

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: May 21, 2014

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

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

Board members absent:

None

Staff present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Somerset Stafford, Board Support Specialist
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General Representative:

Stephanie Mason Zudekoff, Attorney General

Mr. Deal established a quorum was present at 9:44 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Approve Open Session Minutes:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the Board meeting with the recommended corrections as noted. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

At 9:53 a.m., Mr. Johnson 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. Nichols 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 were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Chairman Deal declared open session at 11:54 p.m.

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Appeals:

Applicant G.A.: After reviewing the appeal request for licensure with a Non-US CPA verifier, Mr. Nichols made a motion to disapprove the request. Ms. Goodson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications:

The following Applicants were reviewed at the May 21, 2014 meeting:

Applicant R.E.: After review the request for licensure with convictions, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this applicant. Mr. Bobo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant W.B.: After review the request for licensure with convictions, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this applicant. Ms. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NASBA Examination Requests:

The following requests from NASBA were reviewed at the May 21, 2014 meeting:

Applicant A.W.: After reviewing the request for extension of the AUD examination, Ms. Goodson made a motion to approve the request until May 31, 2015. Ms. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant J.N.: After reviewing request for wavier of education requirements, Ms. Goodson made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant S.R.: After reviewing the request for approval of courses, Ms. Goodson made a motion to table the request for further clarification. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant C.F. After reviewing the request for approval of licensure lacking 12 semester hours of upper level accounting, Ms. Hardin made a motion to deny the request. Ms. Goodson seconded the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant D.M. After reviewing the request for approval of licensure lacking 9 semester hours of upper level accounting, Ms. Hardin made a motion to deny the request. Ms. Goodson seconded the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant W.W.: After reviewing request for approval of licensure lacking 3 semester hours of upper level accounting, Ms. Hardin made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Applicant A.B.: After reviewing the request for approval of licensure lacking 6 semester hours of upper level accounting, Ms. Hardin made a motion to deny the request. Mr. Bobo seconded the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant D.P.: After reviewing the request for approval of licensure lacking 6 semester hours of upper level accounting, Ms. Hardin made a motion to deny the request. Ms. Goodson seconded the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant L.B.: After reviewing 30 semester hours of upper level accounting as requested by the board, Ms. Hardin made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Enforcement Report:

ACCT130057-The Board voted to refer this case to the Attorney General's office.

ACCT 130043- The Board voted to table.

ACCT130017- The Board voted to table

Legal Services Report:

ACCT130047-The Board voted to refer this case to the Attorney General's office.

ACCT110032- The Board voted to refer this case to the Attorney General's office.

ACCT130049 -The Board voted to close with no action.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Stephanie Mason Zudekoff presented a status report to the Board of cases and advice referred for action:

ACCT140023 - The Board made a recommendation to accept the cease and desist order upon receipt of the original document.

ACCT130014-The Board voted to close this case with no action.

ACCT130035-The Board voted to close this case with no action.

ACCT130036-The Board voted to close this case with no action.

ACCT130018-The Board voted to accept docketed consent order for 2 year suspension, \$1,000 fine, 8 hour professional ethics class in addition to normal hours and maintain qualifications for licensure.

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Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Mr. Bobo made a motion to table approval of the Executive Session minutes of the March 26, 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Issued:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved twelve (15) Public Accounting Firm licenses and eighty-three (83) Certified Public Accountants licenses since the March 26, 2014 Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Mickler discussed the following:

- New staff members: Ava Walker, Licensing Analyst and Somer Stafford, Board Support Specialist
- The transition of the Accountancy Board to the State Accounting Office

Other Business:

The Board discussed completing the following tasks for transitioning to the State Accounting Office:

- Rewrite rules in correlation to the laws of the State Accounting Office
- Obtain assistance through NASBA
- Schedule meetings regarding the adoption of rules
- Transitioning the Accountancy complaints to the Attorney General's Office

Mr. Johnson made a motion to ratify the actions taken by Mr. Julian Deal and to authorize Mr. Deal to act on behalf of the board regarding administrative and transitional issues. Mr. Nichols seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn. Ms. Goodson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Somer Stafford

Recorded by Board Secretary

Reviewed by Executive Director

Chairman Julian Deal

These minutes were approved on September 24, 2014