

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Meeting of June 24, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM.

Members present: Pamela J. Douglass, CPA, Chairperson; Claire LaVoie, CPA; John C. Borch, CPA.; and Lee Spivey, Vice chair. Absent: Cairn Cross, Public member.

OPR Staff present: Patty Skinner, Unit Administrator, Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Kevin Leahy, Board Council

Others present: Deborah Riley (Society of CPA's) and Kenneth Puzzey

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the May 24th meeting. A correction was made to 3 (a) removing "Robert Backus, Esq. was present for the state." A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read with corrections.

3. Hearings and/or Stipulation and Consent Orders for consideration

- a. Stipulation and Consent Order re Docket Nos. AC05-0807 & AC06-0807 regarding Connie J. Anania, CPA and Connie J. Anania, CPA (firm). Ed Adrian, Esq. presided for the State and Kevin Leahy, Esq. presided for the Board. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:47 a.m. and out at 10:30 a.m. It was the decision of the Board to reject the order.

Based on the facts to which the parties stipulated, and/or based on the allegations that the parties agreed could be supported by available evidence and which the Board could find in favor of the State, the Board of Accountancy declined to adopt the proposed consent order entered into by the State of Vermont and Ms. Anania.

Also, in light of the facts and/or based on the evidence acknowledged by the parties in the proposed stipulation, the Board of Accountancy makes the following recommendations to the parties as acceptable conditions under which the Board will adopt a consent order.

1. The Respondent may not petition for reinstatement for at least eleven (11) years beginning at the entry of the Board's order.
2. Prior to or contemporaneously with a petition for reinstatement, the Respondent shall notify Kenneth Puzzey, the complainant, and QuantoSpec Inc., or their successors and assigns that the Respondent is petitioning for reinstatement.
3. If Respondent does seek reinstatement at any point, the reinstatement

petition shall require an evidentiary hearing. The Respondent must demonstrate rehabilitation and meet all applicable requirements for reinstatement set forth in the laws governing the practice of the profession of accountancy. Mr. Puzzey, QuantaSpec, or their successors or assigns, will have permissive party status to any future reinstatement proceedings if either requested party status from the Board.

4. As part of Respondent's burden of demonstrating rehabilitation, Respondent must prove that sh has made restitution for damages caused by any violations of the laws governing the practice of the profession of accountancy.

4. Reports / Discussions

5. Applications

Mr. Spivey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Borch, to approve the following applications for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael J. Kane – Reinstatement
Anne Bueche – Examination
Kristina Bennett – Examination
Francis Mahoney – Reinstatement

Robert Clifford – Examination
Richard Hanson Jr. – Examination
Judith Stevens – Reinstatement

The Board reviewed the applications listed below but was unable to approve them as submitted. Applicants will be notified of the Board's findings.

Susan Nooney, CPA – LLC – Firm -
Susan Nooney – Endorsement

6. Correspondence (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; National Association of State Boards of Accountancy)

The Board reviewed and noted various correspondence from the sources mentioned above.

7. Miscellaneous Correspondence

a. Letter from Penny S. Bullard with a request for waiver. It was the decision of the Board that Ms. Bullard would have to complete the 120 semester hour requirement.

8. Public Comment

a. Deb Riley was present to discuss the mobility issues.

9. Other business

10. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 26, 2008.

11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned .

