

The Virginia Board of Accountancy met on Thursday, November 30, 2021, in in Kyle Hall, Room 340 Davis College of Business and Economics - 800-818 Howe Street Radford, VA 24141

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair

Wendy P. Lewis, CPA, Vice Chair

Jay Bernas

W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA

Nadia A. Rogers, CPA

MEMBER APPEARING

**VIRTUALLY:** William R. Brown, CPA

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** James Flaherty, Assistant Attorney General,

Office of the Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director

Renai Reinholtz, Deputy Director

Kelli Anderson, Communications Manager

Nicole Reynolds, Licensing and Operations Support Nicholas Tazza, Manager, Licensing and Examination

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Emily Walker, CAE, Vice President, Advocacy, Virginia Society of

Certified Public Accountants

Anna Bondy, Member, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants Dr. Joy Bhadury, Dean, Davis College of Business and Economics,

Radford University

Dr. Doug Brinckman, Chairman, Department of Accounting, Finance

and Business Law, Radford University

More than 70 Radford University students and faculty

**MEMBERS OF THE** 

**PUBLIC** 

**PARTICIPATING** 

**ELECTRONICALLY:** Rushabh Shah



## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Warwick called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

## **SECURITY BRIEFING**

Ms. Reynolds provided the emergency evacuation procedures.

## **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Warwick determined there was a quorum present.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Lewis, and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 2021, agenda, as amended. The members voting "AYE" were Ms. Warwick, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Bernas, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carson and Ms. Rogers.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Bradshaw and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to approve the September 30, 2021, Board meeting minutes, as presented. The members voting "AYE" were Ms. Warwick, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Bernas, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carson and Ms. Rogers.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. The members voting "AYE" were, Ms. Warwick, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Carson, Mr. Bernas, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Rogers.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Shah addressed the Board concerning an enforcement matter to be discussed at the meeting.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

## **NASBA Communications Committee**

Mr. Carson noted there were no updates for the NASBA Communications Committee.



### **NASBA CPE Committee**

Mr. Brown noted that he had transferred from the Enforcement Resources Committee to the NASBA CPE Committee.

### **NASBA Administration and Finance Committee**

Ms. Warwick noted there were no updates for the NASBA Administration and Finance Committee.

#### **NASBA Education Committee**

Ms. Rogers noted that the NASBA Education Committee's Webinar for all boards of accountancy in November has been postponed until January.

## **AICPA's Accounting and Review Services Committee**

Mr. Bradshaw provided updates regarding the AICPA Quality Management Exposure Draft. He noted comments were due to the AICPA.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## **General updates**

- Ms. Glynn informed the Board regarding current VBOA personnel needs, open positions that have been approved for the hiring process, and the status of the Enforcement Director position.
- Ms. Glynn noted VBOA staff have an upcoming communications training scheduled.
- Ms. Glynn provided handouts and discussed the status of the developing Enforcement software tracking system.
- Ms. Glynn noted that CPA Evolution has technology repercussions for VBOA; specifically the
  need to update current software in order to accommodate additional test sections. A support request
  to meet the impending change requirements is planned for the January Board meeting.
- Ms. Glynn fielded questions regarding the status of the 2022 budget decision process.

## Financial and Board Report update

Ms. Reinholtz presented the Financial and Board Report as of October 31, 2021.



## **Enforcement update**

Ms. Glynn provided handouts, led the discussion and fielded questions regarding Enforcement. She noted that aging cases are being resolved and that a new CPE audit pool had gone out. Potential timelines for future audits and compliance rates were discussed.

## **Board Discussion Topics**

### Use of the CPA title for expired licensees

Ms. Glynn led the discussion based on Virginia Code Title 54.1, regarding the issue of whether there is any scenario in which a former CPA may use the CPA title when that CPA's license has expired.

Ms. Glynn fielded questions and the Board discussed Code definitions, historical precedents and noted potential enforcement issues.

VSCPA provided comments during the discussion.

Ms. Glynn proposed instituting new advisory/enforcement communications from the Board and Mr. Bradshaw advised the issue could potentially be addressed through changes to VBOA Policies.

Ms. Glynn is to draft a policy for Board consideration.

### **Ethics: 2022 sponsor application**

Ms. Anderson reported that an email had been sent to invite current VBOA ethics sponsors to apply for 2022. Additional information will be added to the website in December to invite others to apply who are not current sponsors.

