

**Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy
Minutes of Board Meeting
July 27, 2018**

1. **Date, Place and Attendance of Meeting:**

A Special Called meeting of the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy was held on Friday, July 27, 2018, in the office of the Board, located in Montgomery, Alabama at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Steven M. Barranco, CPA
Mr. J. Earl Blackmon, CPA
Mr. Michael Terry Comer, PA
Dr. Steve Grice, CPA
Mr. Delbert Madison
Mr. Wim Schaffers, CPA
Ms. Connie Sheppard-Harris, CPA

A lawful quorum of the Board was present for the meeting.

Also present were D. Boyd Busby, Executive Director; Amy Thompson, Senior Accountant; Nicole T. Robinson, CPE Administrator; Billington Garrett, Assistant Attorney General; Jessica Roberts, Vice President of Education for the Alabama Society of CPAs; and Jeannine Birmingham, CEO & President of the Alabama Society of CPAs.

Sufficient prior notice of the meeting had been given as required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

2. **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Connie Sheppard-Harris, CPA, Chair.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Comer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented for the July 27, 2018 meeting. Mr. Barranco seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Grice made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2018 meeting. Mr. Schaffers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Rule Changes:

Ms. Sheppard-Harris opened the meeting to a public hearing to discuss the final approval of rule changes.

a. 30-X-1-.01(f)

Mr. Busby presented the final rule change to Section 30-X-1-.01(f) of the Board's Rules. There were no comments made regarding the proposed changes to the Board's Rules. Mr. Comer made a motion to adopt the final rule changes for Section 30-X-1-.01(f) of the Board's Rules. Mr. Schaffers seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion were Messrs. Barranco, Blackmon, Comer, Grice, Madison, Schaffers, and Ms. Sheppard-Harris.

b. 30-X-3-.03

Mr. Busby presented the final rule change to Section 30-X-3-.03 of the Board's Rules. There were no comments made regarding the proposed changes to the Board's Rules. Mr. Blackmon made a motion to adopt the final rule changes for Section 30-X-3-.03 of the Board's Rules. Mr. Grice seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion were Messrs. Barranco, Blackmon, Comer, Grice, Madison, Schaffers, and Ms. Sheppard-Harris.

c. 30-X-3-.07(4)

Mr. Busby presented the final rule change to Section 30-X-3-.07(4) of the Board's Rules. There were no comments made regarding the proposed changes to the Board's Rules. Mr. Comer made a motion to adopt the final rule changes for Section 30-X-3-.07(4) of the Board's Rules. Mr. Blackmon seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion were Messrs. Barranco, Blackmon, Comer, Grice, Madison, Schaffers, and Ms. Sheppard-Harris.

d. 30-X-4

Mr. Busby presented the final rule change to Chapter 30-X-4 of the Board's Rules. There were no comments made regarding the proposed changes to the Board's Rules. Mr. Blackmon made a motion to adopt the final rule changes for Chapter 30-X-4 of the Board's Rules. Mr. Grice seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion were Messrs. Barranco, Blackmon, Comer, Grice, Madison, Schaffers, and Ms. Sheppard-Harris.

e. 30-X-5-.01(b)

Mr. Busby presented the final rule change to Section 30-X-5-.01(b) of the Board's Rules. There were no comments made regarding the proposed changes to the Board's Rules. Mr. Comer made a motion to adopt the final rule changes for Section 30-X-5-.01(b) of the Board's Rules. Mr. Schaffers seconded and the motion carried on a roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion were Messrs. Barranco, Blackmon, Comer, Grice, Madison, Schaffers, and Ms. Sheppard-Harris.

Ms. Sheppard-Harris ended the public hearing portion of the meeting.

6. Review of CPE Rules:

Proposed Rule Changes to the CPE Rules were presented to the Board. A lengthy discussion ensued but no formal action was taken.

7. Other Business:

a. Travel Update

Mr. Busby updated the Board on changes to the Board travel policy.

b. New Pathway to CPA

Mr. Busby informed the Board that the New Pathway to CPA agenda was no longer being pursued by NASBA.

c. Office Hours

Mr. Busby informed the Board of changes to the office policies and procedures manual that would change the office hours to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

d. NASBA CPT Ethics Course

Mr. Busby informed the Board that NASBA was developing a specific ethics course that the Board could request CPAs complete in disciplinary cases.

e. Office Walk Through

Mr. Busby updated the Board on necessary renovations to the Board office that will include increased security features.

8. Adjournment of Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. on the campus of Auburn University. There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Blackmon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Madison seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Michael Terry Comer, PA
Secretary

Approved:



Connie Sheppard-Harris, CPA
Chair