

Illinois Board of Examiners (ILBOE) Meeting
Board Minutes-April 24, 2019-10:00 AM
1120 E Diehl Road, Room 165
Naperville, IL 60563

Members Present: Sara Mikuta, Chair, CPA; Simon Petravick, Vice-Chair, CPA; Bradley Danton, JD; Thomas Homer, JD; James Kelley, CPA; Rhonda Kodjayan, CPA; Annette O'Connor, CPA (participated by phone); Brian Whitlock, CPA, JD and Larry Wojcik, CPA, JD

Absent: Kent Reeves, CPA, Jeannie Folk, CPA

Guests: Dr. Rebecca Shortridge, Chair, Dept. of Accountancy, Northern Illinois University (NIU)
Mr. Todd Shapiro, President & CEO, Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS)

Staff: Russ Friedewald, Executive Director
Mary E. Fitzgerald, Business Manager
Tia Marie France, Assistant Director of Certification
Carla Ratchford, Assistant Director of Evaluation Services

Call to Order-First Meeting

Chairperson Mikuta called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. Approval of January 7, 2019 Minutes

ACTION Mr. Kelley motioned to accept the January 7, 2019 board meeting minutes. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

2. Report of the Chair-Ms. Sara Mikuta

- a.** Chairperson Mikuta and Ms. Fitzgerald discussed with the Board members the State of Illinois' process for submitting travel requests to the Governor's office. Attendance for the Eastern and Western Regional National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) meetings was also documented.
- b.** Chairperson Mikuta discussed the Board members' dates of appointment and term expirations in addition to updates on submissions to the Governor's office for the upcoming member vacancy.
- c.** Chairperson Mikuta reminded the Board of officers elections being held on July 24, 2019.

3. Legislative Update-Mr. Todd Shapiro

Mr. Shapiro discussed the combined efforts of NASBA, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and various state society members (AKA the Working Group) regarding alignments to evolve the CPA licensure. The Working Group's recommendations include possibly significantly increasing data analytics while significantly reducing the depth of accounting in the exam. Guiding principles will be released by NASBA to stakeholders through October 2019, which include flexibility in education requirements, testing a common core of accounting and technology, administering one exam that serves all and including advanced and unique accounting concepts only to certain segments of practicing CPAs.

Dr. Shortridge discussed in detail NIU's plan to possibly incorporate analytics into their accounting degree. Dr. Shortridge, Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Danton discussed the role robotics plays in accounting in general and the depth of a CPA's involvement with robotics.

4. Report of the Executive Director-Mr. Russ Friedewald

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- a.** Mr. Friedewald presented Chairperson Mikuta and the Board with the 19Q1 scores for approval. Motion to approve was made and carried unanimously. Mr. Friedewald and the Board compared the 19Q1 & 18Q1 data.
- b.** Mr. Friedewald stated that the Administrative Rules need to be revised in regard to the change in the score release process for Provisional candidates.
- c.** Ms. France updated the Board on the minor edits and ADA upgrades being made to the new website and stated that it is expected to go live before June 2019.
- d.** Ms. France updated the Board on high school presentations and the ILBOE's continuous efforts to diversify and ensure inclusion in the CPA pipeline. Board members and staff discussed options for expanding community outreach.
- e.** Mr. Friedewald stated that there were no updates from NASBA's recent Executive Director & Board Staff conference.

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5. Administrative Committee-Mr. Larry Wojcik

No Report

6. Candidacy Committee-Ms. Jeannie Folk

Mr. Friedewald discussed the current appeals received.

7. Education Advisory Task Force-Dr. Simon Petravick

Dr. Petravick updated the Board on the topics discussed at the Education Committee meeting hosted by NASBA this past January. The Board, Mr. Shapiro and staff discussed the following: data surrounding candidates who sit at 150 semester credit hours (SCH) versus those who sit at 120, pass rates of those sitting at 150 vs. 120 and different ways of obtaining the additional 30 hours.

Mr. Shapiro stated that there was concern surrounding mobility for those sitting at different requirements. However, because 35 jurisdictions have mobility in place for the candidates, that is no longer a concern for Illinois if the requirements change.

Dr. Petravick will update the Board once data tracking candidates sitting at 150 vs. 120 from 2018 becomes available. He will also gather additional information related to requirements for those candidates in order to determine any trends.

Mr. Shapiro stated that the accounting changes passed into law in May 2017 and in effect in January 2018, are finalized and proposed rules have been presented to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

8. Finance Committee- Ms. Sara Mikuta & Ms. Mary E. Fitzgerald

Chairperson Mikuta and Ms. Fitzgerald discussed minor edits to prior financial reports after final review. Ms. Fitzgerald and the Board discussed the current financial statements in detail. Chairperson Mikuta stated that the next Finance Committee meeting is TBD.

9. Strategic Planning-Ms. Rhonda Kodjayan

No Report

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10. Bylaws Committee-Mr. Thomas Homer

Mr. Homer discussed the member nominations and requirements.

11. CBT Administration Committee-Mr. Russ Friedewald

Mr. Friedewald stated that there was a conference call a few months ago and a face-to-face meeting is TBD.

12. Diversity Committee-Ms. Rhonda Kodjayan

Ms. Kodjayan stated that there was a meeting last month and the new member announcements are forthcoming.

13. Education Committee-Dr. Simon Petravick

Dr. Petravick stated that there is a letter being drafted in response to a proposal requesting changes to the International Education Standards.

14. Ethics Committee-Mr. Jim Kelley & Mr. Larry Wojcik

Mr. Wojcik stated that proposals related to the Code of Professional Conduct are being discussed.

15. Professional Ethics Executive Committee- Mr. Larry Wojcik

Mr. Wojcik stated that a future meeting is TBD

16. Regulatory Response Committee-Ms. Sara Mikuta

Chairperson Mikuta stated that five proposal memorandums were discussed at the last meeting.

Unfinished Business-

The Board discussed a joint meeting with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) which is TBD.

New Business-None

ACTION Chairperson Mikuta adjourned the meeting at 1:29 PM.