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 CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**MINUTES OF THE  
 January 20-21, 2022  
 CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY  
 TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum, and Opening Remarks.

California Board of Accountancy (CBA) President Michael M. Savoy, CPA, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022. The CBA held the meeting via teleconference, consistent with the provisions of Government Code section 11133. The CBA convened into closed session from 1:56 p.m. until 2:48 p.m. The CBA convened into open session on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. until 1:34 p.m. President Savoy adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

President Savoy read the following into the record:

“The CBA’s mission is to protect consumers by ensuring only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with established professional standards. This mission is derived from the statutory requirement that protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the California Board of Accountancy in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.”

CBA Members

Michael M. Savoy, CPA, President  
 Mark J. Silverman, Esq., Vice-President  
 Katrina L. Salazar, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer  
 Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA  
 Mary M. Geong, CPA  
 Karriann Farrell Hinds, Esq.  
 Dan Jacobson, Esq.  
 Xochitl A. León  
 Luz Molina Lopez  
 Zuhdia “Dee Dee” Owens, CPA  
 Ariel Pe  
 Deidre Robinson

January 20, 2022

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CBA Members

Yen Tu

January 20, 2022

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Staff and Legal Counsel

Patti Bowers, Executive Officer

Deanne Pearce, Assistant Executive Officer

Michelle Center, Chief, Licensing Division

Elizabeth Coronel, Strategic Business Analyst, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

Theodore Drcar, Deputy Attorney General (DAG), Department of Justice (DOJ)

Emmanuel Estacio, Information Technology Support Analyst

Dominic Franzella, Chief, Enforcement Division

Helen Geoffroy, Legal Counsel, DCA

Suzanne Gracia Examination Unit Manager

Patrick Ibarra, Information and Planning Officer

Mary Kate Cruz Jones, Staff Services Manager, Executive Unit, DCA

Shelly Jones, SOLID Planning Manager

Amir Larian, Website Analyst

Alex Millington, Attorney III, Legal Affairs Division, DCA

Kari O'Connor, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Division

Bryce Penny, Television Specialist, Office of Public Affairs, DCA

Rebecca Reed, Board Relations Analyst

Committee Chairs and Members

Douglas Aguilera, CPA, Chair, Enforcement Advisory Committee (EAC)

Jason Russell, CPA, EAC Member

Jeffrey De Lyser, CPA, Chair, Peer Review Oversight Committee (PROC)

Laura Ross, CPA, Vice-Chair, PROC

Other Participants

Jahmy Alvarez, Diamond Court Reporter

Shawna Durgin, Legislative Assistant, California Society of CPAs (CalCPA)

Margaret Echerd

Jason Fox, Vice-President of Government Relations, CalCPA  
Sean Gavin, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings  
Daniel Patric Hudgens, Petitioner  
Barbara Pavlick

I. Petition Hearings.

A. Daniel Patric Hudgens, CPA 78371 – Petition for Reinstatement of Surrendered Certificate.

The CBA heard Daniel Patric Hudgens' petition for reinstatement of surrendered certificate.

II. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3), the California Board of Accountancy will Convene into Closed Session to Deliberate on the Petition.

III. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e), the California Board of Accountancy will Convene into Closed Session to Receive Advice From Legal Counsel on Litigation.

A. *Lanfeng Zhao and ELZ Accountancy Corporation v. California Board of Accountancy*, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 18STCP02951.

B. *Michael D. Robinson v. California Board of Accountancy*, San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CPF-19-516602.

IV. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3), the California Board of Accountancy Will Convene into Closed Session to Deliberate on Enforcement Matters.

V. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda.

No public comments were received.

VI. Report of the President.

A. Report of the Leadership Roundtable Meeting Regarding California Board of Accountancy Activities for 2022.

President Savoy reported on the Leadership Roundtable meeting, CBA Leadership reviewed the planned meeting topics and priority projects for 2022 which included the following:

- Establishment of the Taskforce to review the attest and general experience requirements.
- Importance of continuing the Business Modernization projects.
- Continued focus on Communications and Outreach.
- Conducting a review of Peer Review Oversight Committee materials.

