

Board of Accountancy  
Rules Committee Meeting

Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
Tallahassee, Florida  
May 18, 2017

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Fennema. The roll was called by Veloria Kelly, Executive Director.

David Dennis	Present
Martin Fennema	Present
Steve Vogel	Present

Mary Ellen Clark, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel; Ed Tellechea, Office of the Attorney General; Megan Kachur, Chief Prosecuting Attorney, Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Patrick Cunningham, Chief Attorney, Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Tim Vaccaro, Deputy Secretary, Department of Business and Professional Regulation and Veloria Kelly; Executive Director of the Board of Accountancy.

Jennifer Green, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountant and Justin Thames, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountant were present.

**1. Discuss and draft rules language**

- a) 61H1-27.001 College Or University Requirements
- b) 61H1-27.002 Concentrations in Accounting and Business

The Committee discussed the need to ease education requirements and reduce the 36 and 39 hour requirement for licensure. With regards to the accounting requirement, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Vogel agreed upon 30 required hours with Dr. Fennema suggesting 33 required hours.

Discussion regarding eliminating accounting course specificity resulted in members voted 2-1 to keep current requirement which requires coverage of auditing, cost, financial, taxation, and accounting information systems. Members also voted, 2-1, to require business law course include coverage of contracts, torts, and the uniform commercial code.

Accreditation and a pathway for foreign students were also discussed (please see attached charts).

Members discussed the social security number requirement and decided to table discussion, as this requirement is found in Chapter 455, Florida Statutes, and affects all professions under the DBPR umbrella.

**2. Other Business**

There was no other business addressed.

**3. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Fennema at 5:00 P.M.



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Dr. Martin Fennema, Chair