

Julie I. Brown, Secretary

Ron DeSantis, Governor

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2021
Board of Accountancy
Department of Business and Professional Regulations
Marriott Tampa Westshore
1001 N Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33607

Notice

Friday August 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call of Attendees was called by Roger Scarborough, Director and reflected the following persons present:

Board Members

Steve Platau (Chair)	Present
Brent Sparkman	Present
Jason Lafser	Present
Tracy Keegan	Present
Shireen Sackreiter	Not Present
Michelle Maingot	Excused Absence
William Benson	Present
William Blend	Present

Staff

Roger Scarborough	Present
Kevin Brown	Present

Rachelle Munson, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel. Justin Thames of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Jennifer Green of Liberty Partners of Tallahassee. The court reporter was Heidi Fabrikant.

1. Approve Minutes

a. June 18, 2021

Motion was made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Keegan, to approve minutes as presented. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Petition for Variance or Waiver of Rule

a. Alzate, Vicente

Mr. Vicente was not present.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Blend, to deny for the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-31.004 and Rule 61H1 - 31.006 F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Hoeft, Daniel

Mr. Hoeft was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-33.006(1) F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Blend and Mr. Lafser voting no.

c. Jimenez, Gina

Ms. Jimenez was present with Mr. Matthew Torincasa present as counsel.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-28.0052(1) (b) F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Lacianese, John

Mr. Lacianese was not present.

Motion was made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Mr. Lafser, to deny the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-33.006(1)(2) F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Lockard, Victoria

Ms. Lockard was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-33.006(2) F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Exams – Considerations

a. Lawlor, Alexandria

Ms. Lawlor was present.

Ms. Lawlor requested to withdraw her application.

b. Long, Brandon

Mr. Long was present.

Mr. Long requested to withdraw his application.

c. Shah, Paras

Mr. Shah was not present.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Lafser, to continue the item until Mr. Shah submitted additional documents. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Sims, Colton J.

Mr. Sims was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Blend, to approve for convictions only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Endorsement – Considerations

a. Bordino, James J. III

Mr. Bordino was not present.

Motion was made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Keegan, to approve for question four only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Kessler, David A.

Mr. Kessler was not present.

Mr. Platau was recused.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. Keegan, to approve for question five only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Miller, Gavin O.

Mr. Miller was not present.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Blend, to approve for question five only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Sweeney, Wesley J.

Mr. Sweeney was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, to approve for convictions and question four only, subject to the applicant provides proof of their current New York License. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Blend voting no.

e. Wandrisco, David R.

Mr. Wandrisco was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Keegan, to approve for question four only. Upon vote, the motion failed with Mr. Platau, Mr. Lafser and Mr. Sparkman voting no.

Mr. Wandrisco requested to withdraw his application.

5. Request for Informal Hearing

a. Mikelic, Michael F.

Mr. Mikelic was present.

Ms. Munson stated into the record that the applicant did not dispute any items of material fact.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson, to reopen the application. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mikelic requested to withdraw the application.

6. Maintenance & Reactivation – Voluntary Relinquishment

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson, to ratify list as presented. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Deceased

A moment of silence was held for deceased licensees.

8. Committee Discussion

a. May 6, 2021 CPE Task Force

Mr. Platau presents the minutes and decisions made by the committee to be discussed, approved and ratified by the board.

Motion made by Mr. Sparkman, seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes and ratify the decisions of the committee. Upon vote, the motion passes unanimously.

b. July 19, 2021 CPE Task Force

Mr. Platau presents the minutes and decisions made by the committee to be discussed, approved and ratified by the board.

Motion made by Mr. Sparkman, seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes, approve the CPE Task Force Report and ratify the decisions of the committee. Upon vote, the motion passes unanimously.

c. June 10, 2021 Education Committee

Mr. Platau presents the minutes and decisions made by the committee to be discussed, approved and ratified by the board.

Motion made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes and ratify the decisions of the committee. Upon vote, the motion passes unanimously.

d. June 16, 2021 CPE Committee

Mr. Blend presents the minutes and decisions made by the committee to be discussed, approved and ratified by the board.

Motion made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes and ratify the decisions of the committee. Upon vote, the motion passes unanimously.

9. Rules

a. Board Memo

This was an informational item.

b. July 2021 Rules Report

Ms. Munson presented the July Rules Report.

c. 2021-2022 Annual Regulatory Plan

Ms. Munson presented the 2021-2022 Annual Regulatory Plan.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Benson ratify the 2021-2022 Annual Regulatory Plan. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Department Rule 61-35.003 F.A.C. and Board Rule Amendments

Ms. Munson outlined which Rules will need to be amended as needed by the adoption of Rule 61-35.003.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Sparkman that the proposed Rule 61H1-27.0041, Rule 61H1-29.003, Rule 61H1-33.003, and Rule 61H1-33.006, F.A.C., would not have an adverse impact on small business or likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory cost to any entity (including government) in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one (1) year after the implementation of the rule and this rule or any part of this rule will not be designated a minor violation. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Administration

a. Remarks from Executive Director

Mr. Scarborough encouraged the Board Members to contact him with any questions from any items from either the meeting from the August 5, 2021 and August 6, 2021 meetings. Mr. Scarborough additionally provided an update on the Division's newsletter.

i. Mail out Statistics for Licensees

Mr. Scarborough presented the mail-out project for Licensees without email addresses with the Department.

b. Auditor General's Rules

Ms. Rachel Sellars presents the amended rules from the Auditor General and opens the floor for discussion. Mr. Blend provided feedback regarding ownership requirements with respect to audits on part of a CPA Firm. Mr. Blend recognized that the issue lies with legislative issues presented in developing best practices for audits. Mr. Blend recommends that the Board support the FICPA's response to the Auditor General's recommended rule changes. Mr. Thames reiterated Mr. Blend's discourse on what the legislative role is in developing the requirements for firms with ownership of audits. Ms. Sellars stated that the Auditor General's office will receive the points outlined during today's meeting and will continue working with the Board and the FICPA on these rules. Mr. Platau thanked Ms. Sellars for her attendance at today's meeting and the Auditor General's receptiveness to the Board's comments.

c. Update from Board Member(s) serving on NASBA Committees

Mr. Platau requested that a Board Member attended the NASBA Annual Meeting.

11. Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Mr. Thames provided an update on the Public Accountancy Bill, which was signed into law this month. Mr. Thames reiterated the points presented regarding the retired CPA status

12. Public Comments

There were none at this time.

13. Old Business


There were none at this time.

14. Other Business

Mr. Platau requested to create a CPE Reporting System Implementation Committee to provide the Department guidance on implementing the new CPE Reporting system and to suggest changes to the Board Rules with respect to CPE Compliance that are impacted by the new system. Mr. Scarborough provided an update on the current progress the Department has made to implementing the reporting system. Mr. Scarborough presented current challenges to the program such as implementation dates, and how they affect those who are in the middle of a CPE Reporting Cycle. Methods proposed for implementation start date included a single start date or to introduce the new system in a staggered method. Mr. Benson, Mr. Blend and Mr. Sparkman volunteered to serve on the CPE Reporting System Implementation Committee.

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steven Platau', written over a horizontal line.

Steven Platau, Chair

Sept 28 2021
Date