State of Maryland

Board of Certified Public Accountants

Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

 *Via Google Meets Teleconference*

**MEMBERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** James E. Marshall, Jr., Chair

Macon M. Ware, III, Secretary

 Dr. Jan L. Williams

Joe Petito

 Brian Dunne

 Barrett E. Young

 Tamara Bensky

**DLLR OFFICIALS/STAFF:** Christopher Dorsey, Executive Director

 Jessica Praley, Legal Counsel

Michelle Roberts, Administrative Officer I

Kausar Syed, Deputy Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rebekah Brown, MACPA

George Benson

The October 4, 2022, meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy was called to order at 9:02 AM by the Chairman of the Board, James E. Marshall, Jr.

Upon a motion **(I)** by Mr. Ware, and seconded by Dr. Williams, the minutes of the September 13, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved.

**Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Marshall reported that Ms. Bensky will be attending the 115th NASBA Annual Meeting in San Diego from October 30 – November 2. Mr. Marshall also reported that he attended the NASBA Middle Atlantic Regional Conference Call on September 20 in which it was discussed that NASBA will provide additional credits to the UAA Model Rules. Other topics of discussion included: some State Boards have retirement status as an option for licensees. Maryland does not. Also, some State Boards are holding Board meetings at college campuses.

Upon a motion **(II**) by Ms. Bensky, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board unanimously approved the Chairman’s report.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Dorsey announced that the MACPA will be having its annual CPA Swearing-In Ceremony on Thursday, November 10 at Maryland Live! Casino.

Upon a motion **(III)** by Dr. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director’s report.

**Exam Appeals**

There were no exam appeals.

**Education Committee Report**

Dr. Williams presented the Education Report. There were zero **(0)** Transfer of Grades application approvals and zero **(0)** Transfer of Grades application denials.

Upon a motion **(IV)** by Mr. Ware, and seconded by Ms. Bensky, the Board unanimously approved the Education Report.

**Experience Committee Report**

Ms. Bensky presented the Experience Report. There were thirteen **(13)** Maryland candidate license application approvals and zero **(0)** Maryland candidate application denials.

There were ten **(10)** Reciprocal application approvals which originated as follows: 2-NY, 5-VA, 1-PA, 1-AZ & 1-AL

There were two **(2)** Reciprocal application denials: 1-VA & 1 MI

Upon a motion **(V)** by Mr. Petito and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board unanimously approved the Experience Report.

**Firm Permit Committee Report**

Mr. Dunne presented the Firm Permit Committee Report for September 2022. There were five (5) firm permit application approvals and zero (0) closed firms.

Upon a motion **(VI)** by Mr. Ware, and seconded by Ms. Bensky, the Board unanimously approved the Firm Permit Report.

**Peer Review Oversight Committee Report**

Mr. Ware reported the following to have occurred beginning September 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2022: seven (7) new firms enrolled in the Peer Review Program; nine (9) firms had reviews accepted; one (1) firm passed with deficiencies, one (1) first time failed; and one (1) firms were dropped or terminated due to scheduling information not being received.

Upon a motion **(VII)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Bensky, the Board unanimously approved the Peer Review Report.

**New Business**

Deputy Commissioner Kauser Syed presented the Board with the budget for fiscal year 2022 and the projected budget for fiscal year 2023.

**Old Business**

Dr. Williams led a discussion on the UAA Model Rules and how they compare to the current Maryland educational requirements for approval for new exam applicants. The Board discussed whether Maryland should consider adopting either part or all of the UAA Model Rules.

Ms. Praley led a discussion on MRAs (Mutual Recognition Agreements)

**Correspondence**

None

**Open Discussion**

None

**Closed Session**

Upon a motion **(VIII)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Petito, the Board went into a closed session at 11:12 AM via a Google meeting teleconference, where log-in information was only provided to Board members and staff. The purpose of this session was to consult with counsel. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to Section 3-305(b) (7) of the General Provisions Article, Maryland Annotated Code.

**Return to Open Session**

Upon a motion **(IX)** by Mr. Petito and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board unanimously approved the motions made during Executive Session.

Upon a motion **(X)** by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Dunne, the Board adjourned at 11:36 AM.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 1, 2022, via Google Meets teleconferencing at 9:00 AM

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Signature on file November 1, 2022

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