

**MINUTES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**  
**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MEETING**  
**April 7, 2008**  
**Conference Call**

**Monday, April 7, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Ms. Caldwell, Chair. The roll was called by Mr. Gunn, Vice Chair, and reflected the following persons present.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Teresa Borcheck	Excused Absence
Cynthia Borders-Byrd	Present
Rick Carroll	Present
Maria Caldwell	Present
William Durkin	Excused Absence
Marshall Gunn	Present
Frank Puissegur	Present
David Tipton	Present
John Quinlan	Present

**STAFF**

Veloria Kelly	Present
June Carroll	Present

Mary Ellen Clark, Esquire, Assistant Attorney General and Board counsel was present. Eric Hurst, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Business and Professional Regulation was present.

Also present were Kathy Anderson and Adam Potts of the Florida Institute of CPAs.

Veloria updated the Board on what the Legislation and the Department were proposing. The Legislation asked the Department to give them cost savings ideas. One of the cost savings ideas would be to move the Board of Accountancy from Gainesville to Tallahassee. In doing so the Department would be able to absorb three positions, one being the Division Directors position, the Administrative Assistant II position, and the Regulatory Program Administrator. The CPA investigator position would be housed in Regulation. The Department felt there could be a cost savings of ½ million dollars. The Department is now saying that the savings would be \$268,000. House Bill 5053 did not pass it was dropped during negotiations.

Mr. Gunn informed the Board that he had testified before the House of Representatives and informed them that Board members would be happy to help work on a budget that would save on salaries, and rent. Mr. Gunn said that Chairman Reagan was sensitive to the fact that Florida CPAs did not want their Board office and staff moved to Tallahassee.

Ms. Anderson of the FICPA informed the Board at this point there is little else that can be done; there is nothing in the Senate. The Board needs to be focusing on why the Board office should be located in Gainesville, and cost savings because this will be an issue again in the future. It was mentioned an increase in fees may help. The Board decided a Task Force should be set up to take a look at these issues. It was determined that a study should be conducted, and some accurate figures are needed. This information needs to be collected by the next legislative session. At the April 30, 2008 Board meeting the Board will re-assign the Budget Task Force to take a look at these issues. Board members asked Ms. Kelly to contact the University of Florida to see if they had

available office space for the Board office to possibly relocate to.

Board members brought up their concern about the sweep of funds next year and being in the negative after the sweep. Ms. Caldwell stated she wants to communicate with the Department the Boards concerns regarding a sweep of their trust fund.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Maria Caldwell, Chair