

**Connecticut State Board of Accountancy
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John H. Schuyler at 10:02 AM via ZOOM Webinar.

Board Members Present: John H. Schuyler, Chairman, Public Member
Timothy F. Egan Certified Public Accountant
Karla H. Fox, Esq., Public Member
Dannell R. Lyne, Certified Public Accountant
Peter J. Niedermeyer, Certified Public Accountant
Marcia L. Marien, Certified Public Accountant

Board Members Absent: Martha S. Triplett, Esq. Public Member

Board Vacancies: Two Public Members

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., License/Applications Specialist
Frank Virnelli, Manager
Cat Arsenault, Staff Attorney

Public Present: Sharon Sweeney, Western Governor's University/Accounting Program

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Approve minutes of the July 6, 2021 Board Meeting

Mr. Schuyler noted relative to the CPA designation for himself, he is no longer a licensed CPA, although he remains registered and a Public Member of the Board. He asked to be listed as a Public Member but change the listing to show he is no longer a CPA and no longer licensed as such.

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On page three (3), under Accreditation, change the language from “he was not totally understanding of” to “does not fully understand”.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

Mr. Schuyler suggested that the historical reason for having Comments and Concerns appear both at the beginning and end of the Meeting Agenda may no longer be required. He noted that this item appearing in the middle of the Agenda may now be more appropriate. Mr. Kuzmich will check with his Director before making this change.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legislation Update

Mr. Virnelli stated that changing the CPE year from July to June and from October to September was voted back by the Board to the original time. Both he and Ms. Arsenault sent to their Legal Director a request to add Chapter 389 to the list of exceptions in Statute Section 21a-10(c) which affects all Credentials with CE's.

Mr. Virnelli informed the Board that they reported their request at a meeting held with the Departments Legal Team after the Board's last special meeting on August 27, 2021. They have not heard a decision yet from the Department on their proposal. The existing CE reporting schedule is in effect at present and this proposed change would take effect for the 2023 renewal. The proposed change back to the original reporting dates will be brought to the Legislature and may happen next Spring. Mr. Virnelli noted that this was the only Legislative change submitted for Accountancy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Response to NASBA regarding the draft exam for CPA Evolution

Mr. Schuyler noted he responded to the survey. After reviewing the materials, he noted the relevant committees did an outstanding job and as such, he did not add anything to what was already reported. He did not comment on the tax and consulting section because he did not have the professional experience since his own work experience was in Audit and not Tax. Mr. Lyne also responded to this survey and addressed the Tax Section.

2. Attendee for NASBA Annual Meeting

Mr. Schuyler noted that this meeting will be fully virtual and not in-person because of the COVID Pandemic. He will be attending online and encouraged all Board Members to participate in the appropriate areas since the meeting will be lengthy. Mr. Virnelli noted that this item was placed on the Agenda before the announcement was made regarding the virtual meeting. NASBA is intending to, again, be live with next year's meeting from San Diego, California.

3. Exam Extension/Waiver Requests

Natalie Olmstead

Mr. Virnelli noted she is looking to extend her BEC completion to May of 2022 for a medical reason. This is a 6-month extension on her first passed examination. He read her letter aloud to the Board which outlined her examination history and related medical setbacks associated with the same. After discussion by the Board, they voted, unanimously, to table her request pending receipt of more detailed information on the time she was out for medical reasons and how long she was out of work. (Marien/Lyne)

The following candidate was added by unanimous vote of the Board to today's meeting agenda. (Marien/Niedermeyer)

Cynthia Calderon

Mr. Virnelli noted that she is asking to extend the Regulation Portion of her examination to June 30, 2022 (6-month extension) for medical reasons and good cause. After hearing her reasons, as read aloud to the Board from her correspondence by Mr. Virnelli, they voted, unanimously, to approve her request. (Marien/Egan)

4. CPE Extension/Waiver Requests

Cary Rubman

Mr. Virnelli read aloud his request to the Board. He is looking for an extension to September 30, 2021 and waiver of the late fee for good cause shown due to COVID related cancellations of CPE events and loss of staff in his office. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny the request for lack of documentation. (Marien/Egan)

George Clark

Mr. Virnelli read aloud his request to the Board and is looking for an extension to August 31, 2021 for medical reasons. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny his request for lack of documentation. (Marien/Lyne)

John Aurello

Mr. Virnelli read aloud his request to the Board and is looking for an extension to August 31, 2021 for good cause shown and medical reasons. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve his request. (Marien/Niedermeyer)

John Christensen

Mr. Virnelli read aloud his request to the Board and is looking for an extension to August 31, 2021 for good cause shown. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve his request. (Marien/Fox)

John Zaprzalka

Mr. Virnelli read aloud his request to the Board and is looking for an extension to September 30, 2021 for medical reasons with documentation. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve his request. (Marien/Lyne)

Joseph Caruso

Mr. Caruso withdrew his request.

Joseph Legge

Mr. Virnelli read aloud his request to the Board and is looking for an extension to September 30, 2021 for good cause shown and medical reasons. The Board voted, unanimously, to deny his request for lack of documentation. (Marien/Lyne)

Robert Kornhaas, Jr.

Mr. Virnelli read aloud his request to the Board and is looking for an extension to September 30, 2021 for good cause shown. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve his request. (Marien/Fox)

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There were no comments or concerns from anyone present.

ADJOURN

Mr. Egan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lyne. All remaining Board Members voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM. The Meeting will be held remotely by ZOOM Webinar.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, Architect Emeritus
License and Applications Specialist