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Accounting Examining Board
Live "Virtual" Meeting
Room 121A, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, Madison
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June 27, 2012

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a description of the actions and deliberations of the Board.

SCREENING PANEL
8:30

1. Call Open Session to Order
2. Convene To Closed Session to consider discipline (s. 19.85(1)(B), Stats., and to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.
   a. Screen complaints received from the public against credential holders. The panel consists of 3 Board members and Department Staff.
3. Reconvene to Open Session
4. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon In Closed Session
5. Adjournment

FULL BOARD MEETING
9:00

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. Adoption of Agenda **(1-2)**

B. Approval of Minutes – April 24, , 2012 **(3-6)**

C. Secretary Matters

D. Executive Director Matters

E. Presentation of Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders by the Division of Enforcement including any received after printing of the agenda
1) 11 ACC 005 – Robert Jaques **(17-22)**
   a) Attorney: Laura Varriale
   b) Case Advisor: Marion Wozniak

F. Board Discussion Items including any received after printing of agenda
1) Division of Enforcement Matters
   a. Discussion of DOE Policy regarding screening **(7-8)**
2) Education and Examination Matters
   a. Review and Clarify Continuing Education Requirements for Reinstatement of CPA licenses after a 5 year lapse. **(9-10)**
3) Credentialing Matters
   a. Discussion Related to Firm Licensure and Mobility

4) Practice Question Matters
5) Legislation/Administrative Rule Matters
   a. Discussion Related to Legislative Change submitted by Globe University **(11-14)**
6) Liaison/Committee Reports
7) Speaking Engagement, Travel, Public Relation Requests
   a. NASBA Regional Meeting Report **(15-16)**

G. Informational Items

H. New Business

I. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1) (a), Stats.; consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warning (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats., to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.; and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.)

J. Deliberation of Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders including any received after printing of the agenda
1) 11 ACC 005 – Robert Jaques **(17-22)**
   a) Attorney: Laura Varriale
   b) Case Advisor: Marion Wozniak

K. Deliberation of other items including any received after printing of agenda
1) Case Closings
   a) 12 ACC 001 **(23-28)**
2) Case Status Report
3) Proposed Decisions
4) Summary Suspensions
5) Objections and Responses to Objections
6) Complaints
7) Administrative Warnings
8) Matters Relating to Costs
9) Monitoring Cases
10) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
11) Examination Matters
12) Application Matters
   a) Application Review
      Standard Applications – 44 **(29-30)**
      i. Prior Discipline Application – 1 **(31-38)**
13) Professional Assistance Program Cases
14) Motions

L. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

M. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate

N. Next Meeting Date: September 20, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

ACCOUNTING EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2012

Present:	Lucretia Mattson
Present by Live Meeting:	Karla Blair, Tom Kilkenny, Glenn Michaelsen, Kim Tredinnick, and Marion Wozniak.
Not Present:	Steven Corbeille
Staff:	Tom Ryan, Executive Director; Yolanda McGowan, Legal Counsel; Michelle Solem, Bureau Assistant; and other Department staff
Guests:	Dennis Tomorsky, Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants (WICPA); Monika Knapp, Melanie Torborg, Tracy Springer, Alisa DiSalvo and Shana Weiss, Globe University

Karla Blair, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum of 6 members was confirmed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amendments

- Add Item D (3) – Nominations for National Association of State Board of Accountancy - Great Lakes Regional Director.
- Add Item K(1)(b) – 09 ACC 004 – Case Closing

MOTION: Marion Wozniak moved, seconded by Glenn Michaelsen, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections

- Revise the September application review date to be before September 20.

MOTION: Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Tom Kilkenny, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2011, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MATTERS

Tom Ryan introduced himself as the interim Executive Director. He conducted the annual policy review. Karla Blair did not may any changes to the board appointments.

MOTION: Lucretia Mattson moved, seconded by Glenn Michaelsen, to nominate Kim Tredinnick as the National Association of State Board of Accountancy - Great Lakes Regional Director. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS, FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS BY THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Attorney Laura Varriale, Division of Enforcement, provided a presentation related to the following Stipulation, Final Decision and Order:

1. 11 ACC 014 – Mark J. Cash

BOARD DISCUSSION

1. **LEGISLATION/ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MATTERS**
    a. HR3606 – JOBS Act
    Kim Tredinnick told the Board how this act affects the practice of accounting within Wisconsin. Both he and Tom Kilkenny noted that this legislation regulates accounting standards thus taking control away from the professionals.

b. 2011 WI Act 146
Yolanda McGowan explained how 2011 WI Act 146 affects the Accounting Examining Board.

c. Discussion Regarding Firm Licensure and Mobility
After discussion, it was concluded that the Board would review the codebook and discuss further at the next meeting.

