

March 19, 2015
Board of Accountancy

Phone Conference

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The roll was called by Ms. Kelly, Division Director, and reflected the following persons present:

BOARD MEMBERS

Cynthia Borders-Byrd	Present
Maria E. Caldwell	Present
David L. Dennis	Present
M.G. Fennema	Present
Tracy Keegan	Present
James Lane	Present
Steve Riggs	Present
Eric Robinson	Absent
H. Steven Vogel	Present

STAFF

Veloria Kelly	Present
June Carroll	Present
Richard Evans	Present
Denise Graves	Present
Angela Francis	Present

Mary Ellen Clark, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel was present. C. Erica White, Chief Attorney, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, was present. Chevonne Christian, Senior Attorney, Department of Business and Professional Regulation and Patrick Cunningham, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

1. Oral presentation by Chair, Steve Vogel to discuss CS/HB 373

Mr. Vogel informed the Board that the purpose of the meeting will be to discuss CS/HB 373. Mr. Vogel gave the Board procedural history for CS/HB 373. He stated that the bill has passed through two Committees. The Business & Professions Subcommittee and the Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee. He stated there is one more Committee for it to pass through; the Regulatory Affairs Committee. Mr. Vogel informed the Board that the bill was being sponsored by Daniel Raulerson; Republican Representative in the Florida House.

Mr. Vogel informed the Board that the Legislative Committee met on March 18, 2015 and that the Committee consists of himself, Eric Robinson, Cynthia Borders-Byrd and Steve Riggs. Mr. Vogel informed the Board that Representative Raulerson was also on the call, along with FICPA staff.

Mr. Vogel reported that the Legislative Committee voted unanimously to not support CS/HB 373. Mr. Vogel stated Representative Raulerson can now take the concerns expressed back to the Legislation. Mr. Vogel informed Board members that the bill will continue to go through the process. The discussion to not support the bill as currently drafted is due to the fact that the Statute in effect is fine and doesn't need to be changed. Mr. Vogel stated the reason for this meeting is for the board to be involved and be able to voice their opinions.

The Board members and FICPA staff discussed whether the statute as written is clear, and should be left as is. There was concern that with the existing bill that it may prove to be more

difficult to prosecute an individual that doesn't fall under 473.302(8) (a). Board members discussed whether or not the existing statute is unclear.

Motion was made by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Ms. Caidwell, to not to support the proposed bill and re-affirm the decision made by the Legislative Committee. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Lane, Mr. Dennis and Ms. Keegan voting no. Mr. Vogel as Chair will submit a letter to Representative Raulerson of the decision.

2. Other Business

There was none.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Steve Vogel, Chair