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Illinois Public Accountant Registration and Licensing Committee: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2025

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 10:01 AM | **Adjourned:** 10:42 AM

Roll Call

Members Present:

- Phillip Austin, Chair
- Kristi Corpin, Member
- Kathryn Erkkila, Member
- Enrique Lopez, Member
- Andrea Wright, Member

Member(s) Absent:

- Rose Cammarata, Member

Staff Present:

- Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
- Gwendolyn Payton, IDFPR General Counsel
- Daniel Kelber, DPR General Counsel

Guests Present:

- Carla Ratchford, ILBOE
- Geof Brown, ICPAS
- Marty Green, ICPAS

Open Session

1. **Board Member Comments:** Mr. Austin volunteered to preside over the meeting, welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had comments. No comments presented.
2. **Guest Comments:** Ms. Ratchford presented information regarding proposed Rule changes to address the two additional pathways. She also noted they are working to identify the applicants with 150 vs 120 hours when notifying IDFPR. Further, she indicated they have initiated a paperless project and reminded the board the IL BOE board meeting is scheduled for September 29th.

Mr. Brown shared they are implementing a brand study and investigating how to market to high school and college students. Also noted was the readiness guide is being developed, further discussion of pathways & mobility and methods to ensure the public they can rely on CPAs.

3. **Board Liaison Report:**

- A. Legislative Update

HB 2459.

Mr. Lazell noted the bill was signed into law by the Governor. Portions will take effect on 1/1/2026 and others on 1/1/2027.

- B. Rules Update

Mr. Lazell shared he is drafting Rule changes to address the pending statutory changes, department cleanup efforts, and ensure that national standards are being met.

- C. New CORE Licensing System

Mr. Lazell provided an un update on the new licensing system, noting that the CPA CPE Sponsor application is now electronic and ACTIVE in the new system. The CPA and CPA Firm applications should be converted to the new system by the end of March 2026.

4. **Approval of Previous Open Minutes:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Lopez/Erkkila) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

5. **Ongoing Business:** None

6. **New Business:**

- A. **General Discussion:** No items presented.

Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Lopez/Erkkila) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4 & 15) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed with a quorum of members voting yes via roll call.

Entered Closed Session at 11:05 am

- A. **Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting.

- B. **Application/Deliberation Review:** The Board did not review any deliberations in the meeting.

The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session.

Returned to Open Session at 11:16 am

Motions and Reminders

Approval of Previous Closed Minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Corpin/Lopez) to approve the closed meeting minutes as presented, and keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Lopez/Erkkila) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.