- Working with DCA's Office of Professional Examination Services on an occupational analysis.
- Preparation of the CBA's Sunset Review report.
- Promotion of a cohesive board and develop more comradery amongst members.
- Improving the CBA's customer service.

B. Announcement of the New Committee and Liaison Assignments.

This was a written report only.

C. Discussion Regarding the California Board of Accountancy's Business Modernization Project.

Ms. Gracia provided an update regarding the activities related to the Business Modernization (Biz Mod) Project. She stated the goal of Biz Mod was to develop and deploy new information technology systems to streamline licensee and applicant experiences by automating key program activities.

D. Overview of the Sunset Review Process.

Mr. Ibarra provided an overview of the Sunset Review process.

E. Department of Consumer Affairs Director's Report on Departmental Activities.

Ms. Cruz Jones provided a report on departmental activities which included the following:

- Implementation of enhanced safety measures due to the spread of COVID-19.
- State employees, including board or committee members, must show proof of vaccination or be subject to regular COVID-19 testing if planning to attend an in-person meeting or visiting a DCA location.
- The California Department of Public Health requires masks be worn in all indoor public settings until February 2022 regardless of vaccination status.
- DCA's COVID-19 Testing Program kicked off in early October at DCA headquarters and has expanded to additional sites and home testing.
- DCA and its boards and bureaus continue to look to the future and use lessons learned to identify long-term efficiencies and policy changes.
- January 5, 2022 Governor Newsom signed an executive order extending the sunset date in Assembly Bill 361, allowing the continuance of public meetings via teleconference through March 31, 2022 and Sacramento County issued a local order on January 6, 2022 directing public boards, committees, and similar public bodies to

suspend any in-person meetings that might be held within Sacramento County.

- DCA's communications team released a new communications toolkit to assist boards with member recruitment and it is available in multiple languages.
- Reminder that members are required to complete the annual Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 filing by April 1, 2022.
- Reminder that board members that were recently appointed or reappointed need to attend the DCA Board Member Orientation Training within one year of appointment or reappointment. Members can register for the training through DCA's Learning Management System.

VII. Report of the Vice-President.

- A. Recommendations for Appointment(s)/Reappointment(s) to the Enforcement Advisory Committee.

There was no report on this agenda item.

- B. Recommendations for Appointment(s)/Reappointment(s) to the Qualifications Committee.

There was no report on this agenda item.

- C. Recommendations for Appointment(s)/Reappointment(s) to the Peer Review Oversight Committee.

There was no report on this agenda item.

VIII. Report of the Secretary/Treasurer.

- A. Discussion of the Governor's Budget.

Ms. Salazar reported the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 was released on January 10, 2022 and the CBA's proposed budget was \$17,898,000.

- B. Discussion of the First Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Ms. Salazar provided an overview of the CBA's first quarter financial report for FY 2021-22. She noted the CBA's budget authority was \$17,614,000, expenditures and encumbrances were approximately \$4.8 million, and the CBA's revenues increased more than 14% due to the increase in initial license and license renewal fees on January 1, 2021. She stated the CBA's fund condition was projected to be 7.9 months in reserve at the end of FY 2021-22.

- C. Presentation of the California Board of Accountancy's Fee Analysis Conducted by Crowe LLP.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

IX. Report of the Executive Officer.

- A. Review and Approval of the Proposed Changes to the California Board of Accountancy Member Guidelines and Procedures Manual (G&P Manual).

Ms. Pearce provided an overview of the proposed changes for the G&P Manual.

Ms. Salazar requested staff include language regarding mail votes for disciplinary actions can be conducted electronically via email or through the United States Postal Service.

**It was moved by Ms. Hinds and seconded by Ms. Salazar to adopt the January 2022 version of the G&P Manual, including any non-substantive edits.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

- B. Update Regarding California Board of Accountancy's Administration Division.

