**West Virginia**
**Board of Accountancy**

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*Jason P. Staats, CPA-Vice President*
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*Richard A. Hudson, CPA*
*Richard A. Riley, CPA, PhD, CFE, CFF*
*Barry L. Burgess CPA*

**Kristi A. Justice, Executive Director**



The Board of Accountancy meet on Monday July 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance were:
Virginia C. Slack, CPA – President
Jason P. Staats, CPA – Vice President
Brian D. Wadsworth, CPA – Asst. Secretary
Barry L. Burgess, CPA,
Richard A. Riley, CPA, PhD, CFE, CFF

Others in Attendance were:
Kristi A. Justice, Executive Director
Stefani Young, Board Staff
Megan Kueck, WV Society of CPAs

President Virginia Slack called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M., and the following actions were recorded.

**1. Approval of Minutes**
Upon motion by Brian Wadsworth and seconded by Jason Staats, the minutes of May 8, 2026, meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried.

**2. Complaints/Executive Session**
Upon motion by Barry Burgess, seconded by Richard Riley, the Board entered Executive Session at 9:34 a.m. to consider disciplinary matters in accordance with W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4. *Motion carried.*

Upon motion by Barry Burgess, seconded by Richard Riley, the Board exited Executive Session at 11:37 a.m. The following actions were taken and made part of the official record:

**Case 2026-**02: This matter is still under investigation

**Case 2026-03**: This matter is still under investigation.

**Case 2026-04:** This matter is still under investigation.

**Peer Review Matters**: None to report.

**Unlicensed Practice Matters:** These matters remain under investigation.

**3. Legislative Matters**

Kristi Justice, Executive Director, reported to the Board that the proposed amendments to Legislative Rule 1CSR1 — Series 1, Board Rules, had been filed with the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office for public comment. The public comment period ended June 26, 2026.

The Board reviewed the comments received. The Executive Director will respond to all comments and file the comments and responses with the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office.

The proposed changes reflect the passage of HB 4088 regarding pathways to CPA licensure through education and experience requirements.

**4. CPA Examination**

Upon motion by Brian Wadsworth, seconded by Barry Burgess, the Board approved seven successful examination candidates for the second quarter of 2026. *Motion carried.*

The Board reviewed the NASBA 2026 Q2 Candidate Performance Report.

**5. Financial Report / P Card / Budget**

The Board received the Receipts and Disbursements Report for the period ending June 30, 2026:

- **Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2025):** $414,430.37
- **Total Receipts:** $312,756.46
- **Total Disbursements:** $(310,599.77)
- **Ending Cash Balance (June 30, 2026):** $416,587.06

Upon motion by Jason Staats and seconded by Brian Wadsworth, the Board approved the financial report. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Barry Burges and seconded by Richard Riley, the Board ratified the P-Card purchases for the Fourth of FY2026. Motion carried.

**6. Licensing / CPE / Firms**

Stefani Young, CPE Coordinator, provided the Board with an update CPE Report on Licensees.

Kristi Justice, Executive Director, provided an update on the recent license renewal for FY2027.

The Board discussed an inquiry from a licensee regarding Peer Review and Authorization to provide attest and/or compilation services.

**7. NASBA / AICPA**

Kristi Justice provided the Board with information regarding the new NASBA online database system.

The Board discussed the Peer Review Program and the Executive Director's continued monitoring of firms with active authorization to perform attest and/or compilation services in West Virginia.

If a firm enrolled in the Peer Review Program receives a failed review or a pass with deficiencies, this information will be provided to the West Virginia Board of Accountancy Complaint Review Committee. The Committee will relay the information and provide an update to the Board during the scheduled Board meetings.

Kristi Justice reported that she received a NASBA scholarship and attended the Regional Meeting.

Kristi Justice also provided the Board with the dates for the NASBA Annual Meeting, scheduled for October 25–28, 2026, in Litchfield Park, Arizona. NASBA offers two scholarships to Board members. The Board discussed applying for a scholarship for the newly elected Board President and Vice President. The Board also discussed paying for the Executive Director to attend the meeting.

**8. Other**

**Election of Officers and Committees**

Virginia Slack presented the following slate of officers for the fiscal year beginning July 21, 2026:

- **President:** Jason Staats
- **Vice President:** Brian Wadsworth
- **Secretary:** Keith Fisher
- **Assistant Secretary:** Richard Riley

**Committee Appointments:**

- **Complaint Committee:** Brian Wadsworth and Keith Fisher
- **Legislative Committee:** Virginia Slack, Jason Staats, Brian Wadsworth
- **Exam and Licensure Review Committee:** Virginia Slack, Barry Burgess, Richard Riley, Richard Hudson

Upon motion by Richard Riley, seconded by Barry Burgess, the Board approved the slate of officers and committee appointments as presented. *Motion carried.*

The Executive Director provided an update on the federal WCAG AA accessibility requirements. The original compliance deadline of April 2026 has been extended to April 2027. The Executive Director is working with Albertson Inc., the West Virginia Office of Technology and the West Virginia Purchasing Division on this matter. An update will be provided at the next quarterly Board meeting.

The Executive Director presented oral and written office reports covering the period from May April 1 through June 30, 2026.

Future Board Meetings

- October 6, 2026 - Possibly meeting with BridgeValley
- January 22, 2027 – Virtual
- April 23, 2027 – Board Office

**9. Quarterly Reports**

The following quarterly reports for Q2 2026 were distributed and made part of the official record:

I. Exam Candidates Who Sat
II. Approved Exam Candidates
III. Approved Firms
IV. Approved Licensees
V. Candidate Care Report

With no further business, upon motion by Barry Burgess and second by Jason Staats, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

We hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Minutes of the West Virginia Board of Accountancy for July 20, 2026.

Board President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Recorder