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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
January 26, 2018 MEETING**

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Accountancy met on January 26, 2018 at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Swartz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael J. Swartz, Chairperson, CPA
Matthew Howell, Vice Chairperson, CPA
James Bayson, CPA
Barbara Homier, Public Member (arrived at 9:18 a.m.)
Jennifer Kluge, Public Member
Kathleen Post, CPA

Members Absent: Stephanie Bergeron, CPA
Robert Lee Clark, Public Member
Ola M. Smith, Ph.D., CPA

Staff: Brian DeBano, Director, Licensing Division
Stacie Bayes, Manager, Occupational Code Investigations
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General
Kiran Parag, Analyst, Compliance Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Rick Roselle, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Belinda Wright, Manager, Licensing Division

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Kluge, to approve the agenda with the removal of item:

7. C. Committee Assignments

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Bayson, seconded by Howell, to approve the minutes from October 27, 2017 as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Petitioners

Jennifer Gorecki – Petition for Relicensure

MOTION by Kluge, seconded by Bayson, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Jennifer Gorecki introduced herself to the Board. She presented a brief statement.

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Homier, seconded by Bayson, to deny the Petition for Relicensure.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bayson, Homier, Kluge, Post, Howell, Swartz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Hearing Reports

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Bayson, to receive all of the Hearing Reports.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Joy Blake

MOTION by Kluge, seconded by Post, to discuss.

Howell Recused himself.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Bayson seconded by Post, to suspend Respondent's license and registration. Respondent is fined \$1,000.00 to be paid within 120 days. Respondent's suspended license and registration shall be automatically lifted upon payment of the fine.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bayson, Kluge, Post, Swartz
Nays: Homier
Recuse: Howell

MOTION PREVAILED

Marc Hardy

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Bayson, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Bayson, to place Respondent on probation for 60 days. During the probationary period, Respondent must provide proof of 86 hours of continuing education, including 16 hours in auditing and accounting and 4 hours in ethics. Respondent will be fined \$2,000.00 to be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with the terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bayson, Howell, Swartz
Nays: Homier, Kluge, Post

MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Post, seconded by Kluge, to place Respondent on probation for 120 days. During the probationary period, Respondent shall provide proof of 60 hours of continuing education,

including 12 hours in auditing and accounting and 3 hours in ethics. The continuing education shall not apply in computing Respondent's current continuing education requirements for license renewal. Respondent is fined \$1,000.00 to be paid within 120 days. Failure to comply with the terms of the order shall result in license suspension.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bayson, Homier, Kluge, Post, Howell, Swartz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Thaddeus Nowak

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Bayson, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Homier, seconded by Bayson, to suspend Respondent's license. Respondent is fined \$3,000.00 to be paid within 120 days. Respondent's suspension shall be automatically lifted upon payment of the fine and providing proof of successful peer review.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bayson, Homier, Kluge, Post, Howell, Swartz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Walter Schlueter

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Post, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Bayson, seconded by Howell, to fine Respondent \$2,000.00 to be paid within 30 days. In the event Respondent applies for relicensure, Respondent shall complete 160 hours

of continuing education, including 16 hours in auditing and accounting and 4 hours in ethics prior to submitting an application for re-licensure.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bayson, Kluge, Post, Howell, Swartz
Nays: Homier

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION PREVAILED

Consent Orders and Stipulations

Bryan Kelm

MOTION by Bayson, seconded by Howell, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Bayson, Kluge, Homier, Post, Howell, Swartz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Election Discussion

Swartz informed the Board that his and Howell's terms expire June 30, 2018, which would mean losing the Chairman and Vice Chairman together. He suggested the Board hold elections for the Chairperson today to make for an easier transition.

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Swartz, to nominate Bayson as Chairperson.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Resolution on Peer Review Reports

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Bayson, to accept the Resolution on Peer Review Reports.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Rules Discussion

Roselle informed the Board that the Rules Committee has been meeting monthly. The rules are moving. He anticipates that the draft of rules will be ready for board approval in May.

Chair Report

Swartz thanked the Board and the MIPCA for his time on the Board.

Department Update

Roselle informed the Board that Belinda Wright is retiring in March.

Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA)

Peggy Dzierzawski, President and CEO of MICPA, introduced herself.

Ms. Dzierzawski invited the Board to attend the MICPA awards dinner October 3, 2018 at the Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in Novi, Michigan. Michael Swartz and Matthew Howell will be honored.

Dzierzawski stated that they received a grant to help young people learn about advocacy. She invited members to visit the MICPA website to view a series of videos for young people.

MOTION by Howell, seconded by Post to remove Presentation: Scott Teter, Attorney General's Office from the agenda.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 25, 2018 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 Bayson, seconded by Howell, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on May 25, 2018.

Prepared by:
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Bureau of Professional Licensing

February 1, 2018