

November 21, 2025  
Board of Accountancy  
Department of Business and Professional Regulations  
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Friday, November 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call of Attendees was called by Roger Scarborough, and reflected the following persons present:

Board Members

William Blend	Present
Brent Sparkman	Present
Jason Lafser	Present
Tracy Keegan	Present
Shireen Sackreiter	Present
Michelle Maingot	Present
William Benson (Chair)	Present
Steve Platau	Present
Caridad Vasallo	Present

Staff

Roger Scarborough	Not Present
Kevin Brown	Present

Rachelle Munson, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel. Heather Page, Chief Attorney, Samantha Ceres, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel. Shelly Weir and Jason Harrell of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Jennifer Green of Liberty Partners of Tallahassee. The court reporter was Joseline Oyomire. Ms. Keegan left the meeting at 1:00pm

1. Approve Minutes

Motion was made by **Mr. Platau**, seconded by **Ms. Sackreiter**, to approve minutes. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Deceased

A moment of silence was held for deceased licensees.

3. OGC Final Action

Entry of Final Order

a. Short, William H. IV

**Mr. Short** was **not present**.

**Ms. Keegan** was recused.

**Ms. Ceres** presented the case.

Motion was made by **Mr. Blend**, seconded by **Ms. Maingot** to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and returned an Election of Rights form requesting to waive their right to any form of hearing and have a Final Order entered and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by **Mr. Lafser**, seconded by **Ms. Sackreiter** to accept the recommended penalties. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Kellner, Wayne

**Mr. Kellner** was **not present**.

**Ms. Keegan** was recused.

Ms. Ceres presented the case.

Motion was made by Mr. Platau, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and returned an Election of Rights form requesting to waive their right to any form of hearing and have a Final Order entered and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Ms. Maingot, seconded by Mr. Lafser to accept the recommended penalties. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Informal Hearing

c. Viggiano, Anthony

Mr. Viggiano was present with Mr. Peter Godwin as counsel.

Mr. Platau and Ms. Keegan were recused.

Name presented the case.

Motion was made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Maingot to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and qualifies to have a hearing before the Board involving no disputed issues of material fact and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Maingot to issue a fine of \$5000, plus \$230.99 in costs, to be paid within 30 days of filing of the final order, place the respondent's license on a suspended status for a period of ten (10) years, and prior to a mandated meeting to release of suspension, provide proof of 40 hours of CPE annually, with an additional 4 hours of Florida-Board approved ethics hours for each year. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Berry, Kevin

Mr. Berry was not present.

Ms. Keegan and Mr. Blend were recused.

Ms. Page presented the case.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and qualifies to have a hearing before the Board involving no disputed issues of material fact and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Platau, seconded by Ms. Vasallo to accept the recommended penalties as presented. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Bridgeman, Sandra

Ms. Bridgeman was present.

Mr. Lafser and Mr. Blend were recused.

Ms. Ceres presented the case.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and qualifies to have a hearing before the Board involving no disputed issues of material fact and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Maingot, seconded by Ms. Vasallo to accept the recommended penalties as presented. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

f. Mott, Ronald

Mr. Mott was present.

Ms. Keegan was recused.

Ms. Ceres presented the case.

Motion was made by **Ms. Sackreiter**, seconded by **Mr. Lafser** to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and qualifies to have a hearing before the Board involving no disputed issues of material fact and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by **Ms. Maingot**, seconded by **Mr. Blend** to accept the recommended penalties **with an amended fine of \$5000**. Upon vote, the motion passed **with Ms. Vasallo voting no**.

g. Prince, Derek

**Mr. Prince** was **present**.

**Ms. Keegan** was recused.

**Ms. Ceres** presented the case.

Motion was made by **Mr. Lafser**, seconded by **Ms. Vasallo** to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and qualifies to have a hearing before the Board involving no disputed issues of material fact and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by **Mr. Lafser**, seconded by **Mr. Platau** to accept the recommended penalties **as presented**. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

h. Stezovsky, Joshua D.

**Mr. Stezovsky** was **present**.

**Ms. Keegan** was recused.

**Ms. Ceres** presented the case.

Motion was made by **Ms. Maingot**, seconded by **Ms. Vasallo** to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and qualifies to have a hearing before the Board involving no disputed issues of material fact and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by **Mr. Blend**, seconded by **Ms. Maingot** to accept the recommended penalties **as presented**. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

i. William, Blair A.

**Mr. William** was **not present**.

**Ms. Keegan** was recused.

**Ms. Ceres** presented the case.

Motion was made by **Ms. Sackreiter**, seconded by **Mr. Blend** to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and qualifies to have a hearing before the Board involving no disputed issues of material fact and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by **Mr. Blend**, seconded by **Ms. Vasallo** to accept the recommended penalties **as presented**. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion for Reconsideration

j. Gubman, Zane S.

**Mr. Gubman** was **not present**.

**Mr. Lafser** and **Mr. Blend** were recused.

**Ms. Page** presented the case.

Motion was made by **Ms. Sackreiter**, seconded by **Ms. Keegan** to vacate the September 9, 2025 Final Order and enter a new Final Order accepting the Settlement Agreement to Voluntary Relinquish License for Permanent Revocation executed by the Respondent. Upon vote, the motion passed **with Mr. Platau voting no**.

Motion for Waiver

k. Parman, Madison

Ms. Parman was not present.

Ms. Keegan and Mr. Lafser were recused.

Ms. Page presented the case.

