

**Illinois Board of Examiners (ILBOE) Meeting  
Board Minutes- September 21, 2022**

**Members Present:** Annette O'Connor, Chair, CPA; Amanda Gavin, Vice-Chair, CPA;  
RoseAnn Abraham, CPA; Martrice Caldwell, CPA; Bradley Danton, J.D.;  
Thomas Homer, JD, CFP; Maria de J. Prado, CPA; Leilani Rodrigo, CPA;  
Brian Whitlock, 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 O'Connor called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION** Minutes from the July 27, 2022 board meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**2. Report of the Chair**

- a. Ms. O'Connor encouraged members to attend the NASBA annual business meeting in October and share their take aways from the meeting.
- b. Ms. O'Connor reported that the Board's pipeline initiative, including the production of video with NASBA's assistance is, in-progress.

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

- a. Mr. Friedewald reported that the attorney has sent the amended rules to JCAR for posting in the IL Register.
- b. Mr. Friedewald explained NASBA's request for a credit extension beginning January 1, 2024. The Board agreed to postpone a decision until the December meeting at which Dan Dustin will present further detail and entertain questions.
- c. Mr. Friedewald informed the board that the Education Committee agreed to support NASBA's comments on the Exposure draft.
- d. Mr. Friedewald reported that, as a result of the follow-up meeting with Nettitude, which included board member Sook Lee, Mr. Friedewald directed Tyler Technologies to create longer and more complex passwords.
- e. Mr. Friedewald will be attending the AAA regional conference in St. Louis and will invite Ms Yvonne Hnson, CEO of AAA to speak at the Educator's Conference.
- f. Mr. Friedewald explained the request for data from the CPA Society Executives Association.

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

Mr. Green announced that the ILCPAS has engaged Mr. Geoff Brown to replace retiring President and CEO Todd Shapiro. Mr. Brown will start in December.

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**5. Administrative Committee- Rose Ann Abraham**

Ms. Abraham reported that the committee has continued its work to create partnerships with other organizations to support the pipeline initiative.

**6. Candidacy Committee- Maria de J. Prado**

Ms. de J. Prado reported that there were no appeals this past quarter.

**7. Education Advisory Task Force- Luis Plascencia**

No report.

**8. Executive Committee- Annette O'Connor**

Ms. O'Connor outlined the committee's plans to create onboarding materials for new Board members.

**9. Finance Committee- Martrice Caldwell**

Ms. Fitzgerald reported on the most current financial statement and answered questions from the board.

**10. Strategic Planning- Amanda Gavin**

Ms. Gavin inquired about the review process for the Strategic Plan. Mr. Friedewald explained that the plan is reviewed annually with updates as needed.

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**11. Bylaws Committee- Thomas Homer**

No report.

**12. CPE Committee- Amanda Gavin**

Ms. Gavin reported that the updated standards were publicly released in mid-August.

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

No report.

**14. Education Committee- Luis Plascencia/ Russ Friedewald**

Mr. Friedewald explained that a new conversation has been started by the AICPA State Board Committee about the possibility of using internship credit toward the 150-credit hour requirement.

Ms. O'Connor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gavin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:38. Ms. Abraham seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.