

May 29, 2026
Board of Accountancy
Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Division of Real Estate Board Room
400 W. Robinson Street, Suite N901
Orlando, Florida 32801

[Notice](#)

Friday, May 29, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 (Chair)	Present
Tracy Keegan	Present
Shireen Sackreiter	Present
Michelle Maingot	Present
William Benson	Present
Steve Platau	Present
Caridad Vasallo	Present

Staff

Roger Scarborough	Present
Kevin Brown	Present

Melanie Griffin, Secretary, and Adam Bonenfant, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Rachele Munson, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel. Heather Page, Chief Attorney, Office of the General Counsel. Katie Pareja, Director of Support Services and Attorney, Legal Aid Society of OCBA, Inc., Shelly Weir, Vannessa Rivera, and Jason Harrell of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Jennifer Green of Liberty Partners of Tallahassee. The court reporter was Cindy Green.

1. Approve Minutes

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

2. Deceased Licensees

A moment of silence was held for deceased practitioners.

3. OGC Final Action

Motion for Waiver

- a. Shomar, Shadi (2025-051649)

Ms. Shomar was **not present**.

Ms. Keegan was recused.

Ms. Page presented the case.

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

b. Shomar, Shadi (2025-051658)

Ms. Shomar was not present.

Ms. Keegan was recused.

Ms. Page presented the case.

Motion was made by Ms. Sackreiter, seconded by Mr. Blend 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 Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Sparkman to accept the recommended penalties with the amendment that the respondent's license shall be suspended until the fine and costs are paid. Upon vote, the motion failed with Ms. Vasallo, Ms. Sackreiter, Mr. Blend, Mr. Lafser, and Ms. Maingot voting no.

Motion made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Ms. Maingot to amend the final order to reflect that the respondent's license shall be revoked, rather than suspended. Upon vote, this motion passed with Mr. Sparkman and Mr. Benson voting no.

Settlement Stipulation

c. Unsworth, Thomas

Mr. Unsworth was not present.

Ms. Page presented the case.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Sparkman to adopt the terms of the proposed Settlement Stipulation. Upon vote, the motion passed with Ms. Vasallo voting no.

4. Petition for Variance or Waiver

a. Hoang, Nguyet Thi Minh

Ms. Hoang was present.

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

b. Prinz, Daniel

Mr. Prinz was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. Maingot, 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. Lutz, Jessica A.

Ms. Lutz was present.

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

b. Varrasse, Taylor A.

Varasse was present.

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

6. Endorsement Considerations

a. Biagi, James B.

Mr. Biagi was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. Vasallo, to approve for question four only. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Platau and Mr. Blend voting no.

b. Callahan, Michael A.

Mr. Callahan was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Sparkman, seconded by Ms. Vasallo, to approve for question four only. Upon vote, the motion failed with Ms. Sackreiter, Mr. Blend, Mr. Benson, Mr. Platau, and Ms. Maingot voting no.

Mr. Callahan requested to withdraw his application.

Motion was made by Mr. Blend, seconded by Mr. Benson to accept the withdrawal. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Maintenance and Reactivation: Null and Void

a. Correia, Ashlee D.

Ms. Correia was not present.

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

b. Cowan, Roman O.

Mr. Cowan was present.

Mr. Platau was recused.

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

c. Dubrovsky, Gaston R.

Mr. Dubrovsky was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, to approve the request to reinstate the applicant's null and void license. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Platau voting no.

d. Elias, Steven

Mr. Elias 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.

e. Faigen, Debra R.

Ms. Faigen was present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Sparkman, to approve the request to reinstate the applicant's null and void license. Upon vote, the motion passed with Ms. Maingot and Mr. Benson voting no.

f. Henriques, Robert

Mr. Henriques was present.

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

g. Hillison, William A.

Mr. Hillison was not present.

Mr. Platau was recused.

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

h. MacLaren, Walter A.

Mr. MacLaren was present.

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

i. Markun, Jessica L.

Ms. Markun was present.

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

j. Moore, Walter R.

Mr. Moore was not present.

Motion was made by Ms. Keegan, seconded by Ms. Sackreiter, to approve the request to reinstate the applicant's null and void license. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mr. Blend voting no.

k. Rodriguez, Mitzi M.

Ms. Rodriguez was present.

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

l. Smith, Paul A.

Mr. Smith was present.

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

8. Chief Attorney's Report

Ms. Page presented the Chief Attorney Report.

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

9. Board Counsel's Report

a. May 2026 Rules Report and Rules Review

This was an informational item. Ms. Munson also informed the Board that DBPR and the Attorney General's Office are reviewing the Board's rules, and will provide a report on the preliminary rules review next month.

10. Administrative Items

a. Remarks from Chair

Mr. Lafser thanked Mr. Scarborough for his years of service to the Board.

b. Remarks from Executive Director

Mr. Scarborough provided an update concerning discussions by the Education Advisory Committee regarding the accounting education requirements for licensure- if Florida statute is changed, allowing eligibility for licensure to include a bachelor's degree plus two years work experience. The Director's current strategy is to poll 10 public and 10 private universities in Florida with undergraduate accounting programs asking them to provide their course requirements. The Division will summarize this information and present it to the Education committee who can utilize it as it considers potential changes to the licensure requirements. Based on previous bill drafts, the board also may use this information to identify and approve a list of universities that the Department will automatically accept the accounting degree, in lieu of reviewing transcripts in detail for the concentration requirements.

Mr. Scarborough thanked the Board for their continuous support during his tenure as Director.

11. National Association of State Boards of Accountancy

a. 2027 Fee Change

Mr. Scarborough provided an update pertaining to exam fees.

b. AICPA Ethics Exposure Draft – Alternative Practice Structures

This was an informational item.

c. Eastern Regional Meeting

Mr. Platau and Mr. Brown will be attending the meeting.

12. Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Ms. Weir and Mr. Harrell presented an update regarding the legislative session, FICPA events and national advocacy efforts.

Ms. Weir thanked Mr. Scarborough for his years of service to the profession at the state and national scope.

13. Public Comments

Mr. Scarborough presented Mr. Benson with a plaque recognizing his tenure as the previous Board chair.

Ms. Griffin presented Mr. Scarborough a plaque recognizing his years of service.

Ms. Munson thanked Mr. Scarborough for his years of service.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Jason Lafser, Chair

Date