
Virtual Ethics Committee Meeting September 24, 2020

The Virginia Board of Accountancy Ethics Committee met virtually on Thursday, September 24, 2020. The meeting was being held in accordance with HB29, Governor's Amendment 28: Allow policy-making boards to meet virtually during emergency declarations.

The following committee members were present:

Beth A. Berk, CPA
Matthew E. Miller, CPA
Roy D. Peters, CPA
John J. Renner, CPA
Douglas E. Ziegenfuss, CPA

The following committee member was present for a portion of the meeting:

Kevin S. Matthews, CPA

The Board member present was:

William R. Brown, CPA

The VBOA staff members present were:

Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director
Kelli Anderson, Communications Manager
Patti Hambright, CPE Coordinator and Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Marcello, Information and Policy Advisor

The members of the public present:

Stephanie Peters, CAE, President and CEO, Virginia Society of Certified
Public Accountants
Emily Walker, CAE, Vice President, Advocacy, Virginia Society of Certified Public
Accountants
Amy Mawyer, Vice President, Learning, Virginia Society of Certified Public
Accountants
Linda Newsom-McCurdy, CAE, Senior Director, Learning, Virginia Society of

Certified Public Accountants

Welcome and introductions

Mr. Brown welcomed the members of the committee and public. He determined there was a quorum present.

Public comment period

There was no public comment.

Review and approval of agenda

Committee members reviewed the agenda.

Upon a motion by Dr. Ziegenfuss, and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to approve the September 24, 2020, agenda.

CALL FOR VOTE:

Beth A. Berk, CPA – Aye
Matthew E. Miller, CPA – Aye
Roy D. Peters, CPA – Aye
John J. Renner, CPA – Aye
Douglas E. Ziegenfuss, CPA – Aye

VBOA Segment Outline changes since July 2020 meeting

Ms. Glynn reviewed the committee's compiled VBOA Segment topics from the July 23, 2020, meeting. Due to time restraints, she noted CPA licensure mobility and CPE reciprocity had been removed. She noted the length of the final video will be between 12 and 15 minutes and would be ready for the Board's review on October 8, 2020.

(Mr. Matthews arrived)

VBOA Segment (video) review

Ms. Glynn played the approximate six-minute VBOA Segment video. Discussion included clarifying and broadening particular topics. Ms. Glynn and staff fielded questions.

Auditing courses as the Ethics Committee

Ms. Glynn invited committee members to take a VBOA-approved ethics course that includes the VBOA Segment on behalf of the VBOA and provide comments.

Timeline

Provider/approval timeline

Ms. Marcello provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing the VBOA Segment provider approval process and timeline. She noted the criteria for the VBOA approving a provider.

Communication timeline

Ms. Marcello noted in October communication would be sent to previous and current ethics course providers in Virginia regarding the details for the 2021 ethics course. She also noted the official application form for providers would be available on the VBOA website in November. Ms. Anderson noted the VBOA would send an email to licensed Virginia CPAs in January 2021 announcing the changes and requirements of the new format. The email will also include a reminder to complete the 2020 Virginia-Specific Ethics Course by the January 31, 2021, deadline.

Course evaluation process

Ms. Glynn noted the importance of public feedback and stated the VBOA would have a link available on the website for evaluations.

Next steps/other items

Ms. Glynn noted the VBOA Segment would be shown in its entirety to the Board on October 8, 2020, for comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.