

**STATE OF INDIANA
BEFORE THE
ACCOUNTANCY BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM 9:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Michelle Skeen, John Wright, Colleen Scheele, Sarah Schenkel

Staff Present: Toby Snell, Ashlee Scott, Donald Hannah, Donovan Johnson, Rachelle Cannon-Mason, Connie Adams

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Motion made by SS and seconded by CS to adopt the agenda

Motion carries 4-0-0

3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING MINUTES Motion made by JW and seconded by SS to adopt the amended minutes. Amend F, G, and H of the minutes from the July 12, 2024 meeting

Motion carries 4-0-0

4. REPORT FROM OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Report given by Ian Mathew

COURT REPORTER Margie Addington

5. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

a. In the Matter of the License of: Katherine Palm VIRTUAL Cause No.: 2021IBA0018

Notice of Proposed Dismissal

Re: Petition to Withdraw Probation

Ms. Palm appears virtually without counsel

Motion made by JW and seconded by CS to vacate the Notice of Proposed Dismissal

Motion carries 4-0-0

Motion made by SS and seconded by CS to withdrawal probation

Motion carries 4-0-0

b. In the Matter of the License of: Laura Deischer

License No. CP12300255

Administrative Cause No. 2023IBA0005

Re: Probation Withdraw Hearing

Ms Deischer appears in person without counsel

Motion made by CS and seconded by SS to withdrawal probation

Motion carries 4-0-0

c. In the Matter of the License of: Thomas Lynn Fuhrmann

License No: CP18552958

Administrative Cause No. 202406-ACC-0003

Re: Final Hearing

Ian Mathew appears on behalf of the state

Mr Fuhrmann does not appear

Motion made by CS and seconded by JW to issue a Notice of Proposed Default

Motion carries 4-0-0

6. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

a) Jennifer Harris Probation Check In

Jennifer Harris appears in person

She has completed all of her CPE and would like to have her license placed into the active status from inactive since being reinstated from suspension to probation.

b) Edward Popoola-Renewal

Edward Popoola appears in person

His father became sick and passed away and was not able to complete the required CPE for his renewal to remain in the active status. He is requesting the board accept his make-up CPE and renew his license.

Motion made by JW and seconded by CS to renew license and issue a Notice of Non-Compliance and has to make up 65.5 hours and 21 hours in live study and pay a civil penalty of \$660.00

c) Patricia Johnson Renewal

Patricia Johnson appears virtually

She was able to locate most of her CPE and realizes she is short on her hours

She needs 31.5 hours with 4 Hours in ethics. All hours can be in self-Study

Motion made by SS and seconded by JW to activate license and issue a notice of Noncompliance and must make up the 31.5 hours with 4 hours in ethics and pay a civil penalty of \$420.00

Motion carries 4-0-0

d) Wendy Fowler Renewal

Wendy Fowler appears virtually

Wendy was able to submit some of her missing CPE.

She was short 68.5 hours including ethics and A/A

Motion made by SS and seconded by JW to change status to active and issue a Notice of Noncompliance and must make up 68.5 hours to include 7 hours in A/A and 2 hours in ethics including ethics and A & A and pay a civil penalty of \$860.00

Motion carries 4-0-0

e) Gregory Bright Positive Response

Gregory Bright appears virtually

August of 2022 Mr Bright was charged for speeding at a high rate of speed which was a level 6 felony. This was later dismissed but did have a misdemeanor. He was in a manic state while taking Chantix to quit smoking. He started a program for recovery and has had no repeated issues.