Ms. Pearce provided an update regarding the CBA's Administration Division.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the California Board of Accountancy 2022 Communications and Outreach Plan.

Mr. Ibarra provided an overview of the 2022 Communications and Outreach Plan. He stated the purpose of the agenda item was to provide the CBA an opportunity to discuss, provide feedback, and approve the proposed plan.

Ms. Molina Lopez requested staff work on developing various CBA materials in multiple languages.

Mr. Pe suggested staff make the information on the CBA's website viewable and easily accessible across all electronic platforms including via computers, cellular phones, and tablets.

Mr. Fox recognized staff for being proactive and offered CalCPA's assistance in providing a venue or platform for the CBA to better connect with licensees. He also recognized Ms. Pearce for her participation in a recent CalCPA event with a panel discussion and providing an update of CBA activities.

**It was moved by Ms. León and seconded by Mr. Pe to approve the 2022 Communications and Outreach Plan.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

- D. Update on the California Board of Accountancy's Communications and Outreach.

Mr. Ibarra provided an update regarding the CBA's communications and outreach activities.

- X. Report on the Enforcement Advisory Committee, Qualifications Committee, and Peer Review Oversight Committee.

- A. Enforcement Advisory Committee.

- 1. Report of the December 2, 2021 Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mr. Aguilera reported the EAC conducted a meeting on December 2, 2021 and the next EAC meeting would be held on February 3, 2022.

- B. Qualifications Committee.

There was no report on this agenda item.

- C. Peer Review Oversight Committee.

1. Report of the December 10, 2021 Peer Review Oversight Committee Meeting.

Mr. De Lyser reported the PROC conducted a meeting on December 10, 2021. He noted the PROC discussed 2021 and 2022 PROC activities and assignments, the oversight of out-of-state administering entities, peer reviewer pool data from AICPA, and preliminary results of AICPA's 2021 administrative site visit to CalCPA.

2. Approval of the 2022 Peer Review Oversight Committee Meeting Dates.

**It was moved by Ms. Corrigan and seconded by Mr. Silverman to approve the 2022 PROC meeting dates.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

## **XI. Regulations.**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 2.8.

Ms. Pearce reported the purpose of this item was to provide the CBA the opportunity to consider any public comments and provide responses and to provide an opportunity for the CBA to adopt proposed amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 2.8.

Ms. Pearce noted the proposed amendments would allow for applicants to obtain and submit certified transcripts directly to the CBA with their respective applications and create a new method for educational institutions to submit transcripts electronically to the CBA.

Ms. Pearce stated the CBA received one written comment which requested the following:

The option to dismiss from the qualifications provision(s) of Title 16 any and all foreign education credits, certificates, diplomas and the like from



the agenda for inclusion as passable business and accounting course and accounting preparation work and study in view of accountancy certification in California retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Staff proposed the CBA reject the comment for the following reason:

The comment is vague and outside the scope of what is being proposed. The regulatory proposal focuses on the method and form in which the CBA will accept documentation of educational qualifications. The comment seeks to eliminate acceptance of anything related to foreign education (credits, certificates, diplomas, etc.). The comment cannot be accomplished solely via a change to CBA Regulation section 2.8 and would instead require changes in other CBA Regulation sections and likely statutory changes.

**It was moved my Mr. Jacobson and seconded my Ms. Molina Lopez to adopt the proposed amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 2.8 with the following additional language added to the proposed text to line three after Boards in “an envelope sealed by the institution and untampered.”**

**Yes: Mr. Jacobson.**

**No: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion failed.**

**It was moved by Ms. Hinds and seconded by Ms. Owens to:**

- **Adopt the staff recommendation to reject the comment regarding the proposed regulatory text,**
- **Adopt the regulatory text in Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 2.8,**
- **Direct staff to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking file, including submitting to the Director of DCA; the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency; and OAL, and**
- **Authorize the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed regulations, and adopt the proposed regulations as originally noticed.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu**

**No: Mr. Jacobson.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

**B. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 19.**

Mr. Franzella reported the purpose of this item was to provide the CBA the opportunity to approve and adopt the recently modified and updated text to the proposed regulations to amend CBA Regulations section 19 – Practice Privilege Forms for Individuals.

