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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY JANUARY 25, 2019 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Accountancy met on January 25, 2019, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

James Bayson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: James Bayson, CPA, Chairperson
Ola M. Smith, Ph.D., CPA, Vice Chairperson
Paul M. Balas, CPA
Robert Lee Clark, Public Member
Barbara Homier, Public Member

Members Absent: Stephanie Bergeron, CPA
Shelly Gower, CPA
Jennifer Kluge, Public Member
Kathleen Post, CPA

Staff: Kiran Parag, Analyst, Compliance Section
Rick Roselle, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to approve the agenda as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to approve the minutes from October 26, 2018 as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Smith served as Chairperson for items 5A through 5D.

John RB Braddock – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to discuss.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith
Nays: None
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

Dorothy L. Howard, CPA, PLLC and Dorothy Louise Howard – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith
Nays: None
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

Thaier Kinaya – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Homier, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith
Nays: None
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

Robert P. Steinheiser – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith
Nays: None
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

Bayson resumed serving as Chairperson.

Mark R. Freed – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Smith, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Smith, Bayson
Nays: None
Recuse: Homier

MOTION PREVAILED

Mark R. Smith – Consent Order and Stipulation

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Roselle ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Smith, seconded by Balas, to elect Bayson as Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Roselle ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Bayson, seconded by Balas, to elect Smith as Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Reports

Continuing Education Sanctions

Roselle presented the Resolution Regarding Preapproved Continuing Education Sanctions.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to adopt the Resolution Regarding Continuing Education Sanctions.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Roselle presented the amended Suggested Sanctions.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to approve the Suggested Sanctions as amended.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Peer Review Sanctions

Bayson indicated that the committee is working on suggested sanctions for violations pertaining to peer review. This work includes developing sanctions for 1) a licensee's failure to notify the department within 30 days after he or she receives a peer review fail rating or peer review second consecutive pass with deficiencies rating and 2) sanctions for a violation of professional standards that occurs based on the peer review rating a licensee receives.

Rules Committee

Roselle announced that rules have been promulgated and explained when the continuing education changes would go into effect for licensees in the middle of the renewal cycle. Roselle discussed the need to open the rule set again.

Roselle reminded the board that the remainder of the changes to the Accountancy – General Rules went into effect on January 10, 2019. Roselle informed the board that the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants are considering moving to continuous testing with the Uniform CPA Examination. If the board wished to allow for continuous testing by Michigan examination applicants, then the current rules would need to be amended. Roselle advised the board that to begin reviewing the rules for changes it should consider taking a vote to open the rules.

MOTION by Homier, seconded by Balas, to open the rules set.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

Bayson thanked Roselle for his work and guidance through the rules process.

Department Update

Roselle announced that Orlene Hawks has been named Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA)

Peggy Dzierzawski introduced Peggy Jury from MICPA. Jury gave an overview of the Peer Review process of MICPA. Dzierzawski announced the following event dates for MICPA:

January 31, 2019 – MICPA Board Meeting
May 8, 2019 – Member Advisory Symposium
October 3, 2019 – MICPA Awards Dinner
November 8, 2019 – Educator Symposium

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on May 23, 2019.

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January 25, 2019