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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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 L. Deal

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 an 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 <u>Julian I. Deal</u> 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 <u>September 20, 2017</u>, 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 20 Day of September 2017

Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
AYOKAH HARRISON HOLMES
Notary Public, Georgia
NEWTON COUNTY
My Commission Expires
FEBRUARY 9, 2018

My Commission Expires

Last Name	First Name	Lic#	Approved	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Blackburn	Amanda	CPA035283	2017-07-28	2017-12-31
Clark	Richard	CPA035284	2017-07-28	2017-12-31
Daughenbaugh	Kitrina	CPA035285	2017-07-28	2017-12-31
Moore	Alexander	CPA035286	2017-07-28	2017-12-31
Petkash	Michael	CPA035287	2017-07-28	2017-12-31
Petruk	Andrii	CPA035288	2017-07-28	2017-12-31
Blythe	Robert	CPA035289	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Carr	Melanie	CPA035290	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Ennis	Rachel	CPA035291	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Hong	Keaton	CPA035292	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Macferran	Sara	CPA035293	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Mohan	Anusha	CPA035294	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Pettit	Rebecca	CPA035295	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Postle	Kaitlin	CPA035296	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Wagener	Matthew	CPA035297	2017-08-04	2017-12-31
Ampomah	Diana	CPA035298	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Beckford	Alexus	CPA035299	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Campelo	Dario	CPA035300	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
CheeWah	Khrystal	CPA035301	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Clarke	Anthony	CPA035302	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Credell	Aziza	CPA035303	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Curcuru	Kelsey	CPA035304	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Dixit	Prabhav	CPA035305	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Fasoro	Philip	CPA035306	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Felts	Adam	CPA035307	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Fleming	Jenna	CPA035308	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Forman	Matthew	CPA035309	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Gokarn	Anjali	CPA035310	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Grabow	Laurie	CPA035311	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Hall	Emily	CPA035312	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Hamlin	Sean	CPA035313	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Jenny	Molly	CPA035314	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Keeler	Ashley	CPA035315	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
meyer	Susan	CPA035316	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Monahan	James	CPA035317	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Moon	Cheryl	CPA035318	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Moore	Allison	CPA035319	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Murray	Susan	CPA035320	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Pye	Brittany	CPA035321	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Shields	Christopher	CPA035322	2017-08-18	2017-12-31

Trimble	Andrew	CPA035323	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Yuan	Ruoxuan	CPA035324	2017-08-18	2017-12-31
Arnette	Justin	CPA035325	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Arnold	Olivia	CPA035326	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Chapman	Danielle	CPA035327	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Crowe	Brenda	CPA035328	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Dail	James	CPA035329	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Franke	Layla	CPA035330	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Prasad	Swati	CPA035331	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Sick	Samantha	CPA035332	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Wood	Lauren	CPA035333	2017-08-25	2017-12-31
Carlson	Jeff	CPA035334	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Cocca	Michael	CPA035335	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Davis	Molly	CPA035336	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Davis	Tara	CPA035337	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Eason	Deborah	CPA035338	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Garcia	William	CPA035339	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Hartman	Elizabeth	CPA035340	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Kim	Soo	CPA035341	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
LEE	YONG TAEK	CPA035342	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Marmol	Paul	CPA035343	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Martin	Taylor	CPA035344	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Mehta	Nanak	CPA035345	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Miller	Bryan	CPA035346	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Motley	James	CPA035347	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Patterson	Sarah	CPA035348	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Rykwalder	Sean	CPA035349	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Sawyer	Jonathan	CPA035350	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Scarborough	Chapman	CPA035351	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Simpson	Anne	CPA035352	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Smith	McKenna	CPA035353	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Whitten	Lauren	CPA035354	2017-09-01	2017-12-31
Brooks	Thomas	CPA035355	2017-09-08	2017-12-31
Choi	Samuel	CPA035356	2017-09-08	2017-12-31
Corbett	Alexandria	CPA035357	2017-09-08	2017-12-31
Fromke	Michael	CPA035358	2017-09-08	2017-12-31
Gist	Latonya	CPA035359	2017-09-08	2017-12-31
Hammock	Derek	CPA035360	2017-09-08	2017-12-31

## FIRM LICENSES ISSUED – 7/19/2017 – 9/19/2017 – 19 LICENSES

Firm Name	Lic#	Approval Date	Expiration Date
David A Lopez and Company	ACF006597	7/28/2017	6/30/2018
Atchley & Associates, LLP	ACF006598	7/28/2017	6/30/2018
Sherrie H McCranie, CPA, PC	ACF006599	7/28/2017	6/30/2018
Jerome Davies, CPA, P.C.	ACF006600	7/28/2017	6/30/2018
Meditology Assurance	ACF006601	7/28/2017	6/30/2018
D.A. Ervin & Company, CPAs, P.A.	ACF006602	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Love, Bailey & Associates, LLC	ACF006603	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Horsey, Buckner & Heffler, LLP	ACF006604	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Shelly Bevillard CPA, LLC	ACF006605	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
D. Tate Morris, CPA, LLC	ACF006606	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
CLBCPA Consulting, LLC	ACF006607	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Edge CPA, LLC	ACF006608	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Summit CPA Group LLC	ACF006609	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Mizoguchi & Nishikawa LLP	ACF006610	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Graham & Kapp, LLC	ACF006611	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Atlanta Tax, LLC	ACF006612	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
WBH Consulting, LLC	ACF006613	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
James M. Moyna, CPA, PC	ACF006614	8/24/2017	6/30/2018
Sensiba San Filippo LLP	ACF006615	8/24/2017	6/30/2018