

STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
March 1, 2016

LOCATION: 500 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Third Floor Conference Room

**MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:** Clifton B. Jeter
Phillip J. Korb
Naomi Powell
Mac Claxton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arthur Flach
Ross Ehudin
Elizabeth Gantnier

DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF: Dennis L. Gring, Executive Director
Linda L. Rhew, Administrative Officer
Norbert Fenwick, CPE Consultant
Matthew Lawrence, Counsel
Tiffany Black, Office Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Halpern, MACPA
Sandy Steinwedel, MSATP

The March 1, 2016, meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy was called to order at 9:00 AM by Mr. Claxton, CPA.

Upon a motion (I) by Ms. Powell, and seconded by Mr. Korb, the minutes of the February 2, 2016, meeting were approved with corrections.

Chairman's Report

The chairman left no report in his absence.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Gring did not make a report at this meeting.

Exam Appeals

The staff did not have any examination appeals for this meeting.

Education Report

Mr. Korb presented the Education Report. There were three (3) Transfer of Grades applications approved. There were zero (0) Transfer of Grades denials.

Upon a motion (II) by Ms. Powell, and seconded by Mr. Jeter, the Board unanimously approved the Education Report.

Experience Report

Ms. Powell presented the Experience Report. There were twenty-eight (28) reciprocal applications approved, zero (0) reciprocal application denials; and thirty-three (33) Maryland candidate license

application approvals and zero (0) Maryland candidate application denials. There were four (4) administrative closures.

Upon a motion **(III)** by Mr. Korb and seconded by Mr. Jeter, the Board unanimously approved the Experience Report.

Firm Permit Report

Mr. Korb presented the Firm Permit Report. There were four (4) firm permit application approvals. There were zero (0) firm application denials.

Upon a motion **(IV)** by Mr. Jeter, and seconded by Ms. Powell, the Board unanimously approved the Firm Permit Report.

Peer Review Oversight Committee Report

The Board did not have any new Peer Review information for this meeting.

New Business

Mr. Fenwick, the Board's continuing education auditor reported that his audits of some continuing education programs offered under the general category of "personal development" need to be reviewed to determine if such courses meet the Requirements that the program or method of learning contributes directly to the professional competence of an individual after this individual has been licensed to practice certified public accountancy. Mr. Fenwick will provide additional information about these programs during the next several board meetings.

Old Business

The Board did not have any new business to report for this meeting.

Correspondence

The Board did not have any Correspondence for this meeting.

Executive Session

Upon a motion **(V)**, by Ms. Powell, and seconded by Mr. Jeter, the Board went into Executive Session in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 at 9:05 AM. The purpose of this session was to consult with counsel. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to State Government Title Section 10-508 (a), (7). It returned to the regular business meeting at 9:12 AM upon a motion **(VI)**, by Ms. Powell, and seconded by Mr. Jeter.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Jeter presented the Complaint Committee Report. Mr. Jeter reported that the Board received three (3) new consumer complaints and closed one (1) consumer complaint.

Upon a motion **(VII)**, by Ms. Powell, and seconded by Mr. Korb, the Board approved the Complaint Committee Report.

In **EX-A0316**, upon a motion **(VIII)** by Mr. Korb, and seconded by Ms. Powell, the Board approved the license renewal application of licensee who answered "Yes" to a conduct question on the application.

Upon a motion **(IX)**, by Mr. Jeter, and seconded by Ms. Powell, the Board adjourned at 9:36 AM.

NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2016, 500 North Calvert Street, Third Floor, 9:00 AM

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Chairman

Date