Mr. Franzella stated staff completed the final documents for the package and submitted them for review to DCA; Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency; and Office of Administrative Law (OAL). He noted OAL contacted staff regarding the following two concerns they had with the proposed regulation:

1. OAL highlighted that as part of the language included in Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5096.22, the Legislature required individuals to notify the CBA via a form and pay a fee. OAL noted that the language adopted by the CBA did not address the fee and must do so in order to meet the requirements of BPC section 5096.22.
2. OAL also raised concern with the necessity of including the originally noticed text in Section D found in the practice privilege form incorporated by reference. OAL noted that if the CBA intended to continue to use this text it would need to update the rulemaking package to include greater detail on the necessity of each bulleted area.

Mr. Franzella stated based on staff's discussions with OAL, staff worked with OAL and DCA to develop modified text to address the need to include reference to the fee and to eliminate any unnecessary and duplicative statutory text found in the proposed form.

The amended language was re-noticed to the public for the required 15-day period, and an Addendum to the Initial Statement of Reasons was created and posted to the CBA website to provide the public with the reasons for the proposed changes. No comments regarding the proposed changes were received.

**It was moved by Ms. Owens and seconded by Mr. Silverman to:**

- **Adopt the modify text for Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 19;**
- **Delegate to the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive changes;**
- **Direct staff to update any necessary rulemaking materials; and**
- **Direct staff to submit the documents to OAL.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

**C. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Adoption of Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Sections 54.3 and 54.4.**

Mr. Franzella stated the purpose of this agenda item was to provide the CBA the opportunity to consider a withdrawal of a rulemaking package associated with the proposed adoption CBA Regulations sections 54.3 and 54.4 – Sale, Transfer, or Discontinuance of Licensee’s Practice. He noted due to the volume of comments received, staff would like additional time to evaluate the comments received, have discussions with CalCPA regarding inquiries it has received, and consider possible solutions to the various issues raised.

Mr. Fox recognized staff and Mr. Franzella’s comments and appreciated staff taking additional time to review comments that were received regarding the proposed regulations.

**It was moved by Mr. Jacobson and seconded by Ms. Salazar to withdraw the rulemaking package and direct staff to work with the commenters, CalCPA, and other stakeholders in addressing the feedback received and ensure the final regulatory text provides an effective framework for the sale, transfer, or discontinuance of a licensee’s practice.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

**XII. Report of the Enforcement Chief.**

**A. Enforcement Activity Report.**

Mr. Franzella provided an overview of this agenda item.

**XIII. Report of the Licensing Chief.**

**A. Licensing Activity Report.**

Ms. Center provided an overview of this agenda item.

**XIV. Meeting Minutes.**

**A. Adoption of the Minutes of the November 18-19, 2021 California Board of Accountancy Meeting.**

**It was moved by Ms. Corrigan and seconded by Ms. Robinson to adopt the minutes of the November 18-19, 2021 California Board of Accountancy meeting, which included non-substantive edits that were noted after the minutes were received.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

**B. Acceptance of the Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Legislative Committee Meeting.**

**C. Acceptance of the Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting.**

**It was moved by Ms. Corrigan and seconded by Mr. Pe to accept items XIV.B. and XIV.C., which included non-substantive edits that were noted after the minutes were received.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

**XV. Other Business.**

**A. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.**

1. Report on Meetings of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Attended by a California Board of Accountancy Representative.
  - a. State Board Committee.

There was no report on this agenda item.

**B. National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.**

1. Report of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy Pacific Regional Director.

Ms. Corrigan reported there was discussion regarding the following topics during the January 18, 2022 NASBA Board of Directors meeting:

- The Mutual Recognition Agreements that the NASBA has with other countries, including the United Kingdom and Hong Kong.
- *The Candidate Performance Book* was no longer a focus of NASBA and were switching their focus to a data extraction project to improve the pipeline.
- CPE Audit Service available for states that need assistance with tracking continuing education and auditing for licensing.
- The Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing was partnering with states and legislative groups, boards and societies to protect licensing from groups working to deregulate professional licensing.

