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MINUTES OF THE
JULY 6, 2009
BOARD MEETING

FINAL

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Roll Call and Call to Order.

President Robert Petersen called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2009, and the meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Board Members

July 6, 2009

Robert Petersen, President	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Manuel Ramirez, Vice President	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Lorraine Hariton, Secretary-Treasurer	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Sally Anderson	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Rudy Bermúdez	8:30 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Michelle Brough	Absent
Angela Chi	Absent
Donald Driftmier	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Herschel Elkins	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Louise Kirkbride	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Leslie LaManna	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
Marshal Oldman	8:03 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.

David Swartz
Lenora Taylor

Absent
Absent

Staff and Legal Counsel

Rich Andres, Associate Information Systems Analyst
Marisa Becerra-Garcia, Executive Analyst
Patti Bowers, Executive Officer
Veronica Daniel, Executive Support Analyst
Kris McCutchen, Manager, Licensing Division
Deanne Pearce, Acting Chief, Licensing Division
Dan Rich, Assistant Executive Officer
Matthew Stanley, Legislation/Regulation Analyst

Other Participants

Bruce Allen, California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA)
Richard Robinson, E&Y, DT, PWC, KPMG, GT
Gregory Santiago, Legislation Analyst, Department of Consumer Affairs
Hal Schultz, CalCPA
Jeannie Tindel, CalCPA
David Tolkan, Society of Certified Accountants

I. Roll Call and Call to Order.

Board President Petersen called the meeting to order on July 6, 2009.

II. Determination of Need for Special Meeting.

Mr. Petersen stated this was an emergency Board meeting and only those items noticed on the agenda would be discussed. He stated it was determined there was a need for a special meeting due to amendments made to Senate Bill (SB) 691, and it was necessary for Board members to discuss the amendments before his possible testimony on the bill on July 7, 2009.

III. Discussion of Amendments to SB 691.

Mr. Stanley reported that SB 691 by Assembly Member Leland Yee was going to be heard in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee on July 7, 2009. He stated the Board previously took a support position on this bill; however, the bill was changed in the Senate Appropriations Committee. He stated it would require a candidate pursuing licensure under Pathway 1 acknowledge when they sit for the examination that it may not be viewed as substantially equivalent in that state. He stated it would also require Board staff to check with every jurisdiction to ensure the acknowledgement and declaration of substantial equivalency is sufficient under those states' laws to make California substantially equivalent, and would require the Board to

produce a report to the Legislature should any single state deem this insufficient to establish substantial equivalency, which would then require the Board to present options for establishing substantial equivalency. Mr. Stanley further stated the proposed amendment contains several areas of concern as written, and that staff drafted clarifying amendments as shown in Attachment 2 (**See Attachment 1**).

Mr. Petersen stated this would create four classes for licensure: attest with 150 hours, attest with limited practice rights in other states, general licensure, and general licensure with limited pathway in other states. He further stated there was no assurance this bill would result in substantial equivalency by other states and fears some states would not accept substantial equivalency when there are two pathways.

Mr. Petersen recommended not taking an oppose unless amended position on this bill.

Mr. Ramirez stated his desire to become substantially equivalent and get back to one license, and would accept the recommendation of taking a support if amended position on this bill.

Mr. Elkins inquired as to how other states would determine which pathway was utilized. Ms. Bowers stated a policy decision would need to be reached on how to display the information on the Board's Web site, and the information may be able to be accessed via License Look-Up.

Ms. Hariton stated the goal of the Board is to become a substantially equivalent state, and inquired how this proposal would be accepted by other states.

Ms. Anderson inquired as to why the CalCPA remains supportive of this bill.

Mr. Allen stated CalCPA's goal is for California to be recognized as substantially equivalent by the other states, and until information is received that it would not be accepted, the society will continue to support the bill.

Mr. Ramirez stated he did not believe this bill would accomplish 100 percent substantial equivalency with the other states, and recommended the Board take a support if amended position. He stated he would like to go back to Assembly Member Yee's original bill and eliminate the Senate Appropriations' amendments.

Ms. Tindel pointed out this bill would not create two classes of licenses, since Pathways 1 and 2 already exist. Mr. Ramirez stated his desire to see one pathway to licensure.

Mr. Bermúdez stated his belief the Board should remain neutral on this bill until the July 2009 Board meeting, where the Board could then take an official position.

It was moved by Mr. Bermúdez, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, and unanimously carried by those present to adopt a neutral position on SB 691.

Mr. Stanley commented that taking a neutral position may warrant additional special Board meetings.

Mr. Ramirez stated his wish to meet with legislators to address concerns and educate them on the activities of the Board.

Mr. Bermúdez suggested scheduling a meeting in August 2009 to address this and other bills impacting the Board. He further stressed the importance of reaching out to other states, as well as sending a letter detailing the Board adopted a neutral position on SB 691

IV. Public Comments.

No comments were received.

V. Adjournment.

President Petersen adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2009.

Robert A. Petersen, President

Manuel J. Ramirez, Vice President

Marisa Becerra-Garcia, Executive Analyst, and Patti Bowers, Executive Officer, California Board of Accountancy, prepared the Board minutes. If you have any questions, please call (916) 561-1718.