

FLORIDA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY  
CLAY FORD SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
AUGUST 24, 2020  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Lynda Dennis, Chair.

**I. Roll Call**

The roll was called by Trecia Jenkins, Regulatory Consultant, and reflected the following:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lynda Dennis, Chair  
Eduardo Duarte  
Ashley Hill  
George Shierling  
Dave Skup

**STAFF PRESENT**

Roger Scarborough, Director  
Aerin Davison  
Trecia Jenkins  
Karan Lee  
Barbara Whitney  
Avon Witherspoon

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rachelle Munson, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel  
Justin Thames, Florida Institute Certified Public Accounting

**II. Ratify minutes from August 21, 2019 meeting**

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the August 21, 2019, minutes. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Consider Scholarship Applications:**

1. Barnichta, Alejandro

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to deny the application for being incomplete. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Carrasco, Jessica

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to deny the application for being ineligible. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Castillo, Alejandra Maria

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Mr. Skup, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 pending completion of requirements within 30 days. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Clark, Robyn

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Coleman, Audrey

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 pending completion of requirements within 30 days. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Dahlstrom, Austin

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ercolani, Katelyn

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Fudge, DeQualon

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Medina-Jiron, Scott

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2020. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Nguyen, Amy

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 pending completion of requirements within 30 days. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11. Payrol Gomez, Dachel

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2020. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

12. Salazar, Carlos

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mr. Shierling, to approve the application for Fall 2020. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

13. Sweat, Cassia

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mr. Shierling, to approve the application for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 pending verification of full-time enrollment. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

14. Traylor, Shaniece

Motion was made by Mr. Shierling, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2020 pending verification of full-time enrollment. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

15. Wang, Ke

Motion was made by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to deny the application for lack of financial need. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

A total of 20 semesters were awarded in the amount of \$6,000.00 per semester for a grand total of \$120,000.00.

**IV. Clay Ford Scholarship Advertisement Information**

1. Clay Ford Scholarship Flyer sent to Florida Schools College of Business and Financial Aid Office

This was an informational item.

**V. Administrative Matters**

1. Rules and Statute

This was an informational item.

2. Statistical Data

This was an informational item.

3. Schools Graduate Accounting Program

This was an informational item.

The Committee discussed funding for the Clay Ford Scholarship and if funds are swept from the account each year. Ms. Munson, board counsel informed the Committee that the Board had a Budget Task Force meeting last week and during that meeting this topic came up and the Board was wanting to present a possible rule change to Rule 61H1-38.005, F.A.C., which currently allows a cap of \$6,000. Ms. Munson indicates that the Board possibly wanted to present this to the Committee to get their feeling on a rule change that would increase the cap per student. Ms. Dennis indicated that she would need more information on the cost of the master's program before making a decision on increasing the amount. Director Scarborough indicated that staff will research/gather information on the cost of master's program and may reach out to committee members for assistance.

The Committee discussed ways of possibly better marketing the Clay Ford Scholarship to increase the number of applicants. Mr. Shierling suggested that committee members speak with the institutions they are involved with to encourage more students to apply for the scholarship.

Director Scarborough indicated he will do more research on funding to determine how the money is allocated and will forward information to committee members.

Ms. Hill inquired if there is software available to help make the application process more efficient. Director Scarborough indicated that we will look into this request.

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.



Lynda Dennis, Chair