Motion made by JW and seconded by SS to renew the license free and clear
Motion carries 4-0-0

f) Dennis Hayden Renewal

Dennis Hayden appears

Dennis was not able to complete the total of CPE due to medical issues. He was diagnosed with cancer and is going to continue to practice for at least the next two years so his son can take over the practice. He knows he has completed CPE, but he has not been able to provide CPE certificates. He is missing a total of 180 hours with 12 hours in A & A and 4 in ethics. This would result in the max penalty of 1000.00
Motion made by CS and seconded by JW to renew license into the active status and issue a notice of noncompliance and must complete a total of 120 hours with 4 hours in ethics and 12 hours in A/A with a civil penalty of \$500.00

Motion carries 4-0-0

g) Joel Shaw Renewal

Joel Shaw appears in person

Joel was not able to complete the total of CPE's due to family increasing with adopting a 4-year-old and they have been fostering a newborn. He understands the CPE is his responsibility. Things are calming down at home now.

He will provide additional information and appear at the November meeting

h) Stephanie Strang Renewal

Stephanie Strang appears virtually

Stephanie has not completed any CPE. She is not practicing since 2016 and has not needed her CPA license. She intended to renew into the inactive status

Motion made by SS and seconded by JW to renew the license into the inactive status

Motion carries 4-0-0

i) Karen Hartman Renewal

Karen Hartman does not appear

She will be rescheduled for the November 8th meeting

7. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Transfer of Grades

1. Weiwei Meng-Approved

2. **Jennifer Franceschini**-Motion made by JW and seconded by CS to deny request for transfer due to lack of accreditation, Missing an audit class
Motion carries 4-0-0

3. **Brian Garrard**-Approved

4. **Luke Bishop**

Motion made by JW and seconded by SS to table and request and ask for more info on who filled out the work information. who is Mr Freeman?

Motion carries 4-0-0

Motion made by JW and seconded by SS to approve numbers 1 and 3

Motion carries 4-0-0

B. Reinstatements

1. **Meifang Xiang**

Motion made by JW and seconded by SS to approve the reinstatement and issue a Notice of Non-Compliance for the hours needed. Needs to complete 120 hours of CPE with 12 Hours in A/A and 4 hours in ethics 50% self-study with a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

Motion carries 4-0-0

8. CPE HARDSHIP WAIVER AND EXAM EXTENSION REQUESTS

1. **William Manuel (CPE Hardship Waiver)**

Motion made by CS and seconded by JW to approve the CPE hardship waiver

Motion carries 4-0-0

2. **Yiyang Zhang (Exam Extension)**

Motion made by JW and seconded by CS to approve the exam extension to December 31, 2025

Motion carries 4-0-0

9. NOTICE OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

1. **Daniel Quinn (Reinstatement Notice of Noncompliance- Civil Penalty)**

Motion made by SC and seconded by JW to suspend the license

Motion carries 4-0-0

Colleen Scheele steps away 11:15 A.M.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Morgan Kilgore: Voluntary Relinquishment of License

Motion made by SS and seconded by JW to approve the voluntary surrender of the license

Motion carries 3-0-0

B. Stephen Senvisky: Petition to Voluntarily Surrender License

Motion made by SS and seconded by JW to deny the voluntary surrender of the license

Motion carries 3-0-0

C. Audit Update from Board Director

Board Director Snell gives update

D. Audit Civil Penalty

Advisory Counsel, Donald Hannah, gives update and will need two notices of noncompliance drafts and the difference with the language and the civil penalty based on “knowingly and intentionally”

E. CPA Society Discussion

Courtney from the CPA society discusses the follow up from the NASBA task force.

Colleen Scheele returns to meeting

F. Electronic Meeting Policy

G. Draft Rules

H. Board Signature Page

I. Staff Announcement

J. Meeting Start Time

Committee meetings starting at 9:00 A.M. and board meeting starting at 10:00 A.M.

11. ADJOURNMENT Motion made by JW and seconded by CS to adjourn 12:03 P.M.

Motion Carries 4-0-0

Michelle Skeen

Michelle Skeen, Board Chair
Indiana Accountancy Board

Next Scheduled Meeting:
November 8, 2024
Indiana Government Center South
402 W. Washington St., Room W064
Indianapolis, IN 46204