

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation**

Illinois Public Accountant Registration and Licensure Committee Business Meeting

February 25, 2021

Time: 11:16 a.m. Adjourn 12:34 p.m. (Franklin/Martin)

Location: Web-Ex Conference Call

Committee Members Present: Dawn Carlson, CPA, Chairperson
Richard Franklin, CPA, Member
Cheryl Martin, Member
Phillip Austin, CPA, Member
Enrique Lopez, CPA, Member

Committee Members Absent: Andrea Wright, CPA, Member
Ronald Spears, Public Member

Staff Present: Chau Nguyen, Legal Counsel
Jim Koehl, Board Liaison

Guests: Todd Shapiro, CPA Society
Russ Friedewald, Board of Examiners
Cynthia Hawkins
Luis Plascencia

Topics:	Discussion:	Action:
Minutes	Minutes for June 25, 2019	Minutes for June 25, 2019 held until next meeting.
New Members	Andrea Wright, CPA Enrique Lopez, CPA Ronald Spears, Public Member	Mr Lopez provided a summary of his work experience. Ms Wright was just appointed but could not attend. Mr Spears could not make the meeting.
Old Business	None	

New Business	Enforcement Report	Mr Koehl provided a copy of the report to the members to review. He provided an overview of the report.
	CPA Society	Mr Shapiro noted that legislation in place to change who can sit for the exam, now need 150 hours. There about 40 states that allow to sit at 120 hours with a bachelors degree and 30 hours. This is an opportunity to sit sooner. This is effective 1/1/2023. Mr Nguyen noted that DPR has no issues where Rules will need to be in place.
	Board of Examiners	Mr Friedewald discussed the 150/120 hours scenario.
	Great Lakes Regional Conference Call	Chairperson Carlson provided an update on the quarterly Great Lakes Regional Conference Call.

Closed Session	Waiver of CE Requirement	Martin/Franklin moved to go into closed session pursuant to Sections 2(c)(4) and (15) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried. Roll call. Subsequent to the motion a roll call was held and the following members voted unanimously to close the session.
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Closed Session (con't)

Carlson-yes
Franklin-yes
Martin-yes
Lopez-yes
Austin-yes

Those voting yes constituted a majority of the quorum of the members of the Board. The session closed at 11:53 a.m.

Franklin/Austin moved to come out of closed session at 12:25 p.m. Motion carried. Roll call.

Actions taken in Closed Session be approved (Martin/Austin). Motion carried. Roll call.

Minutes of closed session remain closed (Austin/Franklin). Motion carried. Roll call.

Board Chairperson Time

Chairperson Carlson provided a summary of the upcoming NASBA meetings.

Board Liaison Time

Next meeting dates

The next meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2021.

Legal Counsel

It was noted that Mr Nguyen will be moving to a new job with another agency as of April 1, 2021. The Committee was grateful for the guidance he did provide.

Adjournment

Franklin/Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 pm. Motion carried.

Exceptions and Comments

Deliberations-Let it be noted for the record that the Director's decision regarding disciplinary matters is withheld from the minutes and rendered at the time the Board presents their Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations.
