

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

Approved Minutes

January 24, 2017

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

Member(s) absent: Thomas Shortle

Staff present: Gabriel Gilman and Aprille Morrison

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 27, 2016 meeting.** Mr. Coane made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Borch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Reports/Follow-up cases.** Case Managers Report by Carla Preston

Ms. Morrison, on behalf of Ms. Preston as she was absent, informed the Board they currently have fifteen (15) pending cases. One (1) is on hold, two (2) the Investigative Team has recommended closing and will be reviewed at today's meeting, ten (10) are under investigation, and two (2) are pending charges being filed.

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

Report of Concluded Investigation in the matter of docket #'s 2016-329 and 2016-331. Mr. Coane made a motion to accept the report as presented. Mr. Borch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Shortle, the Investigative Team member, was not present at the meeting and therefore did not participate in the vote.

5. **Correspondence/Discussion items**

Administrative Rules. Mr. Gilman informed members that the Office had received a few comments regarding the draft of the Administrative Rules that was posted. The Board members present agreed that Mr. Gilman will draft a response that explains the Board's intent on the proposed changes, to the initial questions presented and put the response on the website with the current draft and invitation to comment letter. The Board also discussed holding their public hearing at their May 23rd Board meeting date.

NASBA Eastern Regional Meeting. Mr. Partlow wanted to remind members that the Eastern Regional meeting will be held June 27-29, 2017 in Newport, Rhode Island. Mr. Borch and Mr. Love are interested in attending. Mr. Borch will contact NASBA to see if there are any scholarships available for attendees.

NASBA Focus Questions. Mr. Partlow discussed the new round of focus questions received from NASBA. As most of these questions pertain to enforcement the Board requested Mr. Gilman respond to the questions.

NASBA Model Rule for CPE. The Board reviewed the draft of the NASBA Model CPE rules to see verify that the proposed updates in the Vermont draft Administrative Rules were in line with each other.

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

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

Evan McCrea – Exam

Jun Okuda – Exam

Xueqi Gui – Exam

Laua Macuga – Exam

Amanda Penkrot – Exam

Andrew Kulig – Exam

Henry Stayduhar – Score Trans David Murphy – Endorsement Jessica Stephen – Endorsement

Stout, Causey & Horning, P.A. – Firm

The following applications were reviewed by the Board and were approved pending receipt of additional documentation.

Denise Decker – need additional transcripts proving the 150 credit requirement was met.

Robert Yaussy – need additional information from the University of Houston regarding transcript clarification.

7. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th.
8. **Adjourn.** Mr. Borch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 am. Mr. Love seconded the motion. Motion passed.