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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MAY 26, 2022 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Accountancy met on May 26, 2022, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Paul M. Balas, CPA, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Paul M. Balas, CPA, Chairperson
Charles Moore, Jr., CPA, Vice Chairperson
Antonio Brown, CPA (arrived 9:05 a.m.)
Christonna Campbell, Public Member
Jacqueline Dupler, JD, Public Member
Shelly Gower, CPA
Kathleen Isleib, CPA
Eulonda Whitmore, Public Member (arrived 9:13 a.m.)

Members Absent: Teresa Keena, CPA

Staff: Jon Campbell, Director, Investigations & Inspections Division
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General
Weston MacIntosh, JD, Departmental Specialist,
Boards and Committees Section
Jennifer Shaltry, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician,
Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Gower, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Dupler, to approve the minutes from March 4, 2022, as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Investigations and Inspections Overview

Campbell thanked the members of the Board for their service. Campbell explained the complaint process from intake through the investigation stage. Campbell outlined the use of licensed CPAs to conduct the review of complaint files in accordance with Article 2, of the Michigan Occupational Code.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Consent Orders and Stipulations

Moore served as Chairperson for Consent Orders #1 and #2.

James Reinert, CPA

Balas recused himself.

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Campbell, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Brown, Campbell, Dupler, Gower, Isleib, Whitmore,
Moore
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Reinert and Company PLLC

Balas recused himself.

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

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Brown, Campbell, Dupler, Gower, Isleib, Whitmore,
Moore
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Balas resumed serving as Chairperson.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Presentation

Balas presented a Resolution to Gower to honor the time that she served on the Michigan Board of Accountancy.

Continuing Education Waiver Request

Joshua McWilliams, CPA

MOTION by Gower, seconded by Whitmore, to grant the Continuing Education Waiver Request for the period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Brown, Campbell, Dupler, Gower, Isleib, Whitmore,
Moore, Balas
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Rules Discussion/Update

MacIntosh stated that the public hearing was held on May 12, 2022, and that no public comments were received. He provided the next steps in the rules promulgation process.

Discussion was held about consideration of future educational requirements for upcoming Rules Committee meetings.

Chair Report

Balas stated that NASBA's Eastern Regional Meeting will be held from June 27 – 29, 2022, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and that the 115th NASBA Annual Meeting will be held October 30 – November 2, 2022, in San Diego, California.

Balas stated that he is on NASBA's Ethics Committee. He stated that they are responsible for reviewing pronouncements, providing guidance/opinions, as well as assisting with providing audit standards.

Department Update

MacIntosh stated that Amy Gumbrecht had been named Director of the Bureau of Professional Licensing.

MacIntosh stated that the Bureau will hold the next Board Member Training on August 16, 2022, via Zoom. All Board members are welcome to attend.

MacIntosh stated that recent legislation passed, requiring that board meetings be recorded. He stated that the Board will need to be mindful of remote attendees and make sure to speak loudly and clearly.

Wysack stated that Board members will need to sign the affidavit in their blue folders in order to receive reimbursement of the \$5.00 visitor lot fee.

MICPA Update

Robert Doyle, President and CEO of MICPA, stated that the MICPA is continuing to work with licensees and the Department on renewals. He stated that that of the 200 licensees who were audited for 2021, only 6 were found to be deficient.

Doyle stated that individuals can reach out to the MICPA for help with obtaining a testing slot as they are aware that there are difficulties.

Doyle stated that he attended NASBA's 40th Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff meeting from April 25 – 27, 2022, in Clearwater Beach, Florida. He stated that it was informative, and he encouraged Board members to consider attending next year.

Doyle stated that MICPA is focusing on the pipeline, including catching students at the high school level, and encouraging them to enter the field.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Dupler, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on July 29, 2022.

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

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