2. **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT, TRAVEL, PUBLIC RELATIONS REQUESTS**

a. NASBA Focus Questions
The Board formulated answers to the questions received from NASBA. Kim will present the responses at the meeting later this week.

b. NASBA Regional Meeting in Philadelphia June 13-15

MOTION: Glenn Michaelsen moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to designate Lucretia Mattson as the Board's delegate to attend the NASBA Regional Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, June 13-15, 2012, provided that scholarship funds are available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melanie Torborg, Globe University, indicated that they have introduced legislation that would change the educational requirements from a regionally accredited institution to an institution recognized by the National Board of Education.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lucretia Mattson moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1) (a), Stats.; consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warning (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats., to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.; and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Roll Call Vote: Karla Blair - yes; Tom Kilkenny - yes; Lucretia Mattson - yes; Glenn Michaelsen - yes; Kim Tredinnick – yes; Marion Wozniak - yes. Motion carried unanimously. Open session recessed at 10:22 a.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Lucretia Mattson, to reconvene in open session at 10:49 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED IN CLOSED SESSION

PROPOSED STIPULATIONS, FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS

11 ACC 014
MARK J CASH

MOTION: Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Lucretia Mattson, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Order, in the matter of 11 ACC 014 – Mark J. Cash. Motion carried unanimously.

CASE CLOSINGS

MOTION: Glenn Michaelsen moved, seconded by Kim Tredinnick, to close the following cases according to the recommendations by the Division of Enforcement:

a. 11 ACC 011 (P2)
b. 09 ACC 004 (IE)

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS

MOTION: Lucretia Mattson moved, seconded by Glenn Michaelsen, to issue the Administrative Warning in the matter of 10 ACC 016. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION MATTERS

MOTION: Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Tom Kilkenny, to act upon the applications as reviewed for today's meeting and noted in the application files. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Approved – 76

1. Abler, Timothy M
2. Aimers, Jennifer Lynn
3. Anderson-Cummings, Libby May
4. Ashman, Casey William
5. Barner, Amber Corinne
6. Bartolatta, Anthony J
7. Ben-Zikri, Sammy Will
8. Berghauer, Bryan Paul
9. Bollow, William Frank
10. Bone, Matthew Alan
11. Braley, Charles N
12. Brunner, Maxwell Michael
13. Burns, Ryan Mc Nair
14. Callahan, Margaret E
15. Chosa, Linda Sue
16. Clay, Darin M
17. Cline, Stacey Lynne
18. Ding, Jie
19. Eksler, Ilona
20. Falck, Stephanie A
21. Fenster, Jennifer S
22. Ferron, Jenna Lynn
23. Garbelman, Linda M
24. Giorgi, Andreanna D
25. Glanville, Dora Michelle
26. Hackbarth, Amy Elizabeth
27. Halverson, Aaron Joseph
28. Halverson, Michelle Lynn
29. Harmsen, Jacob G
30. Hintz, Paul William
31. Hischke, Amy Jo
32. Hochschild, Brian A
33. Holmes, Ian Lawrence
34. Huang, Yong
35. Kahler, Jeffrey Steven
36. Klein, David Richard
37. Larsen, Thomas Joseph
38. Lee, Monica
39. Liu, Wen Chieh
40. Maliborski, Sarah Lynn
41. Marcks, Lisa Marie
42. Mc Mullen, Kevin M
43. Mc Nally, Patrick Tyler
44. Nelson, Mei-Lyn
45. Parker, Danielle R
46. Pralea, Marcela
47. Prestegard, Christopher Alan
48. Reichertz, Erik Daniel
49. Reijo, Tammi S
50. Reinboldt, Anton Thomas
51. Richmond, Kimberly L
52. Robinson, Kory R
53. Romack, Tammy Lynn
54. Rotter, Matthew Steven
55. Samaha, Mahmoud Mohamed
56. Schneider, Markie Ann
57. Sharkey, Frederick John
58. Spanbauer, Lisa Mae
59. Staehler, Matthias J
60. Strick, Jennifer Christine
61. Swenson, Andrew Galen
62. Talbott, Andrea Renae
63. Van Den Plas, John James
64. Vander Wielen, Amanda H
65. Van Eperen, Mark J
66. Ven Rooy, Rachel Ann
67. Wacker, Ellen M
68. Wadzinski, Andrew James
69. Wagner, Erica Lynn
70. Weber, John F W
71. Wilson, Peter Michael
72. Wood, Tamara Lynne
73. Yingling, Benjamin John
74. Zander, Holly Rae
75. Ziche, Michelle Ceceal
76. Zink, Steven Philip

Lucretia Mattson provided the Board with an update related to the credits that might transfer from a college or university that was not regionally accredited.

