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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY JULY 24, 2020 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Accountancy met on July 24, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-154.

CALL TO ORDER

Ola Smith, Ph.D., CPA, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ola M. Smith, Ph.D., CPA, Chairperson
Paul M. Balas, CPA, Vice-Chairperson
Shelly Gower, CPA
Teresa Keena, CPA
Matthew Roling, Public Member

Members Absent: David Barrons, CPA
James Bayson, CPA
Barbara Homier, Public Member
Jennifer Kluge, Public Member

Staff: Kimmy Catlin, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General
Kiran Parag, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Weston MacIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower, to approve the minutes from June 18, 2020, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Consent Orders and Stipulations

7th Rule Accounting, PC and John D. Anderson

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

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Robert A. Buchholz, CPA

This item was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Christopher & Company CPAs, PLLC

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

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Jennifer A. Galofaro

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

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

RMS Advisors, PLLC

This item was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

The Audit Group, PLLC

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Keena, to discuss the matter.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

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

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

The CPA Group, PC

This item was tabled due to a lack of quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Waiver Requests

Frank Antosz, Jr. CPA

MOTION by Keena, seconded by Balas, to discuss the matter.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Gower, seconded by Roling, to approve the continuing education waiver request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Jennifer Clark, CPA

MOTION by Gower, seconded by Balas, to deny the continuing education waiver request.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas
Nays: Smith

MOTION PREVAILED

Raymond Ghersi, CPA

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower, to approve the continuing education waiver request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Robert Okray, CPA

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Keena, to approve the continuing education waiver request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Robert Tunney, CPA

MOTION by Gower, seconded by Balas, to approve the continuing education waiver request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

None

Department Update

MacIntosh stated that the Bureau will hold the next Board Member Training on July 29, 2020. All Board members are welcome to attend.

Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA)

Bob Doyle, President and CEO of MICPA, informed the Board that the MICPA has cancelled all in-person continuing professional education (CPE) workshops. However, all virtual workshops will continue to be held. Doyle said that the MICPA has received questions about the extension of CPE relief.

Balas expressed his appreciation for MICPA's work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Haja Fofanah advised that Michigan is one of four states to not allow continuous testing and inquired if the Board is working to do so.

MacIntosh stated that allowing continuous testing requires an administrative rule change. So far, the Board is working to make that change and transition, however, the rule promulgation process takes time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Gower, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Gower, Keena, Roling, Balas, Smith
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on October 23, 2020.

Prepared by:
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July 24, 2020