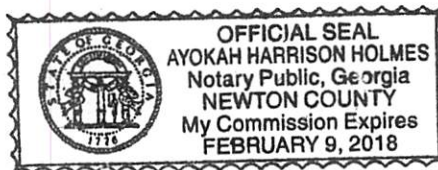
Further the affiant sayeth not.

Julian I. Deal
(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 20 Day of September 2017

Daphne Hamon HFS
Notary Public



My Commission Expires

CPA LICENSES ISSUED – 5/17/2017 – 7/18/2017 – 128 LICENSES

Last Name	First Name	Lic #	Approved	Expiration Date
Burman	Malcolm	CPA035155	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Cartee	Chase	CPA035156	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Causby	Kristen	CPA035157	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Crute	Bryan	CPA035158	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Davis	Nate	CPA035159	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
DuBois	Chase	CPA035160	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Epres	Ruby	CPA035161	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Gong	Michelle	CPA035162	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Kaetzl	Ryan	CPA035163	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Likhite	Nilesh	CPA035164	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Lowe	Elizabeth	CPA035165	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Lyons	Stephen	CPA035166	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Markowitz	Alexandra	CPA035167	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Miller	Julie	CPA035168	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Parrish	William	CPA035169	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Quattlebaum	Kristen	CPA035170	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Salvitti	Julie	CPA035171	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Sawaya	Wassim	CPA035172	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Schroeder	Sarah	CPA035173	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Staten	Rockford	CPA035174	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Turk	James	CPA035175	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Walden	Vincent	CPA035176	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Wesselman	Summer	CPA035177	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Whatley	Walter	CPA035178	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Zeichner	Jeffrey	CPA035179	2017-05-19	2017-12-31
Agarwal	Shivam	CPA035180	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Bartlett	Matthew	CPA035181	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Bell	Wesley	CPA035182	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Britt	Kristen	CPA035183	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Burger	Alston	CPA035184	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Coffelt	William	CPA035185	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Cole	Hehle	CPA035186	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Davies	Jerome	CPA035187	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Gray	Simon	CPA035188	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Johnson	Mary	CPA035189	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Jordan	Charles	CPA035190	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Kalinoski	Brittney	CPA035191	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Pollard	Marcus	CPA035192	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Toolie	Alana	CPA035193	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Twardy	Anna	CPA035194	2017-05-25	2017-12-31

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White	James	CPA035195	2017-05-25	2017-12-31
Bailey	Daniel	CPA035196	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Bridges	Josh	CPA035197	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Chang	Won	CPA035198	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Ji	Stanley	CPA035199	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Kindle	Megan	CPA035200	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Moon	James	CPA035201	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Pickens	Kevin	CPA035202	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Reszler	Norbert	CPA035203	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Smigel	Jenna	CPA035204	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Ward	Joseph	CPA035205	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Woodruff	Kelly	CPA035206	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Woodward	Melanie	CPA035207	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Xie	Xinzhu	CPA035208	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Yackira	Steven	CPA035209	2017-06-02	2017-12-31
Barnswell	Reginald	CPA035210	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Bresnahan	Nicholas	CPA035211	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Burks	Fredrick	CPA035212	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Cosgrove	Megan	CPA035213	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Egle Jr	Henry J	CPA035214	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Goodson	Samia	CPA035215	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Haier	John	CPA035216	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Ho	Giang	CPA035217	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Hornstra	Clark	CPA035218	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Kamilov	Kamil	CPA035219	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Kolar	Ana	CPA035220	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Long	Andrew	CPA035221	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Luikert	Abigail	CPA035222	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Paton-Ash	Mark	CPA035223	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Petit	Derek	CPA035224	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Rutledge	Carson	CPA035225	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Sandlin	Justin	CPA035226	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Simon	Laura	CPA035227	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Smith	Brian	CPA035228	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Teng	Jin Juan	CPA035229	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Williams	Andrea	CPA035230	2017-06-16	2017-12-31
Amin	Shail	CPA035231	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Brown	Andrew	CPA035232	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Burton	Amber	CPA035233	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Eddy	Stephen	CPA035234	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Gera	Ruby	CPA035235	2017-06-23	2017-12-31

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Lumsden	David	CPA035236	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
MacDonald	Kelly	CPA035237	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Maeda	Aya	CPA035238	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Rachman	Talia	CPA035239	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Rose	Charles	CPA035240	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Ruiz	Jamie	CPA035241	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Singh	Dustin	CPA035242	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Spraggins	Savannah	CPA035243	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Veal	Jonathan	CPA035244	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Wheeler	Alyssa	CPA035245	2017-06-23	2017-12-31
Auz	Yotam	CPA035246	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Bartlett	Michael	CPA035247	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Brown	Sarah	CPA035248	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Delovsky	Rachel	CPA035249	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Huff	Lauren	CPA035250	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Hurst	Daxton	CPA035251	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
James	Sophia	CPA035252	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Kennedy	Anna	CPA035253	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Little	Amanda	CPA035254	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Parent	Jessica	CPA035255	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Sutarman	Julie	CPA035256	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Tenkhoff	Grace	CPA035257	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Thompson	Lillian	CPA035258	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Wu	You	CPA035259	2017-06-29	2017-12-31
Adams	Amanda	CPA035260	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Allen	Thomas	CPA035261	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Ashworth	Scott	CPA035262	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Couto	Carolina	CPA035263	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Estime	Sabrina	CPA035264	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Kinsman	Donna	CPA035265	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
McElreath	Chad	CPA035266	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Meuter	Teresa	CPA035267	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Plantan	Lolo	CPA035268	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Schaffner	John	CPA035269	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Nolan	Rachael	CPA035270	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Shrestha	Shrutee	CPA035271	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Pritchett	Kaylee	CPA035272	2017-07-07	2017-12-31
Coffin	Bruce	CPA035273	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Desai	Nirav	CPA035274	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Evans	Gregory	CPA035275	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Farr	Beth	CPA035276	2017-07-14	2017-12-31

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Gavalas	Stacey	CPA035277	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Passwater	John	CPA035278	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Stuart	Gloria	CPA035279	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Thessin	Molly	CPA035280	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Thompkins	Kimberly	CPA035281	2017-07-14	2017-12-31
Wei	Jia	CPA035282	2017-07-14	2017-12-31

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Firm Name	Lic #	Approval Date	Expiration Date
Preferred Choice CPA LLC	ACF006589	6/16/2017	6/30/2018
King, Shores & Preston CPAs, LLC	ACF006590	6/16/2017	6/30/2018
Donna C. McCranie PC	ACF006591	6/16/2017	6/30/2018
CL & RM CPAS PLLC	ACF006592	6/16/2017	6/30/2018
Kala M Bennett, CPA, LLC	ACF006593	6/16/2017	6/30/2018
R. L. Brown CPA, LLC	ACF006594	6/16/2017	6/30/2018
The Audit Firm, LLC dba The Baird Audit Group	ACF006595	6/16/2017	6/30/2018
Ronald M. Riggs, P.C.	ACF006596	6/16/2017	6/30/2018