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Board of Public Accountancy Public Meeting Minutes August 21, 2025

Board Members Present:

Richard H. Grueter, CPA, Chair Lunetta Kwan, CPA, Secretary Angela Parziale, CPA, MST, Member James Redmond, CPA, Member

Staff Members Present:

Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director Jennifer Fraga, *Program Coordinator* Lynn Read, Board Counsel

All Board Members and staff appeared by video conference.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Executive Director Kerry Cassidy.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Public Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025. The draft minutes were not available for review and were tabled.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:

None.

DISCUSSION:

Review Public Comment, Discussion and Potential Vote on Proposed Regulation.

Board Counsel Lynn Read noted the virtual attendance of the Massachusetts Society of CPAs at the Public Hearing and referred to their submitted letter which was supportive of the changes made by the Board. Ms. Read summarized the letter by saying the changes made by the Board were solid updates and aligned with developing national standards and retained professional standards and public protection.

Ms. Read outlined the next options for the revised regulations and the promulgation process. A MOTION was made by Mr. Redmond to approve the regulations to move forward through the

TELEPHONE: (617) 701-8600 FAX: (617) 701-8612 http://www.mass.gov/dpl review and approval process, seconded by Ms. Kwan. The Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Pathways and Mobility Map (NASBA)

Read and filed.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

None

Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting:

Board Chair Mr. Grueter reported that he was invited to attend the Northeast Regional NASBA Conference Call for Board Chairs and Executive Directors and discussed some of the questions highlighted for discussion with the Board.

Adjourn Public Meeting, Enter Executive Session (Closed) under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 66, s. 10, G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B (medical record information), and then Investigative Conference (Closed under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C).

At 10:47 a.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Parziale, seconded by Mr. Redmond, to: (1) exit the public meeting; (2) enter a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 66, s. 10, G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B to review sensitive medical information in CPA Examination extension requests and applications; (3) then enter closed Investigative Conference under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C; and not return to the public meeting except to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

See separate minutes of Executive Session.

Investigative Conference CLOSED under G. L. c. 112, § 65C

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following action:

Cases:

2025-000065-IT-ENF Refer to Office of Investigations

2025-000267-IT-ENF Refer to Prosecutions

2025-000899-IT-ENF Dismissed, open related Complaint

Settlements:

None

CPE Audit:

None

PCAOB: Direction given to staff

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:33 p.m., a MOTION was made by Ms. Parziale, seconded by Mr. Redmond to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on November 20, 2025.

Kerry Cassidy

Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director

List of Documents Used by the Board at Open Meeting:

Agenda Notice of Hearing and Draft Regulations 252 CMR 2.00 Copy of Public Comment on 252 CMR 2.00 Mobility and Pathways Map