

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

Location: Vermont College Campus at Schulmaier Hall, 32 College Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

Minutes

May 28, 2013

Members present: Lee M. Spivey, Joshua Partlow, John Borch, Thomas Shortle and Jennifer Corey **Staff present:** Colin Benjamin, Peter Comart and Judith Griffen

- 1. 9:00 a.m. Called to order**
- 2. Approved the Minutes of the April 23, 2013 meeting with corrections.**
- 3. Reports/Follow-up cases**
 - a. Case Manager's Report: Carla Preston reported there are 7 pending cases at this time. Two are ready for closing and are on the agenda today, 3 are ready for hearing and are also on the agenda today. The final two cases have had charges filed.
 - b. Closing Report 2012-253 and 2012-254 - approved
- 4. Correspondence/Discussion items**
 - a. Peter Comart spoke to the Board regarding the VPCAP Proposal. The Board was reserved about taking a position on this proposal and once they receive more input they will make a final decision.
 - b. International Evaluation Services was accepted as an approved evaluation service for the Board.
 - c. Clarification on the rule changes for NASBA was discussed and Peter and Judith will respond.
 - d. Peter Comart will complete the survey for NASBA – State Board Highlights and Profiles.
 - e. The Board discussed endorsing Josh Partlow NE Regional Directors Position. The Board will endorse Josh Partlow. Peter will draft the letter for Board review and send once it is completed.
 - f. The Board will accept Escript-safe Transcripts.
 - g. The Board will endorse Jefferson Chickering for Director at Large and Josh will draft the letter for Board review.
 - h. The Board will change the July 23rd meeting to July 30th for purposes of a quorum.
 - i. The Board will start the newsletter for September mailing.

5. Hearings/Stipulations/Concluded Investigations

- a. 9: 30 a.m. - 2013-102 & 2013-103 – Stipulation and Consent Order for John M. McCluskey and McCluskey & Co., PC. Ed Adrian presented the Stipulation and Consent Order to the Board. The Board moved and seconded the Stipulation and Consent Order and went into a deliberative session. The Board voted and approved the Stipulation and Consent after returning from their deliberative session.
- b. 9:45 a.m. – 2012-736 – Stipulation and Consent Order for BDO USA, LLP. Ed Adrian presented the Stipulation and Consent Order to the Board. The Board moved, seconded and approved the Stipulation and Consent Order.

6. Licensing – Review the following applications for licensure

Monica Alcantara – examination – needs more experience

Kurt Lafargue – examination – experience may not qualify need explanation on how it does qualify under rule 5.9

Carmen Ng – examination – still does not have a bachelor’s degree or an evaluation that states the education is equivalent to the bachelor’s degree.

Betsy LaButti – endorsement - approved

Angela Nelson – endorsement - approved

Thomas Pietras – endorsement - approved

Vass Management PC – firm - approved

BDO USA, LLC – firm – approved

7. FYI

- a. Thank you letter from Mat Young
- b. CPA exam booklet

8 Other Board Business

Signing of Certificates

9. Adjourn