

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: March 26, 2014

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Julian I. Deal, CPA, Chairman
J. Sam Johnson, CPA, via teleconference
T. Farrell Nichols, CPA
Elizabeth Hardin, CPA
Wanda Goodson, CPA
Ronald B. Bobo, CPA via teleconference
Jim Martin, Consumer Member

Board members absent:

None

Staff present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Tonya Richardson, Board Support Specialist
Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Analyst

Attorney General Representative:

Stephanie Mason Zudekoff, Attorney General

Mr. Deal established a quorum was present at 9:32 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Approve Open Session Minutes:

Ms. Goodson made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the February 27, 2014 Board meeting with the recommended corrections as noted. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

At 9:34 a.m., Mr. Bobo made a motion to enter into 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. Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Chairman Deal, Ms. Hardin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bobo, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin and Ms. Goodson. No votes taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Chairman Deal declared open session at 1:13 p.m.

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Appearance:

Applicant M.V.: Applicant appeared before the board to appeal the board's denial of her application. After discussion, Mr. Bobo made a motion to approve this applicant. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant C.E.: Applicant appeared before the board to appeal the board's denial of his application. After discussion, Mr. Deal made a motion to deny this applicant. Ms. Goodson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Appeals:

Applicant J.E.: Applicant was reviewed by the board to appeal the board's denial of her application to retain exam credit. After discussion, Mr. Deal made a motion to deny this applicant. Ms. Goodson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant D.K. Applicant was reviewed by the board to appeal the board's denial of her application for CPE audit. After discussion, Ms. Goodson made a motion to approve this applicant. Ms. Hardin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant M.M.: Applicant was reviewed by the board to appeal the board's denial of her application for Reciprocity. After discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this applicant. Mr. Nichols seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant B.D: Applicant was reviewed by the board to appeal the board's denial of his application for Exam credit. After discussion, Ms. Goodson made a motion to approve this applicant. Mr. Nichols seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications:

The following Applicants were reviewed at the March 26, 2014 meeting:

Applicant R.M.CPA.: After reviewing the request for reinstatement, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this applicant subject to evidence of a completed Peer Review. Ms. Hardin seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant A.R.: After reviewing the request for Reciprocity, Mr. Nichols made a motion to deny this applicant. Ms. Goodson seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant J.E.: After reviewing the request for reciprocity, Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve this applicant. Ms. Hardin seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant L.W.: After reviewing the request for Transfer of Grades, Mr. Nichols made a motion to deny this applicant. Mr. Johnson seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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NASBA Examination Requests:

The following requests from NASBA were reviewed at the March 26, 2014 meeting:

Applicant B.W.: The Board reviewed a request for an extension of BEC, Ms. Goodson made a motion to approve this applicant. Mr. Nichols seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Renewals

Applicant J.H.: After reviewing the request for approval of CPE credits earned, Ms. Hardin made a motion to approve this applicant. Mr. Bobo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant S.C.: After reviewing the request for waiver of reinstatement and fees, Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve this applicant. Mr. Goodson seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Issues:

The following requests were reviewed at the March 26, 2014 meeting:

Applicant L.R.: After reviewing the request for waiver to complete CPE, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this applicant. Ms. Nichols seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant M.G.: After reviewing the request for extension of CPE, Ms. Hardin made a motion to approve this applicant for an extension of CPE credit until June 30, 2014. Ms. Goodson seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant A.T.: After reviewing the request for an extension of credit for the Audit section of the exam through May 31, 2014. Ms. Goodson made a motion to approve. Mr. Johnson seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant G.B.: After reviewing the request for an extension to complete CPE, Ms. Goodson made a motion to approve this applicant for renewal. Ms. Hardin seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Enforcement Report:

ACCT130030- The Board voted to close this case with no action. Dismiss Case

ACCT110029- The Board voted to close with notation to reopen

ACCT0900081- The Board voted to close this case with no action

ACCT0900080- The Board voted to close this case with no action

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ACCT120040- The Board voted to close this case with no action

ACCT130051- The Board voted to close this case with no action

ACCT130031- The Board voted to close this case with no action

Attorney General's Report:

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

Investigative Interview

ACCT120018- After meeting with the respondent, the Board voted to modify the previous disposition. Mr. Johnson made a motion to refer to the Attorney General to issue consent order suspending license for 6 months upon docketing, indefinite probation until lifted after 2 years.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the February 27, 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Bobo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Issued:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved twelve (12) Public Accounting Firm licenses and forty-three (43) Certified Public Accountants licenses since the November 20, 2013 Board.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Mickler discussed closing out complaint cases. Mrs. Zudekoff and Mr. Mickler attended the NASBA National meeting in Savannah, GA.

Other Business:

The Board received a request to endorse Willie B. Sims, Jr for Regional Director (Southeast Region) NASBA 2014-2015. The Board voted to table this request.

The Board received a request to endorse Donnie Roland NASBA nominating committee 2014-2016. Mr. Johnson made a motion for endorsement. Mr. Bobo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Nichols made a motion to request a scholarship for Mr. Deal to attend the NASBA Regional meeting held in Louisville, KY, June 4-6, 2014. Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Bobo moved to adjourn. Mr. Martin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Recorded by Board Secretary

Reviewed by Executive Director

Chairman

These minutes were approved on May 21, 2014