

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Location: 89 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05602**

Approved Minutes

July 26, 2016

Members present: Joshua Partlow, Thomas Shortle, Steve Love and John Borch

Member(s) absent: Danny Coane

Staff present: Aprille Morrison and Gabriel Gilman

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting.** Mr. Borch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Love seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Reports/Follow-up cases.** Case Managers Report by Aprille Morrison

Ms. Morrison informed the Board they currently have fifteen (15) cases. One (1) is on hold, five (5) are ready for Investigative Team meeting, one (1) has been recommended for closure by the investigative team (to be heard at today's meeting), four (4) are under investigation, two (2) are pending charges, and two (2) are pending a hearing (stipulation and consent order heard at today's meeting).

4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Concluded Investigations:**

Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Laurie L. Bertrand and Laurie L. Bertrand, CPA, docket #'s 2015-266 and 2016-55. Mr. Love made a motion to accept the order as presented. Mr. Borch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Coane was investigative team member but not present at the meeting.

Report of Concluded Investigation for docket # 2015-567. Mr. Shortle made a motion to accept the report as presented. Mr. Love seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Borch did not participate in the vote as he was the investigative team member.

5. **Correspondence/Discussion items**

NASBA National Conference. This will be held in Austin, Texas from October 30th through November 1st. Mr. Partlow will be attending the conference.

Administrative Rules updates. Mr. Gilman informed the Board that he has not yet received any suggested updates from Mr. Dustin or NASBA. The statutory changes needed will be made for this year's OPR bill and the Rules updates will be reviewed once received.

AICPA reports of discipline and non-compliance. The Board received notification from AICPA regarding firms and individuals who are no longer part of the peer review process or have received discipline stemming from AICPA. Ms. Morrison checked the list against the database and found none of the parties to be licensed in Vermont.

6. Licensing – Review the following applications for licensure

Mr. Shortle made a motion to approve the following applicants for licensure. Mr. Borch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joseph McWatters – Endorsement

Ping Hung Wu – Exam

Thomas Orner – Exam

Jeongho Park – Exam

Margery McCracken – Endorsement

NEK Accounting, PLLC – Firm

David A. Levy CPA - Firm

The following application were not approved by the Board as additional information is needed:

Ya-Ting Chang – Exam. Additional proof of 42 accounting, auditing and related credits is needed.

7. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23.

8. Adjourn. Mr. Shortle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. Mr. Love seconded the motion. Motion passed.