

Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary

Ron DeSantis, Governor

April 12, 2023
Board of Accountancy
Budget Task Force

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Notice

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair, Brent Sparkman. The roll was called by Roger Scarborough, Executive Director.

Budget Task Force Committee Members

Brent Sparkman, Chair	Present
Shireen Sackreiter	Absent
Jason Lafser	Present
Michelle Maingot	Present
Caridad Vasallo	Absent

Others Present:

Roger Scarborough, Executive Director; CPA Division, DBPR
Rachelle Munson, Office of the Attorney General
Angela Francis, Sr. Management Supervisor; CPA Division, DBPR
Amber Bowman, Investigation Specialist II, CPA Division, DBPR
Jennifer Ciardo, Finance and Accounting; DBPR

The meeting was turned over to Jennifer Ciardo by Chair Sparkman.

1. Discussed Year-End Financial Statements

Ms. Ciardo explained that the financial statements were thoroughly reviewed and that there did not seem to be anything out of the ordinary.

a. Operating Account (Revenues, Expenses & Transfers)

Ms. Ciardo noted that the year-end expenses to the Customer Contact Center went down. She noted that this was a big decrease from June of 2021.

Mr. Sparkman asked Director Scarborough if he thought this had anything to do with receiving more calls during COVID. Director Scarborough advised that he thought the decrease in expenses for the call center could be attributed to reduced staffing levels experienced by the call center.

b. Unlicensed Activity Account (Revenues, Expenses & Transfers)

Ms. Ciardo indicated that the Unlicensed Activity Account looked good. She did note that there were no expenses for the 4th quarter.

Mr. Sparkman asked how it was possible not to have any expenses from the Unlicensed Activity Account. Director Scarborough explained that no unlicensed activity expenses had been incurred and we had been unable to hire an Unlicensed Activity attorney.

c. Education Minority Assistance Program Operating Account (Revenues, Expenses & Transfers)

Ms. Ciardo indicated that there were no problems with the Education Minority Assistance Program account. She indicated that the fees and charges were higher due to renewals.

Director Scarborough indicated that the most recent round of scholarships has not yet been reflected on the account.

2. Discussed 1st Quarter Financial Statements

a. Operating Account (Revenues, Expenses & Transfers)

Ms. Ciardo indicated she reviewed the 1st quarter operating account with a fine-toothed comb and that nothing stood out as unusual.

b. Unlicensed Activity Account (Revenues, Expenses & Transfers)

Ms. Ciardo confirmed there were no expenses for Unlicensed Activity in the 1st quarter.

c. Education Minority Assistance Program Operating Account (Revenues, Expenses & Transfers)

Ms. Ciardo indicated that the scholarships went up for the 1st quarter as Director Scarborough previously mentioned.

Mr. Sparkman noted that the Board was not yet close to maxing out the amount of scholarships provided. Discussion ensued on the maximum amount of scholarships the Board would be able to provide.

Mr. Lafser asked if the amount on financials was the total amount awarded for scholarships, and indicated that the amount did not appear right to him. Ms. Ciardo indicated that she would double-check the amount.

Subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Ciardo confirmed that \$90,493 was accurate and advised that the reason was due to an influx of applicants compared to prior years. The total scholarship amount for each applicant was \$3,802.58. The \$90,493 is the amount distributed for the fall semester only. Spring semester disbursements are typically in the Department's third quarter.

3. Discussed Five Year Projections

4. Other Business

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No other business at this time.

5. Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Brent Sparkman at 9:19 a.m.

Committee Chair/Date

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