**STATE OF MARYLAND**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**May 3, 2022**

**LOCATION:** Google Meets Teleconference

**MEMBERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** James E. Marshall, Jr., Chair

Macon M. Ware, III, Secretary

Dr. Jan L. Williams

Joe Petito

Brian Dunne

Barrett E. Young

**MEMBERS/STAFF**

**ABSENT:** Tamara Bensky

**DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF:**  Matthew Lawrence, Legal Counsel

Christopher Dorsey, Executive Director

Tiani Keys, Administrative Specialist III

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Beth Halpern, MACPA

William Feehley

Theodore Sutton

The May 3, 2022, meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy was called to order at 9:01 AM by Chairman of the Board, James E. Marshall, Jr.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Mr. Ware, and seconded by Mr. Petito, the minutes of the April 5, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Marshall reminded Board members that the NASBA Regional Meeting will be held June 27 – June 29. The Board can send up to four members. Chairman Marshall also took time to recognize Legal Counsel Matthew Lawrence on his retirement.

Upon a motion (**II**) by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board unanimously approved the Chairman’s report.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director, Christopher Dorsey, introduced new staff member Tiani Keys to the Board members. Mr. Dorsey also informed the Board that meetings can now be held in-person and that up to six (6) members may attend and to please give at least one (1) weeks’ notice.

Upon a motion **(III)** by Dr. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director’s report.

**Exam Appeals**

There were no exam appeals.

**Education Report**

Dr. Williams presented the Education Report. There were zero (0) Transfer of Grades application approvals and zero (0) Transfer of Grades application denials and zero (0) approved Transfer of Grades applications.

Upon a motion **(IV)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Ware, the Board unanimously approved the Education Report.

**Experience Report**

Mr. Petito presented the Experience Report. There were 4 (four) Maryland candidate license application approvals and zero (0) Maryland candidate application denials.

There was 1 (one) Reciprocal application approval, and zero (0) Reciprocal application denials. The Reciprocal application approvals originated as follows: 1-TX.

Upon a motion **(V)** by Mr. Dunne, and seconded by Mr. Petito, the Board unanimously approved the Experience Report.

**Firm Permit Report**

Mr. Dunne presented the Firm Permit Committee Report. There were zero (0) firm permit application approval. There were zero (0) firm permit applications closed.

Upon a motion **(VI)** by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Ware, the Board unanimously approved the Firm Permit Report.

**Peer Review Oversight Committee Report**

Mr. Ware reported the following to have occurred beginning April 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2022: three (3) new firms enrolled in the Peer Review Program; 13 (thirteen) firms had reviews accepted; two (2) firms passed with deficiencies, four (4) firms failed; and zero (0) firms were dropped or terminated due to scheduling information not being received.

Upon a motion **(VII)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Petito, the Board unanimously approved the Peer Review Report.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**Open Discussion**

Mr. William Feehley, Executive Director for the MSATP, announced his retirement effective June 30, 2022.

The Board asked Mr. Dorsey to contact NASBA about the possibility of outsourcing the application process to them.

**Executive Session**

Upon a motion **(VIII)**, by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board went into a closed Executive Session at 9:20 AM via a Google meeting teleconference, where log-in information was only provided to Board members and staff. The purpose of this session was to consult with counsel. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to Section 3-305(b) (7) of the General Provisions Article, Maryland Annotated Code.

**Return to Open Session**

Upon a motion **(IX)** by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Petito, the Board unanimously approved the motions made during Executive Session.

Upon a motion **(X)** by Mr. Petito, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board adjourned at 9:48 AM.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 7, 2022, via Google Meets teleconferencing at 9:00 AM

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Signature on file June 7, 2022

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Chairman Date