

Illinois Board of Examiners (ILBOE) Meeting
Board Minutes- April 30, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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Members Present: Larry Wojcik, Chair, CPA, JD; Brian Whitlock, Vice-Chair, CPA, JD; Rose Ann Abraham, CPA; Martrice Caldwell, CPA; Bradley Danton, J.D.; Amanda Gavin, CPA; Thomas Homer, JD, CFP; Sook Lee, CPA; Annette O'Connor, CPA; Luis Plascencia, CPA; Maria de J. Prado, CPA

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

Guests: Marty Green, Vice President for Government Relations, Illinois CPA Society

Public: Deborah Hand

Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Whitlock called the meeting to order at 11:09 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes

ACTION Ms. O'Connor motioned to accept the February 5, 2021 board meeting minutes. Mr. Plascencia seconded the motion. Motion passed on unanimous voice and show of hands vote.

ACTION Ms. Gavin motioned to accept the December 18, 2020 special meeting minutes. Ms. Lee seconded the motion, which was passed on unanimous voice and show of hands vote.

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

- a. Mr. Friedewald acknowledged the work of Colleen Conrad for the Educator's Conference held April 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM.
- b. Mr. Friedewald presented an overview of the 21Q1 scores, emphasizing that the number of candidates testing continues to trend downward.
- c. Beginning July 1, 2021, the software provider will be able to implement a recovery fee of 3% for credit cards used as payment.
- d. The most recent Board newsletter introduced new Board Members and emphasized the need for diversity in the profession. The newsletter was opened by 41% of 13,905 recipients.

- e. The recent AICPA candidate report provided updates on changes to the exam that will occur July 1, 2021.
- f. Both external and internal penetration testing of our computer system will be May 7-11 performed by Nettitude which has done our penetration testing for several years.
- g. Five Illinois candidates won the Elijah Watts Sells Award. Their names will be announced publicly after the candidates have been notified.
- h. The ILBOE received a significant check from NASBA for 21Q1 candidate no-shows and NTS expirations.

3. Presentation by Mr. Marty Green, VP, Government Relations

Mr Green reported Senate Bill 1723 seeking to amend the Illinois Public Accounting Act is advancing through the legislative process and has now been assigned to a committee.

ILBOE COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

4. Administrative Committee- Mr. Bradley Danton

No report

5. Candidacy Committee- Ms. Amanda O'Connor

The committee recently reviewed two appeals.

6. Education Advisory Task Force- Ms. Martrice Caldwell

No report

7. Executive Committee- Mr. Lawrence Wojcik

ACTION Mr. Brian Whitlock motioned to accept a renewal of contract obligations with NIU, which includes the lease and administrative fees for the next five years with an option to add three years. Ms. J. Prado seconded the motion, and it was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

8. Finance Committee- Mr. Brian Whitlock

Ms. Fitzgerald presented the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for March 2021.

9. Strategic Planning- Mr. Tom Homer/ Mr. Russ Friedewald

ACTION Mr. Homer motioned that the strategic plan be approved as amended. Ms. J. Prado seconded the motion, and it was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

AICPA/NASBA COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. Bylaws Committee-Mr. Thomas Homer

The committee will meet on May 12.

11. Education Committee-Mr. Russ Friedewald

The committee met April 29 to discuss sharing information about CPA Evolution webinars with stakeholders.

12. Ethics Committee- Mr. Larry Wojcik

The ethics committee will meet May 3.

13. Unfinished Business-

Members of the Education Advisory Task Force will respond to NASBA's information about remote testing security by May 7.

14. New Business-

New Board Member Training is available on June 8 during the NASBA Regional Meeting.

At 12:14 Martrice Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, followed by a second from Tom Homer. The adjournment was agreed upon by unanimous voice/show of hands vote.