- The experience requirement and looking into adding additional continuing education in place of audit hours.
  - Many states are reviewing a 120 hour verses 150 hour educational requirement. NASBA was looking into a program or model where internships and apprenticeships would be considered for the educational requirement.
  - The reappearance of non-CPA owned firms buying CPA firms, in which the CPA would stay on as staff to perform the CPA type work while the entity continued with their regular line of business.
2. Report of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy Director-at-Large.

Ms. Salazar provided the following highlights from January 18, 2022 NASBA Board of Director's Meeting:

- Recap of the October 2021 NASBA annual meeting materials, including CPA Evolution, the CPA Exam, and the pipeline issues.
- NASBA committees have been active and have started meeting or are scheduled to meet within a matter of weeks.
- NASBA continued to pursue virtual meetings and continued to evaluate virtual meetings as time progresses.

Ms. Salazar stated there were discussions regarding the following issues during the January 18, 2022 NASBA Board of Director's meeting:

- Discussion regarding principal place of business, which would be put on a future meeting agenda for the joint NASBA and AICPA summit that will be held later in 2022.
- The experience requirement for audit and attest services and issues that are arising in various states.
- NASBA was continuing to look for ways to work with AICPA and stakeholders with regards to the candidate pipeline to facilitate the pipeline and help bring the CPA profession to candidates.

Ms. Salazar also noted the publication from NASBA called *The Candidate Performance Book* has ceased temporarily until the CPA Evolution is completed starting with the 2020 performance book.

3. Report on Meetings of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy Attended by a California Board of Accountancy Member or Staff.
- a. Continuing Professional Education Committee.

There was no report on this agenda item.

b. Computer-Based Test Administration Committee.

Ms. Corrigan reported the mission of this committee was to promote effective and efficient administration of the CPA Exam.

Ms. Corrigan noted the following topics were discussed during the December 7, 2021 introductory meeting:

- NASBA's investment in software for the new CPA Exam.
- Working towards consistency with state boards regarding the 18-month credit carryover rule and when and how the 18-month period was calculated.
- Discussions regarding issues that Guam and certain Asian countries were having with test site access and availability due to COVID-19 issues, including quarantine issues and travel restrictions.

c. Relations With Member Boards Committee.

Ms. Corrigan reported the committee discussed the following topics:

- NASBA was stepping back from remote access testing as a priority and NASBA's focus needed to be on the CPA Evolution and the new CPA Exam format.
- The pipeline issues and data extraction and work to establish a taskforce to extract and collect data.
- The 120 hour educational requirement verse the 150 hour requirement.
- The environmental social and governmental impacts reporting became a discussion with a new international organization and global standards.
- In July 2022 the new CPA Exam blueprint would be exposed, along with old and new exam transition.

Ms. Corrigan inquired if the CBA would like NASBA to provide an update regarding NASBA activities at a future meeting. She noted, if so, members could provide her with any specific topic they would like discussed.

President Savoy stated he would welcome having a NASBA representative present at a future meeting.

XVI. Report on the Legislative Committee, Committee on Professional Conduct, and Enforcement Program Oversight Committee.

A. Legislative Committee.

1. Report of the November 18, 2021 Legislative Committee Meeting.
2. Overview of the California Legislative Process and the Legislative Committee's Role.

Mr. Jacobson reported staff provided an overview of information regarding the Legislative Committee's (LC) role, the processes and procedures CBA staff follow to ensure effective monitoring of legislation, and the steps involved for keeping the CBA engaged.

The LC did not take any action on this item.

3. California Board of Accountancy 2022 Legislative Tracking Chart, 2022 Legislative Calendar, and Considerations for Taking Positions on Legislation.

Mr. Jacobson stated staff presented the legislative tracking chart containing those bills on which the CBA had previously taken a position in 2021 and which remain eligible to move during January. He noted staff also identified the 2022 legislative calendar and a document outlining possible positions the Legislative Committee and CBA can take on legislation.

