

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Board of Accountancy



# Meeting Minutes Friday, December 5th, 2014

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy held its scheduled monthly meeting on Friday, December 5th, 2014 at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW 3rd Floor, Conference Room 300, Washington, DC. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Robert Todero at 9:04 AM.

Board Members Present: Robert Todero, Mohamad Yusuff, Joseph Drew Board Members Absent: Abdool Akhran Legal Advisor to the Board: Kia Winston, Esq. Staff Present: Clifford Cooks, Jason Sockwell, George Batista

#### Members of the Public:

- a) Paul Thrasher, Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants (GWSCPA)
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### Agenda Items: Comments from Public

- Paul Thrasher of the (GWSCPA) volunteered to produce a report for the Board listing the pros and cons of getting licensed in the District of Columbia.
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### Agenda Items: Minutes

- A draft of the minutes of the meeting held on October 3rd, 2014 was reviewed. Upon motion
  made by Board member Mr. Yusuff, and seconded by Board member Mr. Drew; the Board voted
  unanimously to approve the minutes.
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## Agenda Items: Old Business

- The Board lauded the success of its facilitation of the 107<sup>TH</sup> NASBA Annual Meeting, including the positive reception of Chairperson Todero's introductory speech, Mayor Vincent C. Gray's welcome speech and the "DC COOL" video presentations.
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#### Agenda Items: New Business

- The Board reviewed draft legislative amendments to D.C. Code 47-2853.41 et seq. (2014).
  - 1. Discussion centered upon fine imposition (section 472853.48), as well as the inclusion of the term "unrestricted" (section 47-2853.49).
  - 2. Chairman Todero directed Board Administrator Sockwell to conduct a study comparing the proposed legislation to Maryland and Virginia laws.
  - 3. The Board identified pertinent stakeholders regarding vetting of the proposed legislation including The Greater Washington Society of CPA's, NASBA and the AICPA.
- The Board requested that a list of all newly licensed CPA'S be provided at each Board meeting.

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Agenda Item: Correspondence

- NASBA Regional Directors Focus Questions was reviewed. Board member Yusuff motioned and Chairman Todero seconded a motion to approve the Board's responses.
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Agenda Item: Executive Session

- Pursuant to § 2-575(4)(a), (9) and (13) the Board unanimously voted to enter executive session at 9:51 AM to deliberate over the disposition of applications for licensure, review a complaint for possible disciplinary action and to receive legal advice from the Board's counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:03 AM.
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Agenda Items: Applications and Complaints

• Following discussion in executive session, Board member Mr Drew made a motion to defer the Michala Michael vs. Melvin Lipscomb, (Lipscomb & Associates) complaint. The Motion was seconded by Board member Yusuff. Certifications on all parties have been requested.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting:

- + The Board of Accountancy's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 16 January 2015, at 9:00 AM.
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## Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Board member Mir. Yusuff and seconded by Board member Mr. Drew, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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2-6-20 Date