

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE

December 6, 2019

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled teleconference of the Board of Public Accountancy was held December 6, 2019.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Karen Brewer-Tarver, at 3:00 p.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board were:

Leslie Schmitz, CPA
Karen Brewer-Tarver, CPA
Wayne Hogue, Public member
Wesley Tegeler, CPA
Don Rulien, CPA
Marja Beltrami, CPA
Karen Smith, Public member

Present from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:

Cori Hondolero, Executive Administrator

Agenda Item 1 – Review Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda and no changes were made.

Agenda Item 2 – Legislative Project Update

The Board had called the teleconference to discuss an issue that was brought up when the State Society had their meeting to review the proposed changes to the statutes. There were question about AS 08.04.360 and AS 08.04.380. It was noted that Lisa Rogers had completed a detailed review of the project and found some required edits; those were already provided to Mr. Cox, who also participated in the committee meeting.

AS 08.04.360 needs review for Board intent. Should it really be one office only? Does this make sense in this day and age? The Board also needs to discuss AS 08.04.380 regarding a waiver; should this section just be repealed? Ms. Beltrami noted that if you supervise remotely within Alaska, you can supervise remotely outside of Alaska. Ms. Schmitz stated that she would be uncomfortable with a CPA firm that had no CPA in Alaska. It was noted that with firm mobility, they are coming in to do work, but not set up an office.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Rulien seconded by Mr. Hogue, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to amend AS 08.04.360 to read: Each office established or maintained in this state for the practice of public accounting shall be under the direct supervision of an individual physically present who holds a license in this state. The supervisor may be a sole proprietor, partner, principal, member, or staff employee. A supervisor may serve in this capacity at any office in this state.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hogue seconded by Ms. Beltrami, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to repeal AS 08.04.380.

Agenda Item 3 – Application Review

The Board had access to applications being considered via OnBoard.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Beltrami seconded by Ms. Smith, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the firm permit of Forensic & Valuation Services Ltd.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Beltrami seconded by Mr. Rulien, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the Out-of-State firm permit of BPM LLP.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Rulien seconded by Mr. Hogue, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the Out-of-State firm permit of Gilbert CPAs.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Rulien seconded by Mr. Hogue, and approved by a quorum of the Board, it was:

RESOLVED to deny Joseph BouDebes' request for extension of REG score; 12 AAC 04.200(i), the request did not contain sufficient information. The applicant can come back with more information.

*Ms. Beltrami abstained from voting

There was an exam answer with a 'yes' answer that required Board review. The Board decided that it would be best to discuss in executive session.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hogue, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing an application before the Board.

The Board entered executive session at 3:57 pm

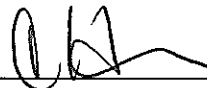
The Board went back on the record at 4:07 pm

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Rulien seconded by Mr. Hogue, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to request current & past employer references from the exam applicant. The file is also to be sent to investigations for their review and confirmation that issues were accurately reported.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cori Hondolero
Executive Administrator

Approved:



Karen Brewer-Tarver, Chair
Alaska Board of Public Accountancy

Date: 2/3/2020