

**Illinois Board of Examiners Meeting
Board Minutes-December 14, 2022-10:00 AM
550 W. Jackson Blvd., 9th Floor
Chicago, IL**

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

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

Guests: Geoff Brown, President/CEO ILCPAS
Todd Shapiro, Outgoing President/CEO ILCPAS
Marty Green, VP Government Relations, ILCPAS
Joe Castillo, IDFPR
Richard Cauble, IDFPR
Jodi Lopez, Sidley Austin LLP
Dana Douglas, Ernst & Young General Counsel
Dawn Carlson, Chair, IL PARLC
Dave Gordon, Ernst & Young General Counsel
Meredith Moss, Ernst & Young General Counsel

Call to Order-First Meeting

Chairperson O'Connor called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

1. Approval of September 21, 2022 Minutes

ACTION Mr. Whitlock motioned to accept the September 21, 2022 board meeting minutes. Martrice Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

2. Report of the Chair- Ms. Annette O'Connor

- a. Chair O'Connor expressed appreciation for the topics discussed at the NASBA annual meeting.
- b. Chair O'Connor emphasized the need for continued focus on aspects of the strategic plan, most notably cyber security, outreach to colleges and universities, and finding a means to recommend and contribute to the process in selecting Board members.

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

- ACTION**
- a. Mr. Friedewald will seek approval of the 22Q3 scores at the March 2023 meeting.
 - b. Mr. Friedewald presented a motion to approve NASBA's request that any candidate with an unexpired score on January 1, 2024 will be granted an additional 18 months before that score expires. Mr. Homer motioned to approve the request and Martrice Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Mr. Friedewald stated that between 2015 and 2020, 2000 candidates stopped taking the CPA exam. To bring this type of candidate back into the pipeline, NASBA will assist with drafting an email to send out to these candidates.
 - d. Mr. Friedewald reported that audit exceptions found by the Auditor General have been addressed.
 - e. Mr. Friedewald reminded members that the Educator Conference for 2023 is on April 27.
 - f. Mr. Friedewald said that state boards do not collect the detailed information requested by the CPA Society Executives Association.
 - g. Mr. Friedewald stated that the ILBOE is still waiting for the 2023 eligibility requirements to be approved by JCAR.
 - h. Mr. Friedewald visited several schools in the fall and has more visits scheduled in the spring. Students appreciate the participation of Board members.
 - i. Mr. Friedewald reported that the office will be closed from December 21, 2022 to January 2, 2023 in line with the closure of NIU.
 - j. Mr. Friedewald continues to work with NASBA on a video promoting the CPA profession to be used at his presentations.

4. Meeting with Ernst & Young representatives

Members of the general counsel presented an overview of Ernst & Young's response to the discovery of cheating on the AICPA Ethics Exam and CPE.

5. Report of Marty Green, VP Government Relations

Mr. Green updated the Board on the progress of legislation during the Fall Veto Session and the Lame Duck Session. Mr. Green said that new legislative initiatives would include the sunset of the Illinois Public Accounting Act.

ILBOE COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

6. Administrative Committee- Ms. RoseAnn Abraham

No report.

7. Candidacy Committee- Ms. Maria de J. Prado

The committee made decisions regarding four individuals seeking credit extensions.

8. Diversity Committee- Ms. RoseAnn Abraham

The committee will meet early next year and provide a report in the March Board meeting.

9. Education Advisory Task Force- Mr. Luis Plascencia

No report.

10. Executive Committee- Ms. Annette O'Connor

No report.

11. Finance Committee- Ms. Martrice Caldwell

Chairperson O'Connor has asked Mary Fitzgerald to provide the financial statements to individual board members directly, rather than after a review.

12. Strategic Planning- Ms. Amanda Gavin

The committee will meet next week.

AICPA/NASBA COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Audit Committee- Ms. Leilani Rodrigo

No report.

14. Bylaws Committee-Mr. Thomas Homer

The committee will meet in February.

15. CPE Committee- Ms. Amanda Gavin

No Report

16. Diversity Committee-Ms. RoseAnn Abraham

No Report

17. Education Committee-Mr. Luis Plascencia

No Report.

18. Communication Committee- Mr. Brian Whitlock

No Report.

19. Unfinished Business-None

20. New Business-None

Mr. Whitlock motioned for the meeting to adjourn, Martrice Caldwell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.