The LC did not take any action on this item.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Legislation to Continue the Authority to Hold Meetings Via Teleconference.

Mr. Jacobson stated staff reported on the passage of last year's Assembly Bill 361, which enabled teleconferencing to continue through January 31, 2022, and the Governor's January 5, 2022, Executive Order N-1-22 that enables state bodies to continue to use teleconferencing through March 31, 2022. He noted there was significant discussion regarding the benefits of teleconferencing.

Ms. Hinds requested staff pursue an extension of the ability to continue conducting meetings virtually and suggested the CBA send a letter to the Department of Consumer Affairs and other legislative leaders to support an ongoing change to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to expand teleconferencing or other meeting opportunities.

**The LC recommend the CBA direct staff to work with the CBA President to draft a letter to the Governor's Office, DCA, Speaker of the Assembly, and the Speaker Pro Tem of the Senate to express the CBA's support for statutory amendments that would continue the current teleconference meeting provisions or create other**



**alternative meeting options to facilitate increased transparency and member participation.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

**5. Review and Consideration of Possible Positions on Legislation.**

- a. Assembly Bill 1498 – Members of Boards Within the Department of Consumer Affairs: Per Diem.**

Mr. Jacobson reported Assembly Bill (AB) 1498 would recast existing provisions regarding the \$100 per day, per diem, paid to members of boards within the DCA for each day that the member discharged official duties. He noted a board would be required to define “day that the member discharged official duties” as either the “accumulation of 8 hours spent in the discharge of official duties” or as a “day on which the member performed an official duty.”

**The LC recommended the CBA take a Watch position on AB 1498.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

- b. Assembly Bill 1604 – The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: Boards and Commissions: Civil Service: Examinations: Classifications.**

Mr. Jacobson reported AB 1604 would require that by January 1, 2023, all state boards and commissions must have at least one volunteer member from an underrepresented community, which is defined in the bill. He noted AB 1604 was a reintroduction of last year's AB 105, and was referred to as the Upward Mobility Act of 2022. He stated this requirement will only apply as vacancies occur, and to appointments made by the Governor's Office or the Governor's designees, Board or Commission Chairs or the Chair's designees, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate President Pro Tempore. He stated AB 1604 proposes changes to the upward mobility goals, and reporting of adverse actions against an employee based upon violations of workplace discrimination.

**The LC recommended the CBA take a Watch position on AB 1604.**

**Yes: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Hinds. Mr. Jacobson, Ms. León, Ms. Molina Lopez, Ms. Owens, Mr. Pe, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Salazar, Mr. Savoy, Mr. Silverman, and Ms. Tu.**

**No: None.**

**Absent: Ms. Geong.**

**Abstain: None.**

**The motion passed.**

6. Review and Possible Consideration of Positions on Legislation the California Board of Accountancy is Monitoring.
  - a. Assembly Bill 227 – Governor: Appointments.

Mr. Jacobson reported staff had begun a list of bills to monitor for potential impact to the CBA. He noted staff were currently only monitoring one bill, AB 227, which relates to the Governor's appointments. He stated typically bills in this agenda item are being monitored, and if any are amended in a way that directly impacts the CBA, an analysis will be prepared and presented at a future meeting.

The LC did not take any action on this agenda item.

## XVII. Closing Business.

- A. Agenda Items for Future California Board of Accountancy Meetings.

Mr. Jacobson stated the President of the Medical Board recently received negative comments regarding the vaccine and requested the CBA send a letter to the Medical Board and the President of the Board to express our support of the Medical Board.

Mr. Jacobson suggested the CBA members conduct a virtual brown bag lunch.

President Savoy adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2022.

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Michael M. Savoy, CPA, President

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Katrina L. Salazar, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer

Rebecca Reed, Board Relations Analyst, and Patti Bowers, Executive Officer, prepared the CBA meeting minutes. If you have any questions, please call (916) 561-1718.