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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MAY 23, 2019 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Accountancy met on May 23, 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 9:00 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
Shelly Gower, CPA
Barbara Homier, Public Member
Jennifer Kluge, Public Member
Kathleen Post, CPA

Members Absent: None

Staff: Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Kiran Parag, Analyst, Compliance Section
Cheryl Pezon, Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees 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 Gower, to approve the minutes from January 25, 2019, as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Roselle introduced MacIntosh to the Board as the new analyst.

ELDER ABUSE DISCUSSION

Pezon gave a brief overview of a Memorandum, dated April 30, 2019, from Scott Teter, Division Chief, Financial Crimes Division.

INFORMATION REGARDING EGRESS PORTAL

Przybylo informed the Board of the new portal that the Department will be using to securely deliver meeting materials to the Board members. She provided a demonstration of how to access and use the portal.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Hearing Reports

Dennis W. Currie

MOTION by Kluge, seconded by Gower, to receive the Hearing Report.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Gower, seconded by Clark, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Smith, seconded by Balas, to suspend the Respondent's license. Respondent is fined \$5,000.00, to be paid within 90 days and shall fully comply with the terms of the August 22, 2017 Final Order. Upon compliance, Respondent's suspension is lifted.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

HP & Associates, PC and Hasmukh Patel

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower, to receive and accept the Hearing Reports and the administrative law judge's findings of fact as a reiteration and summary of the testimony at the administrative hearing. However, per MCL 339.513, the Board also found, pursuant to Michigan Administrative Code R 338.5503(3), a failed peer report is prima facie evidence of a violation of professional standards. The Board finds that Respondents departed from standards of professional practice applicable to the engagement in violation of MCL 339.734(1)(d).

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Gower, Kluge, Post, Smith, Bayson
Nays: Homier

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to fine the Respondent \$3,500.00, jointly and severally, to be paid within 90 days. Failure to comply shall result in suspension of the licenses.

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Judy E. Zeppa

MOTION by Homier, seconded by Smith, to receive and accept the Hearing Report and the administrative law judge's findings of fact.

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower to fine the Respondent \$500.00, to be paid within 90 days. Failure to comply shall result in suspension of the license.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Consent Orders and Stipulations

Stonehenge Consulting, PLC and Casey R. Young, CPA

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

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Smith served as Chairperson for items 7.B.2. through 7.B.27.

MOTION by Homier, seconded by Post, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulations as presented for the following.

Accurate Tax & Accounting Services, PLC and Susan C. Walton
William Henry Addison, CPA
Alkamano, PC. CPA and Ghassan Yousif Alkamano
Frank J. Antosz, Jr., CPA
Bas Partners, LLC
Edward M. Bedikian

**Benjamin Omega Brown and Benjamin Brown, CPA, PC
Greg Donald Carn
Barry Charlip, PC and Barry L. Charlip
Joseph M. Daavettala, CPA, PLC and Joseph M. Daavettala
Godfrey Financial Partners, LLC a/k/a Godfrey Wise Berg, CPAs & Advisors, LLC and
Donald C Godfrey
Hoffman CPA Firm, PLC and Robert B. Hoffman
Gayle Infeld, CPA, PC and Gayle F. Infeld
Lashbrook, Smalldon & Beauchamp, PC f/k/a Lashbrook & Smalldon, CPA, PC and
Dale G. Lashbrook
Dennis J. Liefer, CPA, PC and Dennis J. Liefer
Mike Mashhour, CPA, PC and Mohamad Ali Mashhour
Gregory Joseph Meehan
Morgan & Morgan CPAs and William Thomas Morgan IV
Miles V. Schmidt, CPA, PLC and Miles Vincent Schmidt
Clyde M. Snyder, CPA
Wilkerson & Associates, PC and Larry D. Wilkerson**

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Eugene Brazeal, PLLC and Eugene Brazeal, Jr.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

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

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Edward Richardson, Jr.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Kluge, seconded by Gower, to reject the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Gower, Post
Nays: Homier, Kluge, Smith
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

James R. Stuchell & Company, PLLC and James R. Stuchell, CPA

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

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

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Joel M. Ungar

MOTION by Gower, seconded by Clark, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Kluge, seconded by Post, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Clark, Homier, Kluge, Post, Smith
Nays: Balas, Gower
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

Julie A. Varshock, PLC and Julie Ann Varshock

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

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

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Bayson resumed serving as Chairperson.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Presentation

Bayson presented Resolutions to Bergeron and Post, honoring the time they served on the Michigan Board of Accountancy.

Master Resolution – Continuing Education Sanctions

Roselle presented the Master Resolution Regarding Preapproved Continuing Education Sanctions.

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

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Continuing Education Waiver Request – Ibtesam Aquilina

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Reports

Continuing Education Sanctions

No report given.

Peer Review Sanctions

No report given.

Rules

Roselle presented a brief overview of the significant changes that have been made to the draft rules. The Board decided to postpone voting on the draft rules until the next meeting on July 26, 2019.

Chair Report

Bayson announced that the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) Eastern Regional Meeting 2019 is being held in Washington, DC from June 11 to 13, 2019. At this time, no Board members are attending.

Bayson thanked the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) for the recent event they hosted with legislators.

Department Update

Roselle announced that Kim Gaedeke has been named Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Roselle announced that Adam Sandoval has been named Deputy Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Roselle explained that Department leadership has mandated that all rules committee meetings will be open to the public in order to receive public input on the rules draft earlier in the rulemaking process. Roselle stated that the Rules Committee recently held a public rules workgroup that discussed the draft presented to the Board today. Roselle reminded everyone that the Rules Committee makes the final recommendation on the rules to the Board.

Roselle stated that the Bureau held the New Board Member Training in March that was well received by those who attended. This training was very detailed and included information on the Inspections & Investigations and Enforcement sections of the Bureau. Roselle announced that another training will be held on July 31, 2019, and all Board members are welcome to attend.

Roselle thanked the Board, the Rules Committee, and Shane Berry with MICPA, for their insight when working on the rules and for being so engaged in the process.

Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA)

Peggy Jury gave a brief overview of the peer review process that is performed through MICPA. She indicated that the tracker is still available to members even during the relocation of their office.

James G. Jagger introduced Kamal Webster as a new member of the MICPA staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 26, 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 Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on July 26, 2019.

Prepared by:
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support
Bureau of Professional Licensing

June 5, 2019