

**Illinois Board of Examiners (ILBOE) Meeting  
Board Minutes- September 25 -10:00 AM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Meeting ID 98690021913**

**Members Present:** Lawrence Wojcik, Chair, CPA, JD; Brian Whitlock, Vice-Chair, CPA, JD; Martrice Caldwell; S. Bradley Danton, JD; Amanda Gavin; Maria de J. Prado; James Kelley, CPA; Annette O'Connor, CPA; Simon Petravik, CPA

**Staff:** Russ Friedewald, Executive Director  
Mary E. Fitzgerald, Business Manager  
Lianne Mace, Assistant Director of Certification  
Carlarta Ratchford, Assistant Director of Evaluation Services

**Guests:** Marty Green, ICPAS  
Todd Shapiro, ILCPAS

**Call to Order-First Meeting**

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

**1. Approval of January 8, 2020 Minutes**

**ACTION** After changes requested by Mr. Petravick, Mr. Kelly motioned to accept the July 30, 2020 board meeting minutes. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**2. Report of the Chair- Mr. Lawrence Wojcik**

- a. Mr. Wojcik reminded the Board that registration is now open for the NASBA annual meeting scheduled for November 2-4. The meeting will be virtual. Mr. Friedewald will be receiving the Standard of Excellence Award given annually to outstanding Executive Directors.
- b. Mr. Wojcik explained the committee functions to new members of the Board in light of the committee assignments.
- c. Mr. Wojcik proposed the option of holding the next Board meeting both in person and virtually. The meeting date will be set at a later time.

**3. Report of the Executive Director-Mr. Russ Friedewald**

- a. Mr. Friedewald reviewed the contents of the Q320 Score Report, emphasizing the difference in numbers between this year and Q319. Mr. Friedewald will be sending out the signature page via Docu Sign.

- b. The JCAR rules are now being moved to second notice.
- c. The Board Newsletter was published August 31 featuring an article about Dr. Frank Nekrasz, Jr.
- d. The Board office has a new server and all information is going to the cloud. Netitude will perform the external and internal penetration testing with results expected in early November. Mr. Friedewald does not anticipate any problems.
- e. The Auditor General's staff has completed the audit for FY 18 & 19.

**4. Report from Vice President for Government Relations, Illinois CPA Society- Marty Green**

- a. Mr. Green reported that the General Assembly has committee hearings.
- b. Mr. Green reported that subject matter meetings on ethics, criminal justice and police licensure will be held for the Veto session.

**ILBOE COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS**

**5. Administrative Committee- Mr. Bradley Danton**

No report

**6. Candidacy Committee- Ms. Rhonda Kodjayan**

Mr. Friedewald said he anticipates a larger number of appeals in January because of travel restrictions related to the Coronavirus. Mr. Friedewald reported that NASBA and the AICPA are investigating ways to take the CPA exam outside of Prometric.

**7. Education Advisory Task Force- Dr. Simon Petravick**

Dr. Petravick stressed the importance of opening Zoom meetings about the CPA Evolution to educators. The proposed change to the education requirement from 150 hours to 120 hours is of special interest to this audience.

**8. Executive Committee- Mr. Lawrence Wojcik**

No report.

**9. Finance Committee- Mr. Brian Whitlock**

Mr. Whitlock reviewed the current financial statements.

**10. Strategic Planning- Mr. Russ Friedewald**

Dr. Petravic reported the finalized draft of the Strategic Plan has been prepared for a review at the next Board meeting.

**AICPA/NASBA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**11. Bylaws Committee-Mr. Thomas Homer**

No Report.

**12. CBT Administration Committee-Mr. Russ Friedewald**

No Report.

**13. Diversity Committee-Ms. Rhonda Kodjayan**

No Report

**14. Education Committee-Mr. Simon Petravic**

No Report.

**15. Ethics Committee-Mr. James Kelley & Mr. Lawrence Wojcik**

Mr. Kelley reported that a meeting was held on September 30, 2020 to review the AICPA exposure draft on staff augmentation practices.

**16. CPA Evolution Model Curricula Task Force- Dr. Simon Petravic**

The first meeting will be held in early October.

**SPECIAL TOPIC DISCUSSION: 150 HOUR REQUIREMENT VS. 120 HOUR REQUIREMENT.**

Chairperson Wojcik encouraged the Board to seek consensus on whether or not to change the education requirement for qualifying to take the CPA exam from 150 semester credit hours to 120 semester credit hours.

**ACTION:** Dr. Petravic moved to show support for Illinois becoming a 120 hour state with the consideration of further input from remaining stakeholders. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven affirmative voice votes and one abstention.