

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

**Approved Minutes**

**June 28, 2016**

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

**Staff present:** Aprille Morrison, Gabriel Gilman and Carla Preston

**Guests:** Dan Dustin, VP of State Board Relations, NASBA

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting.** Mr. Shortle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Love seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Coane abstained from voting as he was not present at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. **Reports/Follow-up cases.** Case Managers Report by Carla Preston  
  
Ms. Preston informed the Board they currently have eighteen (18) cases. One (1) is on hold, one (1) is ready for Investigative Team meeting, three (3) are have been recommended for closure by the investigative team (two will be heard at today's meeting), eight (8) are under investigation, two (2) are pending charges, two (2) have had charges filed and one (1) is pending a hearing.
4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Concluded Investigations:**  
  
Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Del Conte, Hyde, Annello and Schuch, P.C., docket # 2014-675. Mr. Shortle made a motion to accept the order as presented. Mr. Coane seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Partlow did not participate in the vote as he was the investigative team member.  
  
Report of Concluded Investigation for docket #'s 2016-2 and 2016-63. Mr. Love made a motion to accept the report as presented. Mr. Shortle seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Coane did not participate in the vote as he was the investigative team member.
5. **Correspondence/Discussion items**  
  
Dan Dustin from NASBA. Dan Dustin the Vice President of State Board Relations from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) met with the Board to discuss the resources that NASBA has available for the Boards as well as some of the discussion items that they are working on that would pertain to all jurisdictions under the NASBA umbrella. Mr. Dustin will be reaching out to Mr. Gilman regarding recommendations on updating the Vermont Administrative Rules.

NASBA Western Regional Meeting updates. Mr. Borch attended the Western Regional meeting in June and spoke to the Board regarding the education evaluation process and accreditation of educational institutions. There was a discussion amongst attendees and a college panel in regards to whether online education was comparable to in person education. Mr. Dustin informed members that AICPA is working on education rules and will present a draft to member Boards when available.

Administrative Rules updates. Mr. Gilman informed the Board that he will wait until he receives the suggested updates from Mr. Dustin or NASBA before he presents a draft to the Board for review.

**6. Licensing – Review the following applications for licensure**

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

Zhengyu Wang – Exam

Yuna Kim – Exam

Keith Aldis – Exam

Ross Miller – Endorsement

Sarah Dodge – Endorsement

Raymond Austin – Endorsement

Del Conte, Hyde, Annello & Schuch, P.C. – firm

Dopkins & Company, LLP – firm

Mr. Love made a motion to approve the firm application for Laurie Bertrand CPA Tax & Accounting Service for licensure. Mr. Shortle seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Coane abstained from voting.

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

David Hwang – need an updated FACS report

Xunsen Zheng – additional education required.

- 7.** The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th. Mr. Coane informed members he would be unable to attend the July meeting.
- 8. Adjourn.** There being no additional business the Board meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.