

West Virginia Board of Accountancy

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Patrick Morrissey, Governor



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Barry L. Burgess, CPA – President
Virginia C. Slack, CPA – Vice President
Keith D. Fisher, Esq., Public Member – Secretary
Richard A. Hudson, CPA – Asst. Sec.
Jason P. Staats, CPA
Richard A. Riley, CPA, PhD, CFE, CFF
Brian D. Wadsworth, CPA

Kristi A. Justice, Executive Director

Friday, May 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting Minutes Page 1 of 4

The Board of Accountancy met on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Board Office.

Board Members in Attendance were:

Barry L. Burgess, CPA – President	Jason P. Staats, CPA
Virginia C. Slack, CPA – Vice President	Brian D. Wadsworth CPA
Keith D. Fisher, Esq. – Secretary	Richard A. Riley, CPA, PhD, CFE, CFF
Richard A. Hudson, CPA, Esq. – Asst. Secretary	JoAnne Vella, Esq.

Others in Attendance were:

Kristi A. Justice, Executive Director
Sara Short, Board Staff

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Barry Burgess, Board President, for which the following actions were recorded.

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Richard Riley and second by Jason Staats, the Minutes of the January 24, 2025, meeting, were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Rick Hudson and second by Brian Wadsworth, the Minutes of the February 20, 2025, meeting, were approved as presented. Motion carried.

2. Complaints/Executive Session

Upon motion by Brian Wadsworth, seconded by Jason Staats, the Board entered Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. to consider disciplinary matters in accordance with W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Virginia Slack, seconded by Richard Riley, the Board exited Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. The following actions were taken and made part of the official record:

2024-03: WVBOA vs. Freddie M. Boone, Jr. & Blake & Boone AC – The Final Order was signed and sent to Licensee.

2025-02: Consent Agreement and Order was signed by WVBOA Board President and Licensee.

2025-04: This matter is still under investigation.

Peer Review Matters: None to Report

Other Matters: Upon motion by Richard Riley and second by Jason Staats, The Board voted to open Complaint #2025-05 on this matter. Motion carried.

3. Legislative Matters

The Executive Director updated the Board on recent developments involving the Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL).

The Board reviewed and discussed the Executive Orders issued by Governor Patrick Morrisey on January 14, 2025. In response, the Board submitted formal replies, with assistance from Board members in drafting the responses.

4. CPA Examination

On a motion by Richard Riley, seconded by Richard Hudson, the Board approved seven examination candidates for the first quarter of 2025. *Motion carried.*

The Board reviewed the NASBA 2024 Q4 Candidate Performance Report.

Upon a motion by Keith Fisher, seconded by Richard Riley, the Board approved a one-time six-month extension for an exam section. *Motion carried.*

The Board also discussed experience verification, referencing 1CSR1 Board Rules and the Rules of Professional Conduct.

5. Financial Report / P Card / Budget

The Board received the Receipts and Disbursements Report for the period ending March 31, 2025:

- **Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2024):** \$455,928.03
- **Total Receipts:** \$69,308.47
- **Total Disbursements:** \$(276,751.62)
- **Ending Cash Balance (March 31, 2025):** \$248,484.88

On a motion by Brian Wadsworth, seconded by Rick Hudson, the Board approved the financial report. *Motion carried.*

On a motion by Richard Riley, seconded by Keith Fisher, the Board ratified the P-Card purchases for the first quarter of 2025. *Motion carried.*

On a motion by Jason Staats, seconded by Richard Riley, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. *Motion carried.*

6. Licensing / CPE / Firms

The Board received an update on the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) reports processed for calendar year 2024.

7. NASBA / AICPA

Kristi Justice, Executive Director, reported on her attendance at the NASBA Executive Directors' Meeting held March 25–27, 2025. Kristi received a NASBA scholarship to attend this event.

Upcoming NASBA meeting dates were shared with the Board.

The Board reviewed the exposure draft of the CPA Competency-Based Experience Pathway and discussed alternative licensure pathways. Reference was made to legislative actions in other states, as reported by NASBA, introducing similar pathways.

8. Other

The Executive Director presented both oral and written Office Reports covering the period from January 1 through March 31, 2025.

The Board reviewed West Virginia Code Chapter 30, Article 9, and discussed potential updates to the education requirements for CPA licensure in the state.

9. Future Board Meetings

- July 8, 2025
- September 19, 2025 (to be held on the WVU Campus)

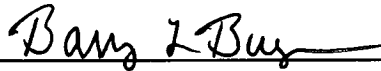
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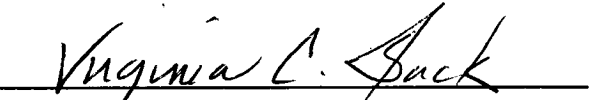
The following quarterly reports for Q1 2025 were distributed and made part of the official record:

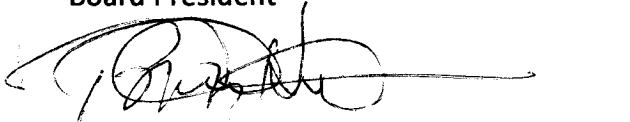
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- II. Approved Exam Candidates
- III. Approved Firms
- IV. Approved Licensees
- V. Candidate Care Report

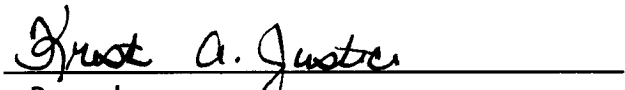
With no further business, upon motion by Keith Fisher and second by Richard Riley, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

We hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Minutes of the West Virginia Board of Accountancy for May 9, 2025.


Board President


Secretary


Assistant Secretary


Recorder