



Board of Accountancy Public Meeting Minutes

Accountancy Board

Monday, December 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM EST to Monday, December 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM EST

Members Absent:

Members Present: Ed David – Chair, Richard Silverman, Debra Grott, Joseph Bator, Jonathan Blais, Charles Powell, Lisa Athanasia

Staff Present: Alex Fisher – Board Administrator, Cassandra Brown Esq. – Board Counsel

I. Call To Order – Ed called the meeting to order at 8:59AM.

-Lisa Athanasia is participating remotely due to not feeling well.

-Joe Bator is participating remotely due to having work done at his house.

II. Barbara Chipwanya Hearing Discussion

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Deb, the board voted to delegate the hearing for the Barbara Chipwanya hearing to the Administrative Law Judge. Roll call vote passes 6-1. Jonathan voted no.

III. UAA Exposure Draft and Experience Pathway Exposure Draft Response

Motion: Upon a motion by Charles with a second by Rich, the board voted they are willing to consider adoption of the proposed changes subject to the changes that the Board has requested. Roll call vote passes 7-0.

Motion: Upon a motion by Charles with a second by Rich, the board is willing to consider the proposed competency experience pathway issued September 12, 2024 subject to the changes requested by the board. The goal is facilitation of entry and this is going to represent its own barrier. Roll vote passes 7-0.

IV. Approval of the Public Minutes from October 7, 2024 Meeting

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Jon, the board voted to approve the October 7, 2024 minutes as amended. Roll call vote passes 6-0-1. Charles abstained.

V. Approval of the Public Minutes from October 25, 2024 Meeting

Motion: Upon a motion by Ed with a second by Charles, the board voted to approve the October 25, 2024 meeting minutes as amended. Roll call vote passes 7-0.

VI. Hearings

A. Barbara Chipwanya - 9:30AM

VII. Administrative Rules and Legislative Topics

A. AC 300 - FIS submitted 10/30/24 - Informational

B. AC 400 - FIS submitted 10/21/24 - Informational

C. AC 501-AC 503 and AC 505-507 - Review Final Proposal and Summary of Comments

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Jonathan, the board voted to accept the final proposal as amended. Roll call vote passes 7-0.

D. Retired Status LSR – Rich

Motion: Upon a motion by Jonathan with a second by Ed, the board voted to deputize Rich Silverman to speak on behalf of the Board of Accountancy regarding the retired status LSR. Jonathan amended the motion to deputize any board member to speak on behalf of the board related to the retired status. Roll call vote passes 7-0.

VIII. NASBA Statistics Update

A. The board did not have any comment on the NASBA statistics.

IX. Board of Accountancy Newsletter

A. The board would like the board administrator to work on the Accountancy newsletter in January/February with Anthony from NASBA. Ed is willing to assist with the content of the newsletter.

X. NASBA Annual Meeting Report – Rich

A. Rich Silverman provided an update to the board related to topics discussed during the NASBA 2024 Annual Meeting.

XI. 2025 Election Of Officers

Motion: Upon a motion by Rich with a second by Charles, the board voted to elect Ed David as Chair, Debra Grott as Vice chair and Joe Bator as secretary for 2025. Roll call vote passes 7-0.

XII. Public Comments

A. There were no public comments during the meeting.

XIII. Terms Of Office

- A. Ed David - November 20, 2023 - December 2, 2028
- B. Richard Silverman - December 3, 2020 - December 2 2025
- C. Debra Grott - December 6, 2017 - December 2, 2026
- D. Joseph Bator - October 4, 2023- September 17, 2028
- E. Jonathan Blais - February 8 ,2023-December 2, 2027
- F. Charles Powell - April 7, 2021- September 21, 2025
- G. Lisa Athanasia - December 20, 2023- December 2, 2028

XIV. Non Public Session

Motion to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion: Upon a motion by Ed with a second by Rich , the board voted to go into a non public session at 10:44AM. Roll call vote passes 7-0.

XV. Seal the Minutes of the Non Public Session

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective

Motion: Upon a motion by Ed with a second by Debra, the board voted to seal the minutes of the non public session at 11:39AM. Roll call vote passes 6-0.

XVI. Adjournment

-The board adjourned at 11:40AM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2024 at 9:00AM.