## Welcome VBOA and Students

Dr. Bhadury and Dr. Brinckman welcomed all attendees and thanked the Board for the opportunity to bring the world of business to the students of Radford University.

### **Board Member/Staff Introductions and VBOA Overview**

Ms. Warwick facilitated a presentation on the authority and functions of the VBOA. Each Board member introduced themselves and shared their inspiration for serving on the Board.



## **CPA Evolution: Changes to the CPA exam**

Ms. Rogers led a presentation on the future of the accounting profession, the purpose and details of CPA Evolution. She explained how it will effect educational institutions and current and future CPA exam candidates.

## RECESS FOR LUNCH 12 p.m.

## RECONVENE 1 p.m.

## Virginia Society of CPAs – Student resources

Ms. Walker and Ms. Bondy outlined the benefits for students to become members with the VSCPA.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS (continued)**

## Additional S.M.A.R.T. goal topics include:

- Education for exam
- Peer Review enforcement
- Education accreditation
- Education for licensure
- Fee structure

### **Enforcement Process**

Mr. Bradshaw led the discussion regarding the process of developing milestones for the adjudication of complaints filed with VBOA and the corresponding Enforcement and Board actions. Mr. Bradshaw recommended instituting the new benchmarks in VBOA software by July 1, 2022.

## **Qualifying CPE revisions**

Ms. Rogers led the discussion regarding current CPE requirements, new limitations to be introduced and new language to be added to the VBOA website. The language is meant to clarify and define any changes to the requirements. Discussion ensued. Ms. Warwick suggested that changes could be defined in a new Board policy to be introduced at the January Board Meeting.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

• Sign Conflict of Interest forms



Sign Travel Expense vouchers

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- January 11, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- May 25, 2022 Planning Meeting
- June 23, 2022

## **Begin closed meeting**

Upon a motion by Ms. Lewis, and duly seconded, the members approved by unanimous vote the meeting be recessed and the Virginia Board of Accountancy convene a closed meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to a matter lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the 'Legal advice regarding specific legal matters' and 'personnel matters' exemptions contained in Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A)(8) and Code §2.2-3711 (A)(1).

The following non-member will be in attendance for the closed meeting to reasonably aid in the consideration of this topic: James Flaherty.

The following non-member will be in attendance for a portion of the closed meeting to reasonably aid in the consideration of this topic: Nancy Glynn.

## CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE:

Ayes: Seven (7) Nays: None

## **End closed meeting**

Upon a motion by Ms. Lewis, and duly seconded, the Virginia Board of Accountancy convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the



Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the VBOA hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia laws were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the VBOA.

CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE:

Ayes: Seven (7) Nays: None

The following actions were taken as a result of the closed session:

Case #2019-117-008U (Rogers)

Ms. Rogers was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Carson, and duly seconded, members voted to accept the presiding officer's recommendation as presented.

## CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Abstain



VOTE:

Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

Case #2019-118-009U (Rogers)

Ms. Rogers was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion Ms. Warwick and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept, with grammatical edits, the presiding officer's recommendation.

### CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Abstain

VOTE:

Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

Case #2019-247-022D (Rogers)

Ms. Rogers was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bradshaw and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept the presiding officer's recommendation as presented.

CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye



W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Abstain

VOTE: Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

Case #2020-039-013U (Bradshaw and Saunders)

Mr. Bradshaw was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to reject the presiding officer's recommendation.

CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Abstain D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE:

Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

Case #2019-250-023D (Bradshaw and Lewis)

Mr. Bradshaw and Ms. Lewis was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bernas and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to reject the Consent Order #2019-250-023D as written and return it to VBOA staff for review.



### CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Abstain Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Abstain D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE:

Ayes: Five (5) Abstain: Two (2) Nays: None

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Case #2020-031-018D (Brown and Warwick)

Mr. Brown and Ms. Warwick were not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Carson and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept the Consent Order #2020-031-018D as written.

#### CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Abstain Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Abstain W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE:

Ayes: Five (5) Abstain: Two (2) Nays: None

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Case #2021-027-027C (Glynn)

Ms. Glynn was not present and did not participate in the closed session.



Upon a motion by Mr. Carson and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept the presiding officer's recommendation as presented.

CALL FOR VOTE:
Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye
Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye
Jay Bernas – Aye
William R. Brown, CPA – Aye
W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye
D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye
Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

Ayes: Seven (7) Abstain: None (0) Nays: None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the VBOA. Ms. Warwick adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

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	APPROVED:
	Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair
COPY TESTE:	
Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director	