

**Connecticut State Board of Accountancy
Meeting Minutes
September 02, 2025**

Acting Chairman Egan called the meeting to order at 10:01 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
Stacy R. Farber, Certified Public Accountant
Robert L. Day III, Esq., Public Member
Sohair Omar, Public Member
Karla H. Fox, Esq., Public Member

Board Members Not Present

Board Vacancies:

DCP Staff Present

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

Public Present

Bonnie Stewart
Caitlin Bailey O'Neill

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

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Approval of minutes from previous meetings:

- July 01, 2025, Meeting Minutes
 - Board Member Niedermeyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0-1). Abstention: Chairman Schuyler

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE MEETING AGENDA

- Cat Arsenault approached the Board to ask that the following exam credit extension requests be added to the agenda for review today.
 - Adisa Hodzic
 - Hitesh Madnani

 - Board Member Day moved to accept these requests to be added to the agenda for review. Board Member Lyne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Revisit discussion on Chairperson position
 - Discussion has begun with the Governor's office to appoint Board Member Egan as the Chair.
 - Board Member Fox moved to note that the State Board of Accountancy appreciates Chairman Schuyler's leadership over the years and wants to thank him for his years of service. And supports the transition to Tim Egan as the next Board Chair. Board Member Lyne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Report of the Regulations Committee
 - Pulse Survey was sent out through NASBA and they received 28 state responses
 - 40% reported they will be revisiting the coursework definition
 - NY is reducing accounting and business credit requirements
 - CT currently requires 36 accounting and 30 business/economics credits
 - The task force will meet again to review data and propose recommendations
 - Bonnie Stewart also shared some feedback from educators and proposed including peer review language in upcoming regulatory updates.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CPE Extension/Waiver Requests

- Srabani Singh – CPAL.21245
 - i. Request: Extension through 8/31/2025
 - ii. Reason: Good Cause
 - iii. Licensee is exempt from the CPE requirements; no review or extension is needed.
- Rajat Krishan Gulab – CPAL.20216
 - i. Request: Waiver
 - ii. Reason: Good Cause
 - iii. Board Member Lyne moved to deny the request. Board Member Farber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Daniel Pappalardo – CPAL.17407
 - i. Request: Extension through 10/31/2025
 - ii. Reason: Good Cause
 - iii. Board Member McDonald moved to approve the extension. Board Member Day seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-1-0).

B. Exam Credit Extension Request

- Noelle Brown
 - i. Request: Extension of FAR credit from 6/30/2025 to 12/31/2025
 - ii. Reason: Medical
 - iii. Board Member Lyne moved to approve. Board Member Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Hitesh Madnani
 - i. Request: Extension for AUD and BEC through 03/31/2026
 - ii. Reason: Medical
 - iii. Board Member Farber moved to approve. Board Member McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Adisa Hodzic
 - i. Request: Extension of FAR, AUD and BEC through 12/31/2025
 - ii. Reason: Medical
 - iii. Board Member Day moved to request the licensee amend their request clarifying what credits actually need an extension. Board Member Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Settlement Agreements

- #2025-30 Christina Cernik
 - i. Practiced without a firm permit
 - ii. Settlement: Censured and fined \$1,000
- #2025-25 Timothy Gaydosh
 - i. Practiced without a firm permit
 - ii. Settlement: Censured and fined \$1,000
 - Chairman Schuyler moved to approve the settlement agreements for #2025-30 and #2025-25. Board Member Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- #2024-3 George L. Major III
 - i. Failed to file estate tax returns and return documents
 - ii. Settlement: Censured and fined \$1,000
 - Board Member Lyne moved to approve the settlement agreement. Board Member Niedermeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

- Board Member Egan provided an update to the Board that NASBA changed their policy and now permits two scholarships for board members to attend the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Chicago from 10/26-10/29. So, if there are any members interested in joining there is an opportunity for that to happen.
- Bonnie Stewart shared updates on outreach efforts, including Accounting Opportunities Month in November and high school engagement
- The Board also discussed exploring communication strategies with NASBA and CTCPA to reach licensees, candidates and educators

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Day moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Farber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2025 Scheduled Board Meetings
November 04