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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY JANUARY 25 MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Accountancy met on January 25, 2019, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

James Bayson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** James Bayson, CPA, Chairperson  
Ola M. Smith, Ph.D., CPA, Vice Chairperson  
Paul M. Balas, CPA  
Robert Lee Clark, Public Member  
Barbara Homier, Public Member

**Members Absent:** Stephanie Bergeron, CPA  
Shelly Gower, CPA  
Jennifer Kluge, Public Member  
Kathleen Post, CPA

**Staff:** Kiran Parag, Analyst, Compliance Section  
Rick Roselle, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to approve the agenda as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to approve the minutes from October 26, 2018 as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

Smith served as Chairperson for items 5A through 5D.

### **John RB Braddock – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to discuss.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith  
Nays: None  
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Dorothy L. Howard, CPA, PLLC and Dorothy Louise Howard – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith  
Nays: None  
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

**Thaier Kinaya – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Homier, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith  
Nays: None  
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

**Robert P. Steinheiser – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith  
Nays: None  
Recuse: Bayson

MOTION PREVAILED

Bayson resumed serving as Chairperson.

**Mark R. Freed – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Smith, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Smith, Bayson  
Nays: None  
Recuse: Homier

MOTION PREVAILED

**Mark R. Smith – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

Roselle ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Smith, seconded by Balas, to elect Bayson as Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Roselle ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Bayson, seconded by Balas, to elect Smith as Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Continuing Education Sanctions**

Roselle presented the Resolution Regarding Preapproved Continuing Education Sanctions.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to adopt the Resolution Regarding Continuing Education Sanctions.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Roselle presented the amended Suggested Sanctions.

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to approve the Suggested Sanctions as amended.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Peer Review Sanctions**

Bayson indicated that the committee is working on suggested sanctions for violations pertaining to peer review. This work includes developing sanctions for 1) a licensee's failure to notify the department within 30 days after he or she receives a peer review fail rating or peer review second consecutive pass with deficiencies rating and 2) sanctions for a violation of professional standards that occurs based on the peer review rating a licensee receives.

### **Rules Committee**

Roselle announced that rules have been promulgated and explained when the continuing education changes would go into effect for licensees in the middle of the renewal cycle. Roselle discussed the need to open the rule set again.

Roselle reminded the board that the remainder of the changes to the Accountancy – General Rules went into effect on January 10, 2019. Roselle informed the board that the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants are considering moving to continuous testing with the Uniform CPA Examination. If the board wished to allow for continuous testing by Michigan examination applicants, then the current rules would need to be amended. Roselle advised the board that to begin reviewing the rules for changes it should consider taking a vote to open the rules.

MOTION by Homier, seconded by Balas, to open the rules set.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Balas, Clark, Homier, Smith, Bayson  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Chair Report**

Bayson thanked Roselle for his work and guidance through the rules process.

### **Department Update**

Roselle announced that Orlene Hawks has been named Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

## **Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA)**

Peggy Dzierzawski introduced Peggy Jury from MICPA. Jury gave an overview of the Peer Review process of MICPA. Dzierzawski announced the following event dates for MICPA:

January 31, 2019 – MICPA Board Meeting  
May 8, 2019 – Member Advisory Symposium  
October 3, 2019 – MICPA Awards Dinner  
November 8, 2019 – Educator Symposium

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Balas, seconded by Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on May 23, 2019.

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January 25, 2019