Karla Blair authorized Lucretia Mattson to sign, as necessary, on her behalf.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Kim Tredinnick moved, seconded by Tom Kilkenny, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Regulation and Licensing

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Name and Title of Person Submitting the Request:	Date When Request Submitted:
Jeanette Lytle	June 1, 2012
	Items will be considered late if submitted after 5 p.m. and less than: ▪ 10 work days before the meeting for Medical Board ▪ 14 work days before meeting for all other boards

Name of Board, Committee, Council:
Accounting Examining Board

Board Meeting Date:	Attachments:	How should the item be titled on the agenda page?
June 27, 2012	Yes ☒ No	Discussion of DOE policy regarding screening.

Place Item in:	Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? If yes, by whom?	Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:
X Open Session ☐ Closed Session ☐ Both	X Yes by Chad Koplien ☐ No	

Describe the issue and action the Board should address:

DOE will discuss screening policy and answer any questions the board may have regarding screening protocols.

If this is a "Late Add" provide a justification utilizing the Agenda Request Policy:

Directions for including supporting documents:
1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda.
2. Documents submitted to the agenda must be single-sided.
3. Only copies of the original document will be accepted.
4. Provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Director or Program Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.

Authorization:

Signature of person making this request	Date 6/1/12
Supervisor signature (if required)	Date
Bureau Director signature (indicates approval to add late items to agenda)	Date

Revised Form 3/31/10 Division of Board Services/DRL

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Department of Safety & Professional Services

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and Title of Person Submitting the Request:	2) Date When Request Submitted:
David Okonski	6/6/12
	Items will be considered late if submitted after 4:30 p.m. and less than: ▪ 10 work days before the meeting for Medical Board ▪ 14 work days before the meeting for all others

3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:
Accounting Examining Board

4) Meeting Date:	5) Attachments:	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?
6/27/2012	☐ Yes ☒ No	Continuing education requirements

7) Place Item in:	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? If yes, who is appearing?	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:
☒ Open Session ☐ Closed Session ☐ Both	☐ Yes by (name) ☒ No	

10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:
Please review and clarify continuing education requirements for reinstatement of CPA licenses after a five year lapse.

11) Authorization

David L. Okonski — 6-6-12

Signature of person making this request — Date

[illegible] — 6/7/12

Supervisor (if required) — Date

Bureau Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) — Date

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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Name and Title of Person Submitting the Request:	Date When Request Submitted:
Mojgan Hall	6/18/2012
	Items will be considered late if submitted after 5 p.m. and less than: ▪ 10 work days before the meeting for Medical Board ▪ 14 work days before meeting for all other boards

Name of Board, Committee, Council:
Accounting Examining Board

Board Meeting Date:	Attachments:	How should the item be titled on the agenda page?
6/27/2012	☒ Yes ☐ No	Ligislation Pertaining to Globe University Regional Accreditation

Place Item in:	Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? If yes, by whom?	Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:
☒ Open Session ☐ Closed Session ☐ Both	☐ Yes by (name) ☒ No	

Describe the issue and action the Board should address:

AB718 broadens the qualifying institutions to include any bacherlor's degree-granting institution of higher education that is accredited by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the secretary of of the US Dept. of Education.

3/15/2012 Asm. Introduced by Representatives Litjens, Kooyenga and Thiesfeldt
3/15/2012 Asm. Read first time and referred to committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs942
3/23/2012 Asm. Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1

If this is a "Late Add" provide a justification utilizing the Agenda Request Policy:

Directions for including supporting documents:
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2. Late Adds must be authorized by a Supervisor, DOE Division Administrator, and Bureau Director.
3. Provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Director or Program Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.

Authorization:

Signature of person making this request	Date
Supervisor (if required)	Date
Division Administrator (if required)	Date
Bureau Director signature (indicates approval to add late items to agenda)	Date

State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE

LRB–4001/1
MPG:med:jm

2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 718

March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives LITJENS, KOOYENGA and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

AN ACT ***to amend*** 442.04 (4) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** degree requirements for certified public accountants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may not take the examination required to become a certified public accountant in this state unless the person has received a bachelor's or higher degree with an accounting concentration or with experience reasonably equivalent to an accounting concentration from an institution that is a bachelor's degree–granting institution of higher education accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (now known as the Higher Learning Commission) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or its regional equivalent.

