

Connecticut State Board of Accountancy  
January 7, 2003  
Minutes

Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the second floor conference room in the Office of the Secretary of the State, 30 Trinity St. Hartford CT.

Present :

Bernard Blum, CPA, Chairman  
James Ciarcia  
Philip J. DeCaprio Jr., CPA  
Sandra Schork  
George Veily, CPA  
Michael Weinschel, CPA

David L. Guay, Executive Director  
Diane Ruggia, Board Staff

Attorney Richard Greenberg, Counsel to the Board  
David Hemond, Chief Attorney for The Connecticut Law Revision Commission  
Arthur Renner, Executive Director Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants

Motion made by George Veily and seconded by James Ciarcia to approve the initial certificate applications and the initial and reinstatement applications for registrations and licenses, all voted in favor. The certificates, registrations and licenses approved at the January 7, 2003 meeting are incorporated into these minutes by attachment.

Motion made by Sandra Schork and seconded by George Veily to approve initial and reinstatement applications for firm permits to practice, all voted in favor. The permits approved at the January 7, 2003 meeting are incorporated into these minutes by attachment.

George Veily suggested the Board consider a procedure when dealing with cases of initial license applicants whose experience was obtained many years ago, leaving them unable to locate supervisors or employers to verify the experience portion required as part of the license application. Mr. Veily indicated that he would inquire at the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy headquarters as to how other jurisdictions may handle this situation.

A motion to approve and accept the report on the November 2002 CPA Exam was made by George Veily and seconded by Michael Weinschel, all voted in favor. A copy of the report is incorporated into these minutes by attachment.

Chairman Blum asked for a Board member to review the November 2002 CPA Exam grades. George Veily volunteered to review them.

The January 2003 Enforcement Docket was tabled until the February Board Meeting by consensus. Board Attorney, Michael Kozik was unable to attend the January 3, 2003 Board Meeting.

Chairman Blum opened discussion with regard to the Board's communication to the Connecticut Law Revision Commission on reform. Sandra Schork commented whether or not the Board should review its composition of "public" versus "professional" members, questioning conflict of interest by professional members due to the nature of what the Board does as a body. Ms. Schork also raised the point that having more public members may create better coverage and input from the public. George Veily commented that there is more to regulating the profession than just understanding it, as Public members may not be in a fair position of having as much understanding or meaningful input as those who have directly served in the profession.

George Veily suggested the Board move forward with its efforts on reform and formally submit a document to the Connecticut Law Revision Commission that should include minority points of view, as well as the position of the majority of the Board members. James Ciarcia suggested that the Board discuss all issues prior to formally submitting anything to the Connecticut Law Revision Commission. Philip DeCaprio suggested the Board members submit something in writing for the February meeting to provide as an agenda of important items to the Law Revision Commission. It was suggested that issues discussed at the December 3, 2002 Board meeting also be included.

Executive Director of the Connecticut State Board David Guay updated the Board with regard to the status of the 2003 License, Certificate and Permit to Practice Renewal production. David informed the Board that due to the 20% decrease in staff as a result of layoffs, the staff has completed to date, approximately one-fifth of its renewals.

Michael Weinshel posed a question to David Guay as to whether the reduction in staff will overload the Board throughout the rest of the year. David Guay's response indicated the Board would be negatively impacted.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2002 Board meeting was made by Michael Weinshel and seconded by Sandra Schork, all voted in favor.

Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants Executive Director Arthur Renner updated the Board. At their December 5, 2002 meeting, five professional members were appointed to act on behalf of the Society as advisors on the issue of reform with the Connecticut Law Revision Commission. Arthur Renner informed the Board that at this time the group is in a preliminary assessment period. Mr. Renner informed the Board that within the next couple of weeks something should be forwarded to the Connecticut Law Revision Commission.

David Hemond, Chief Attorney for the Connecticut Law Revision Commission encouraged the Board to begin a process of formulating their position on reform, and submit it to the Law Revision Commission.

Chairman Blum directed the Board in deliberation of Case #649 a/k/a Case #20004. Upon deliberation, a motion to revoke the Certified Public Accountant Certificate, Number 6442 of Mr. Phillip A Madonna Jr. was made by George Veily and seconded by Sandra Schork. A roll call vote was taken:

<b>Bernard Blum, CPA, Chairman</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>James Ciarcia</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Philip J. DeCaprio Jr., CPA</b>	<b>Recused</b>
<b>Sandra Schork</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>George Veily, CPA</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Michael Weinshel, CPA</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>James Quinn</b>	<b>Absent</b>

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James Ciarcia, and seconded by George Veily, all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.