

**Connecticut State Board of Accountancy
Meeting Minutes
March 03, 2026**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Board Vacancies: None

DCP Staff Present:

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

Public Present:

Andrew McGibbon
Bonnie Stewart
Pavel Ramirez
Rebecca Gebhardt
Lynette Lindner
Joseph Wagner

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

Website: www.ct.gov/dcp Board Administration: dcp.boards.commissionsandhearings@ct.gov

Enforcement issues: dcp.accounting@ct.gov

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Egan called the meeting to order at 10:01 am via Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- January 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes
 - There were no objections to the draft minutes and have been approved.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE MEETING AGENDA

REPORTS

- A. Regulations Updates
 - There were no updates for today's meeting
- B. SBOA Newsletter
 - Board Member Omar noted that the first newsletter was distributed February 10th and thanked DCP and NASBA communication team for their help in developing this newsletter.
 - Chairman Egan noted that the goal is to distribute a newsletter twice a year and encouraged board members to provide any input on items they'd like to see in the newsletter.
- C. HB5222
 - The bill was put forth to the General Law Committee on 2/23/2026 and the concerns include co-sharing of enforcement matters that involved CPA licensees and firms.
 - Bonnie Stewart commented
 - CTCPA has received concerns related to enforcement authorities that the board has not been involved in
 - There are also concerns that this bill could affect Connecticut's mobility
 - Board Member Fox expressed interest in having the board members to contact individual legislators. Bonnie Stewart will provide a list of legislators for any members that want to reach out.
 - The Board raised concerns that this was not brought before the Board by DCP prior to it getting to this stage

D. NASBA Northeast Region State Boards Conference Call

- Scheduled for March 11, 2026
- Chairman Egan discussed what the regional conference call entails and noted that he wanted to open it to board members should they wish to provide comment and to highlight a few agenda items on the upcoming call
 - Exposure Draft – Alternative Practice Structures and Independence:
 - The draft is complex and difficult to interpret, raising questions about enforceability by state boards, peer reviewers and CPAs
 - NASBA is strongly encouraging state boards to submit their own comment letters
 - Chairman Egan offered to draft a high level response on behalf of the Board for review
 - CPE and Education:
 - NASBA’s Education Committee and UAA Committee are discussing potential changes regarding accounting concentration and CPE standards.
 - Regional Meeting Participation:
 - Chairman Egan encouraged members to attend the regional meeting in Puerto Rico in June, noting that there are full scholarships available for two board members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Exam Credit Extension Requests:

- i. Nishita Chheda
 - i. The requested additional information was provided to the board for review
 - ii. Board Member Omar moved to approve an extension through 10/06/2026. Board Member Schuyler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Additional options for experience eligible for licensure (R.C.S.A. §20-280-24(c))

- i. The board began discussing the experience rule due to a recent applicant being denied due to their work experience.
- ii. Current Issues Identified:
 - i. Experience must be under the direct supervision of a licensed CPA
 - ii. No alternative pathways exist for applicants with relevant experience obtained without CPA supervision
 - iii. Experience older than 10 year does not qualify
- iii. Chairman Egan noted that North Carolina allows certain non-CPA supervised experience and Rhode Island requires CPA verification but not direct supervision. Suggesting that Connecticut may be more restrictive than necessary.
- iv. Chairman Egan and DCP’s Cat Arsenault are collecting additional data from other states to present to the Board. And he plans to have a full discussion at a future meeting after review of that information.
- v. Several Board Members expressed strong support for revisiting and modernizing the regulations.

B. Exam Credit Extension Requests:

- i. Andrew McGibbon
 - i. Requested an extension through 12/31/2026. Reason: Good Cause
 - ii. Board Member Omar moved to approve the extension request through 12/31/2026. Board Member Lyne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- ii. Pavel Ramirez
 - i. Requested an extension through 12/30/2026. Reason: Good Cause
 - ii. Board Member Omar moved to approve the exam extension request through 12/30/2026. Board Member Lyne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- iii. Dandan Zhang
 - i. Requested an extension through 12/31/2026. Reason: Medical
 - ii. Board Member Schuyler moved to approve the extension request through 12/31/2026. Board Member Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

- Joseph Wagner approached the Board to provide comment on his situation with the experience eligible for licensure. He discussed his work experience and the roadblocks he has faced due to the requirements as they are now. He noted that he is not able to get licensed in CT due to the requirement that experience be gained within 10 years. He noted that while he cannot get licensed in CT at this time, he will be pursuing a license in Rhode Island since he qualifies for licensure there.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Day moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Omar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2026 Scheduled Board Meetings

May 05

July 14

September 01

November 03