This bill broadens the qualifying institutions to include any bachelor's degree–granting institution of higher education that is accredited by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 442.04 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

442.04 **(4)** (a) In this subsection, "institution" means a bachelor's degree–granting institution of higher education accredited by ~~the commission on~~

~~institutions of higher education of the north central association of colleges and schools or its regional equivalent~~ an accrediting agency that is recognized by the secretary of the federal department of education.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application for a certificate as a certified public accountant that is pending with the accounting examining board on the effective date of this subsection.

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NASBA Eastern Regional Meeting
Philadelphia, PA
June 13-15, 2012
Lucretia Mattson

1. Overhaul of NASBA as Ken Bishop becomes CEO: Motto is "Mission Driven, Member Focused" Emphasis on relevance, effectiveness through strategic planning including helping states produce high quality newsletters and distribute them; ALD has 36 states on the system with 14 more in process; CPAC is reducing the time for responses to CPA candidates; remodeled both New York & Nashville offices. M & M's are the new logo, no more GooGoos!
2. Legal update: use of "inactive" title in South Carolina; Enron/Anderson in Texas violating open meetings laws; award for gross negligence by state board investigation; Federal Trade Commission held that a state board of dentistry's enforcement of a clearly articulated statue was not exempt as state action but was antitrust conspiracy and public protection was irrelevant-being appealed to Fourth Circuit; state boards are granted immunity as individuals from being sued from board action by 11th amendment.
3. Education committee: 150 hours—St. Cloud University students are taking relevant courses and/or unintentional courses before being admitted to college of business/accounting. They are following the intent of the 150 hours. Minorities believe CPA exam is expensive, difficult and takes too much time. Economic status is more a problem than minority status.
4. Committee updates: UAA: problems with definition of "inactive" and "retired"; white paper being compiled on the UAA's definition of attest, to be distributed to state boards in August; drafting a Model Rule to conform the current definition of "independent" to that of other authoritative bodies; discussing with SEC how to handle foreign auditors. Effectiveness committee: goal is to retain and increase the number of state boards with independent characteristics (stand alone boards). 24 out of 55 are currently stand alone boards. Issues: funding/budgeting, staffing, appointment, composition. Also indicated state boards generally have a good working relationship with the state societies. Trying to develop a template to use to communicate to legislators and constituents board activity on an annual basis. Global strategies committee: planning an Orlando international forum for immediately after the fall NASBA meeting, trying to understand the similarities and differences among the regulatory systems throughout the world; currently there is a conflict between SEC request for information and the Chinese regulations.
5. PCAOB Proposals: revisiting the auditor rotation issue; PCAOB concept release in August of 2011 generated more questions: partner rotation every 5 years rather than firm rotation? Goal is to enhance independence and skepticism; should auditor rotation be mandatory every 10 years? How grave are these issues? Alternatives include joint audits, mandatory re-tendering (a rebidding process be required after 10 years with the same auditor), more disclosure of how long the auditor has been on the engagement? Audit-only firms (draconian measure); more restriction of non-audit services; increase role of audit committee oversight? Current thinking seems to be backing off of auditor rotation, further study of pros and cons, disclosure of auditor tenure, root cause analysis, further roundtables being scheduled.
6. Pathways Commission on Accounting Higher Education: formed after US Treasury Recommendation in 2008 on Human Capital #5. Preliminary recommendations: academicians need to coordinate research that the practitioners can use (as medical, engineering and legal professions do); reform the publication process (now takes nearly 4-5 years to publish and everyone wants in the same 4 top journals); reform accounting education so that teaching is respected and rewarded as a critical component for achieving each institution's mission;

develop improved curricula; improve ability to attract high quality students. These are the same issues that were discussed in 1931! Final report expected in late summer of 2012.

7. Financial Accounting Foundation: Chairman John H. Brennan discussed the creation of the Private Company Council (PCC) on May 23, 2012, encouraging people to apply nomination and get involved. The final report is available on the website.
8. Breakout sessions:
    a. Regional: CPE compliance is an issue; consolidation with other boards; difference between inactive and retired; 120/150 hours to sit for the exam; how to keep up with the always changing UAA?
    b. Communications: handout on how to improve & enhance board meetings; increase use of social media for the younger constituents; use the NASBA offer to assist in newsletters and communication template. I have an example of South Carolina's 2012 Annual report that is distributed.
    c. Enforcement: Use the ALD to find information; disciplinary alert has been established, sending a notice to executive directors when a CPA licensed in your state has been disciplined in another state; distributed a sample disciplinary warning letter some states use.
9. CPA exam has been launched successfully in the Middle East and Japan. The BOE is examining what processes need to be changed to get topics onto the exam in a more efficient manner. The pass rate has increased 3-4% since 2004.