

**Illinois Board of Examiners (ILBOE) Meeting
Board Minutes- July 27, 2022**

Members Present: Brian Whitlock, Chair, CPA, Annette O'Connor, Vice-Chair, CPA; Martrice Caldwell, CPA; Bradley Danton, J.D.; Amanda Gavin, CPA; Sook Lee, CPA; Luis Plascencia, CPA; Maria de J. Prado, CPA; Leilani Rodrigo, 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

Call to Order

Chair Whitlock called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes

ACTION Minutes from the April 28, 2022 board meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Report of the Chair

a. Mr. Whitlock praised the Eastern Regional meeting held in June and emphasized that Boards in this region want to explore ways to keep current candidates in the pipeline.

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

- a. Mr. Friedewald gave highlights from the 2Q23 score report and asked the members to sign the signature page.
- b. Mr. Friedewald reported that amended rules had been emailed to the attorney for review.
- c. Mr. Friedewald explained the purpose of the College templates and their usefulness to students and candidates.
- d. Mr. Friedewald informed the board that comments on the Exposure draft are due by September 30.
- e. Mr. Friedewald reviewed the Pen testing recommendation. Mr. Friedewald agreed to schedule a meeting with Nettitude for an action plan.
- f. Mr. Friedewald encouraged Board members to attend NASBA'S annual meeting October 30 to November 2, 2022.
- g. Mr. Friedewald asked the Board to pick a date for the Educator Conference. The Board agreed on target dates of April 20, 2023 or April 27, 2023.

- h. Mr. Friedewald informed the board that he and select staff have targeted various community colleges in Illinois as part of the pipeline initiative.
- i. Mr. Friedewald asked Lianne Mace to explain her work on the ILBOE LinkedIn account with encouragement to Board members to connect.

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

Mr. Green reported on the disposition of select legislation and the various efforts the ILCPAS makes to promote and protect the accounting profession. ILCPAS has appointed a search committee to find a replacement for Todd Shapiro, who is retiring.

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5. Administrative Committee- Maria de J. Prado

Ms. Prado asked Mr. Friedewald to provide copies of the charters for all Board committees.

6. Candidacy Committee- Martrice Caldwell

Ms. Caldwell reported there were 2 appeals for credit extensions and 1 appeal for the education requirement in the last cycle.

7. Education Advisory Task Force- Luis Plascencia

a. Mr. Plascencia reported that, because of a recommendation from the ILCPAS, the committee agreed to change the proposed accounting hour requirement for 2023 from 15 to 24 semester credit hours. Ms. Gavin made a motion to accept the change from 15 to 24, which was seconded by Ms. O'Connor. Members were unanimously in favor changing the accounting hour requirement to 24 semester credit hours beginning January 1, 2023.

b. Mr. Whitlock made a motion to allow the Education Advisory Task Force to represent the entire Board for comments made on the AICPA's exposure draft of the new CPA examination. Ms. Lee seconded the motion and members unanimously agreed.

8. Executive Committee- Brian Whitlock

No report.

9. Finance Committee- Annette O'Connor

Ms. O'Connor reviewed the financial statements and FY '23 budget. Ms. O'Connor made a motion for the FY '23 budget to be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Caldwell and unanimously approved by the Board.

10. Strategic Planning- Thomas Homer

No report.

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11. Bylaws Committee- Thomas Homer

No report.

12. CPE Committee- Amanda Gavin

The committee will meet August 16 to review standards.

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

The most recent meeting of this committee was held in May. Ms. de Prado highlighted some ideas about diversity presented at the Eastern Regional Conference.

14. Education Committee- Luis Plascencia/ Russ Friedewald

The committee will meet in August.

Unfinished Business-

None

New Business-

None

Mr. Whitlock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Caldwell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:15. Ms. de Prado seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned.

2nd MEETING

Mr. Whitlock asked for a motion to elect Annette O'Connor as the new Chairperson for the Board. Mr. Plascencia made the motion and Ms. Caldwell seconded this motion. Ms. O'Connor was elected as Chairperson by unanimous vote.

Ms. O'Connor nominated Amanda Gavin to be Vice-Chair of the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Lee to accept this nomination. Ms. Caldwell seconded this motion and Ms. Gavin was elected as Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

Ms. O'Connor advised that future Board meetings will be held near the end of each quarter rather than at the beginning of each quarter.

Ms. O'Connor asked for a motion to adjourn the 2nd meeting. Ms. Gavin motioned that the meeting be adjourned with a second motion by Mr. Plascencia. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.