

Illinois Board of Examiners (ILBOE) Meeting
Board Minutes- February 3, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Members Present: Brian Whitlock, Chair, CPA, Annette O'Connor, Vice-Chair, CPA; Larry Wojcik, CPA, JD; Martrice Caldwell, CPA; Bradley Danton, J.D.; Amanda Gavin, CPA; Thomas Homer, JD, CFP; Sook Lee, CPA; Luis Plascencia, CPA; Maria de J. Prado, CPA; Leilani Rodrigo, CPA; Rose Ann Abraham, CPA

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

Guests: Marty Green, Vice President for Government Relations, Illinois CPA Society
Todd Shapiro, President, CEO, Illinois CPA Society
Simon Petravick, former Board member

Call to Order

Chair Whitlock called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes

ACTION Minutes from the July 23, 2021 board meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote with an amendment asking the ILCPAS to consider making a change to the Accounting Act that deletes the rule requiring a degree to sit for the exam at 120 semester credit hours and replaces it with no degree requirement.

2. Report of the Chair

a. Mr. Whitlock welcomed the newest board member, Leilani Rodrigo.

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

- a. Mr. Friedewald reported on the 4Q21 score report and asked the members to sign the signature page via DocuSign.
- b. Mr. Friedewald agreed to post the Annual Report on the ILBOE website.
- c. Mr. Friedewald announced the launch of the newly revamped ILBOE website.
- d. Mr. Friedewald informed the board that the Auditor General will start the ILBOE audit on February 14.
- e. Mr. Friedewald reported that candidates living internationally comprise the greatest number of score extension requests.

- f. Mr. Friedewald told the Board that the Administrative Rules change to 120 hours is being reviewed by the attorney.
- g. Mr. Friedewald recognized the hard work of the ILBOE team for keeping up with the great influx of new candidates at this time of year.
- h. Mr. Friedewald informed the board that external penetration testing will be conducted by Nettitude in the Spring.
- i. Mr. Friedewald asked the Education Committee to discuss the possibility of changing the number of accounting and business hours required to sit for the exam. It was agreed Mr. Friedewald would call a meeting of the Education Committee to discuss education requirements.
- j. Friedewald informed the board that the check for no shows and expired NTSs was received from NASBA.

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

Mr. Green reported that CPA license renewals has been completed. Members agreed to implement a timeline designed to submit any amendments to the Accounting Act before the Sunset period in 2024.

ILBOE COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

5. Administrative Committee- Maria de J. Prado

No report

6. Candidacy Committee- Martrice Caldwell

Ms. Caldwell reported there have been 22 appeals for credit extensions because of the travel restrictions associated with Covid and because of non-compliance with the provisional status rules.

7. Education Advisory Task Force- Luis Plascencia

No report

8. Executive Committee- Brian Whitlock

The committed reviewed the annual report. Chairman Whitlock asked Mr. Friedewald to have the annual report placed on our website.

9. Finance Committee- Brian Whitlock

Ms. Annette O'Connor explained the report in light of differences between 4Q21 and 4Q22.

10. Strategic Planning- Thomas Homer

Mr. Homer reminded the members that the strategic plan was approved at the last board meeting. No further meetings of the Committee have been held.

AICPA/NASBA COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Bylaws Committee- Thomas Homer

Mr. Homer advised the Bylaws Committee is discussing minor changes.

12. Communications Committee- Brian Whitlock

Mr. Whitlock encouraged board members to attend the orientation meeting for this committee, which provides an informative overview of the comprehensive services offered by this team.

13. Diversity Committee- Marie Prado/ Rose Ann Abraham/ Martrice Caldwell

Ms. Caldwell reported her sub-committee is developing a training program. Ms. Prado said her sub-committee is reaching out to a variety of stakeholders to create connections that foster diversity in the field of accountancy.

14. Education Committee- Luis Plascencia/ Russ Friedewald

Mr. Plascencia attended a webinar last month on the CPA Evolution.

Unfinished Business-

None

New Business-

Mr. Friedewald will report on the results of an ongoing conversation with the University of Illinois regarding how they conduct CPA Exam Review classes and award credits.

Mr. Whitlock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Caldwell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:57.