

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
ILLINOIS PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT REGISTRATION & LICENSURE BOARD

**Open Minutes**

Illinois Public Accountant Registration & Licensure Committee

Date: February 6, 2024  
Convened: 10:10 am  
Adjourned: 11:34 am  
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Dawn Carlson, Chair  
Phillip Austin, Member  
Enrique Lopez, Member  
Cheryl Martin, Member  
Andrea Wright, Member

Guests Present: Geof Brown, ICPAS  
Marty Green, ICPAS  
Carla Ratchford, ILBOE

Staff Present: Amy Fisher, DPR Board Liaison  
James Koehl, DPR Board Liaison  
Tafari Mahou, DPR General Counsel

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member Announcements/Comments** Ms. Fisher welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had announcements or comments.

**II. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the open minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Austin/Martin) to accept the Open Minutes. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**III. Guest Announcements/Comments** Ms. Ratchford presented information regarding Examinations. As of 1-24-24 – JCAR approved a Rule to allow conditional credits for 30 months rather than 18 months. There are 3 new disciplines in the Exam in 2024. Tax Compliance & Planning, Information Systems & Controls and Business Analysis & Reporting. As of Q4 2023, 2568 unique candidates had taken the Exam with an average score 70.44 and pass rate of 46.96%.

Marty Green from ICPAS introduced Geof Brown as the CEO of ILCPAS. The General Assembly is in Session from January 19-May 24. Sunset provisions extended to 2029 and will be

changed to 5 years instead of 10 going forward. Mr. Green and Mr. Brown met with Acting Director Lindsay to strengthen the relationship between the Agency and ILCPAS. Discussed the CPA Coordinator roll at IDFPR, the position is a FT position that has been created but not budgeted or posted. ILCPAS supported HB2394 to update the licensing software system at IDFPR. There are difficulties finding auditors downstate. ILCPAS is working on solutions with IL Municipal League. A research project is underway for long term changes.

**IV. Ongoing Business**

No Old Business

**V. Board Chairperson Time**

NASBA is looking for ways to fill the pipeline of CPAs. MN has introduced a Bill to change requirements to 120 hours instead of 150. If passed, this could have unintended consequences to CPA's looking to move obtain licensure in another State. Changes were made to define in person training as of 1-1-24. The Eastern Regional Meeting is June 4-6, 2024, in Louisville, KY. The Western Regional Meeting is in Omaha, NE.

Ms. Carlson has termed off the Board.

**VI. Moved into Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Carlson/Lopez) to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:49 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**A. Review of Closed Minutes**

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the February 7, 2023, meeting.

**B. The Board reviewed 1 deliberation and made a recommendation.**

**VII. Moved back into Open Session:**

The Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:19 am.

Motion was made, seconded (Carlson/Martin) to approve the closed minutes of the February 7, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

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Motion was made, seconded (Carlson/Martin) to accept the recommendations made on the deliberation in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Cheryl Martin announced her resignation from the Board effective 9-30-24.

**VIII. Board Liaison Time**

Ms. Fisher reminded the Board the next scheduled meeting is June 18, 2024.

Ms. Fisher and Mr. Koehl thanked Chairperson Carlson for her years of dedicated service to the Board.

There is no update on the posting/hiring of the CPA Coordinator position at the Agency.

CPE audits – No updates. The last CPE audit was 10 years ago. Ms Carlson suggested the Agency investigate using NASBA's CPE audit service.

Motion/Seconded (Carlson/Martin) to keep closed meeting minutes closed.

Motion/Seconded (Austin/Lopez) to authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board for the deliberations and/or applications discussed during closed session.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion/Seconded (Martin/Austin) to adjourn meeting. The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:34 am.