Connecticut State Board of Accountancy Meeting Minutes May 06, 2025

Chairman Schuyler called the meeting to order at 10:06 am via Microsoft Teams.

Board Members Present

John H. Schuyler, Chairman, Public Member Timothy F. Egan, Certified Public Accountant Peter J. Niedermeyer, Certified Public Accountant Bud McDonald, Certified Public Accountant Dannell R. Lyne, Certified Public Accountant Karla H. Fox, Esq., Public Member Stacy R. Farber, Certified Public Accountant Robert L. Day III, Esq., Public Member Sohair Omar, Public Member

Board Members Not Present

Board Vacancies: (1) Public Member

DCP Staff Present

Cat Arsenault, Staff Attorney
Tymina Follins, Investigator
Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator
Tiffany Colon, Investigations Accounts Examiner

Public Present

Bonnie Stewart

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection.

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Enforcement issues: dcp.accounting@ct.gov

Approval of minutes from previous meetings:

- A. March 04, 2025
 - Board Member Farber made a motion to approve. Board Member Lyne seconded the motion. The motion passed (8-0-1). Abstention: Day
- B. April 23, 2025
 - Board Member Egan made a motion to approve with the discussed revision. Board Member McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0-3). Abstention: Fox, Niedermeyer and Omar.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE MEETING AGENDA

A. Chairman Schuyler noted that there is a regional NASBA meeting in June that Board Member Ohair will be attending.

LEGAL DIVISION

A. 2024-28; Marcela Osello

- Respondent agrees to the following Orders:
- Respondent shall cease and desist from further engaging in any conduct in violation of C.G.S. Chapter 389 and shall use the CPA designation only as permitted under section 20-280-20 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
- Respondent shall pay a settlement fee of \$2,000. No later than June 7, 2025.
 - Board Member Day moved to accept. Board Member Niedermeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2022-93; Anthony Annunziata

- Respondent agrees to the following Orders:
- Respondent shall cease and desist from further engaging in any conduct in violation of C.G.S. Chapter 389 and shall use the CPA designation only as permitted under section 20-280-20 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
- Respondent shall train all his staff to follow the Firm's "Tax Filing Procedures (Based Upon Pub 1345)" and by no later than June 7, 2025, Respondent shall submit to the Department a statement affirming that each staff member has received the requisite training.
- By no later than June 30, 2025, Respondent shall submit a copy of certificate(s) of completion showing that he has completed 4 credits in courses offered by AICPA or the Connecticut Society of CPAs (https://www.ctcpas.org/) in the area of Tax Ethics.
- Respondent shall pay a settlement fee of \$1,500. No later than June 7, 2025.
 - Board Member Lyne moved to accept. Board Member Niedermeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Revisit discussion on Chairperson position
 - Chairman Schuyler asked the board if any member is interested in taking over the Chair position on the Board.
 - He spoke a little on how much of a time commitment it is to be the Chairperson of the board.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CPE Extension/Wavier Requests
 - Susanne Murta CPAL.0019916
 - Board Member Omar moved to deny the waiver request and instead the Board approves an extension through December 31, 2025. Board Member McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Exam Credit Extension Request
 - Hitesh Madnani
 - i. Board Member Farber moved to accept the request. Board Member Day seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

- A. Board Member Egan commented that he recalls a conversation with Bonnie Stewart in a previous meeting regarding the Board providing some guidance on the new legislation. There was a discussion on revisiting this in the next meeting.
 - He commented that the Board could take advantage of NASBA's communication groups.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Farber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2025 Scheduled Board Meetings July 01 September 02 November 04