Motion was made by Mr. Platau, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter to acknowledge that Respondent was properly served, and failed to file an Election of Rights form or otherwise establish a disputed issue of material fact in response to the Administrative Complaint, pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code and accept the allegations of fact and violations of law set forth in the Administrative Complaint as the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Sackreiter, seconded by Mr. Sparkman to accept the recommended penalties. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Blend voting no.

#### Settlement Stipulation

##### l. Simchuk, Julia

Ms. Simchuk was present.

Ms. Keegan and Mr. Blend were recused.

Ms. Page presented the case.

Motion was made by Ms. Maingot, seconded by Mr. Platau to reject the terms of the proposed Settlement Stipulation. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Ms. Maingot, seconded by Mr. Platau to revise the settlement to reflect the penalties initially presented in the materials, with the amendment that the fine is increased to \$3000. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Simchuk accepted the counter proposal.

Motion was made by Mr. Platau, seconded by Ms. Maingot to accept the revised settlement stipulation. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

##### m. Hutchinson, Charles L.

Mr. Hutchinson was not present.

Mr. Lafser and Mr. Blend were recused.

Ms. Ceres presented the case.

Motion was made by Ms. Maingot, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter to adopt the terms of the proposed Settlement Stipulation. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Voluntary Relinquishment

##### n. Durrance, Frank M.

Mr. Durrance was not present.

Mr. Lafser and Mr. Blend were recused.

Ms. Ceres presented the case.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter to accept the terms of the voluntary relinquishment. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Petition for Variance or Waiver

##### a. Bolanos, Helen

Ms. Bolanos was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Blend, to approve the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-28.0052(1) (b), F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

##### b. Meszaros, Istvan

Mr. Meszaros was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Sparkman, seconded by Mr. Blend, to approve the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-28.0052(1) (b), F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Russo, David

Mr. Russo was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Keegan, to approve the petition for permanent variance for Rule 61H1-28.0052(1) (b), F.A.C. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Exam Considerations

a. Ajazi, Daniel

Mr. Ajazi was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Blend, to approve for convictions only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Kelly, Shannon

Ms. Kelly was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, to approve for convictions only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Meadows, Lawarren

Mr. Meadows was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Blend, to approve for convictions only upon the condition that he appears before the Board for review upon application for their initial license. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Patel, Hiten

Mr. Patel was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter, to approve for convictions only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Patel, Samir

Mr. Patel was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Vasallo, to approve for convictions only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

f. Torres, Adam

Mr. Torres was present.

Mr. Torres requested to continue his application.

## 6. Initial Licensure Considerations

a. Cabezas, Juancarlos

Mr. Cabezas was present.

Mr. Cabezas requested to continue his application.

## 7. Endorsement Considerations

a. Bleam, Douglas

Mr. Blear was not present.

Motion was made by Mr. Platau, seconded by Ms. Vasallo, to continue the application to the January 9, 2026 meeting. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Lawson, Sharyn N.

Ms. Lawson was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Lafser, seconded by Mr. Blend, to approve for question four only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Petersen, Steven L.

Mr. Petersen was present with Ms. Terri Burdine and Mr. Ben Berger present as character witnesses.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Vasallo, to approve for convictions only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Vega Agosto, Pedro

Mr. Vega Agosto was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Platau, to approve for question three only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Walsh, Thomas

Mr. Walsh was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Maingot, to approve for convictions only. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Blend, Mr. Benson and Ms. Sackreiter voting no.

f. Zhang, Mengchen

Ms. Zhang was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Platau, seconded by Ms. Vasallo, to approve for question four only. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## 8. Maintenance & Reactivation – Null and Void

a. Marino, John

Mr. Marino was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Sparkman, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter, to approve the request to reinstate the applicant's null and void license. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## 9. Chief Attorney's Report

Ms. Page presented the Chief Attorney Report.

Motion made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter to allow Chief Attorney to continue to prosecute year-old cases. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## 10. Board Counsel's Report

a. November 2025 Rules Report

Ms. Munson presented the November rules report.

## 11. Committees

a. August 14, 2025 – Educational Advisory Committee

Mr. Platau presented the minutes and decisions made by the committee to be discussed, approved and ratified by the board.

Motion made by Ms. Maingot, seconded by Mr. Lafser to approve the minutes and ratify the decisions of the committee. Upon vote, the motion passes unanimously.

b. September 17, 225 – CPE Committee

Mr. Lafser presented the minutes and decisions made by the committee to be discussed, approved and ratified by the board.

Motion made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Keegan to approve the minutes and ratify the decisions of the committee. Upon vote, the motion passes unanimously.

**12. Administrative Items**

a. Remarks from Chair

None at this time.

b. Remarks from Executive Director

None at this time.

c. Update from Board Members Serving on NASBA Committees

Mr. Platau provided an update from the NASBA Board of Directors, PEEC, and the Ethics Committees. This includes an exposure draft for proposed rules pertaining to Private Equity Ownership of Firms.

d. 2026 Elections

Mr. Brown called for any final nominations. At the end of the nominating period the following were nominated for Board Officer Positions:

- Mr. Jason Lafser – Chair
- Mr. Steven Platau – Vice Chair

Motion made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. Keegan to appoint Mr. Lafser to the office of Chair, and Mr. Platau to the office of Vice Chair. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**13. Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants**

Mr. Harrell informed the Board that HB 333 and SB 364 were filed. He provided an update regarding the legislative cycle and upcoming events. The FICPA on the Hill Day will be on December 3, 2025.

**14. Public Comments**

None at this time.

**15. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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William Benson, Chair

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Date