State of Maryland

Board of Certified Public Accountants

Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

*Via Google Meets Teleconference*

**MEMBERS**

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

Macon M. Ware, III, Secretary

Dr. Jan L. Williams

Brian Dunne

Barrett E. Young

**DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF:** Christopher Dorsey, Executive Director

Jessica Praley, Legal Counsel

Michelle Roberts, Administrative Officer I

Kausar Syed, Deputy Commissioner

**MEMBERS/STAFF**

**ABSENT:** Tamara Bensky

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

The November 1, 2022, meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Chairman of the Board, James E. Marshall, Jr.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Mr. Ware, and seconded by Mr. Young, the minutes of the October 4, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

**Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Marshall advised the Board that he will be attending the swearing in ceremony for new licensee’s to be held at Maryland Live on November 10, 2022.

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

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Dorsey informed the Board that he would like members to attend a meeting in the first quarter of 2023, preferably in January.

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

**Exam Appeals**

There were no exam appeals.

**Education Committee Report**

Dr. Williams presented the Education Report. There were three **(3)** Transfer of Grades application approvals and zero **(0)** Transfer of Grades application denials.

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

**Experience Committee Report**

Mr. Dunne presented the Experience Report. There were forty-three **(43)** Maryland candidate license application approvals and zero **(0)** Maryland candidate application denials.

There were eleven **(11)** Reciprocal application approvals which originated as follows: 5-VA, 2-CA, 1each from DE, OH, ME and FL.

There were zero **(0)** Reciprocal application denials:

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

**Firm Permit Committee Report**

Mr. Dunne presented the Firm Permit Committee Report for October 2022. There were two **(2)** firm approvals and zero **(0)** firms closed.

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

**Peer Review Oversight Committee Report**

Mr. Ware reported the following to have occurred beginning October 1, 2022, and ending October 31, 2022: seven **(7)** new firms enrolled in the Peer Review Program; thirteen **(13)** firms had reviews accepted; one **(1)** firm passed with deficiencies, one **(1)** first time failed; and zero **(0)** firms were dropped or terminated.

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

**New Business**

Executive Director, Christopher Dorsey led a discussion regarding CPA Evolution which is a new testing program proposed by NASBA that will launch in January 2024. The Board members asked for some more clarification on certain aspects of the program.

**Old Business**

Dr. Williams led a discussion on the proposed changes to the Maryland Education Requirements for the CPA exam as it relates to the UAA Model Rules.

**Correspondence**

None

**Open Discussion**

None

**Closed Session**

Upon a motion **(VIII)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board went into a Closed Session at 9:36 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 and seconded by, the Board unanimously approved the motions made during the Closed Session.

Upon a motion **(X)** by Dr. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board went into a Closed Session at 11:22 AM to discuss the hearings for the day.

Upon a motion **(XI)** Mr. Ware, and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board voted to approve the motions made during the Closed Session

Upon a motion **(XII)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board adjourned at 11:36 AM.

**NEXT MEETING:** December 6, 2022, via Google Meets teleconferencing at 9:00 AM

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Signature on file December 6, 2022

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Chairman Date