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MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY October 25, 2024, MEETING

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Accountancy met on October 25, 2024, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Paul M. Balas, CPA, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Paul M. Balas, CPA, Chairperson
Charles Moore, Jr., CPA, Vice-Chairperson
Antonio Brown, CPA (9:09am)
Christonna Campbell, Public Member
Jacquelyn Dupler, JD, Public Member
Kathleen Isleib, CPA
Carole McNees, CPA
Eulonda Whitmore, Public Member

Members Absent: Teressa Keena, CPA

Staff: Jennifer Fitzgerald, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Marshall Hooks, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Weston MacIntosh, JD, Departmental Specialist,
Boards and Committees Section
Kim Smith, Board Support Technician,
Boards and Committees Section
Kimmy Catlin, Board Support Technician,
Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Dupler, seconded by McNees, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by McNees, seconded by Dupler, to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2024, meeting as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Consent Order and Stipulation

Moore acted as the chairperson for the items in which Balas recused himself.

Kenneth A. D'Argis

Balas recused himself from the matter.

MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Whitmore, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Campbell, Dupler, Isleib, McNees, Whitmore, Moore
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Balas

MOTION PREVAILED

Kroon & Mitchell Certified Public Accountants LLC

MOTION by Moore, seconded by McNees, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Campbell, Dupler, Isleib, McNees, Moore, Whitmore,
 Balas
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Brown

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Dupler, seconded by Brown to reopen discussion on this case

Balas recused.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Isleib, seconded by Dupler to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Campbell, Dupler, Isleib, McNees, Whitmore, Moore
 Nays: None
 Recuse: Balas
 Abstain: Brown

MOTION PREVAILED

William D. Vandersalm, CPA

McNees recused.

MOTION by Moore, seconded by Whitmore, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Balas, Brown, Campbell, Dupler, Isleib, Moore, Whitmore
 Nays: None
 Recuse: McNees

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Concerning Continuing Education and Conduct of Meetings

MacIntosh presented the Resolution to the board members and let them know that the only change was adding the "Conduct of Meetings" part.

MOTION by Brown, seconded by Whitmore to approve the Resolution as written.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Brown, Campbell, Dupler, Isleib, McNees, Moore,
 Whitmore, Balas
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Rules Discussion

MacIntosh explained the promulgation process and timeline.

MOTION by Isleib, seconded by Brown to open the rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Brown, Campbell, Dupler, Isleib, McNees, Moore,
Whitmore, Balas

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

2025 Public Notice

MacIntosh reminded the board that the public notice was found on Egress, to make note of the dates, and to please let Board Support know if they cannot make any of the meetings.

Many board members voiced concern with meeting dates being moved from Fridays to Thursdays. MacIntosh let the members know that he will ask and see if moving them is possible.

Chair Report

Balas let the board know that NASBA is meeting next week. Current hot topics of discussion included private equity ownership firms, AI, earning and learning, and license mobility.

Balas mentioned Ernst & Young fired a group of employees who were cheating on an exam using webcams. He was happy to see Ernst & Young taking that action.

Department Update

MacIntosh stated that the New Board Member Training was on Egress for the members to view. MacIntosh asks that the members let Board Support know if they need to recuse themselves on any matters well before the board meetings so quorum can be ensured. MacIntosh also reminded members to check their state email.

MICPA Update

Doyle presented the attached presentation (Addendum 1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting is held January 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Moore, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on:

Prepared by:
Kim Smith, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

October 25, 2024

The Uniform Accountancy Act: Overview and Update

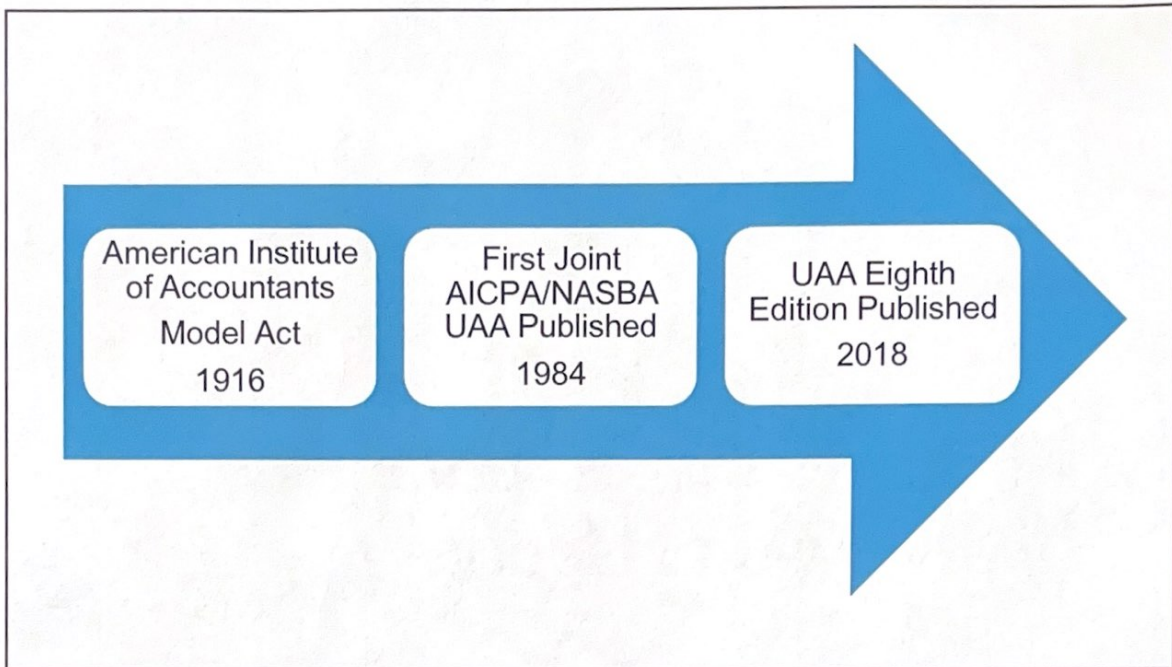


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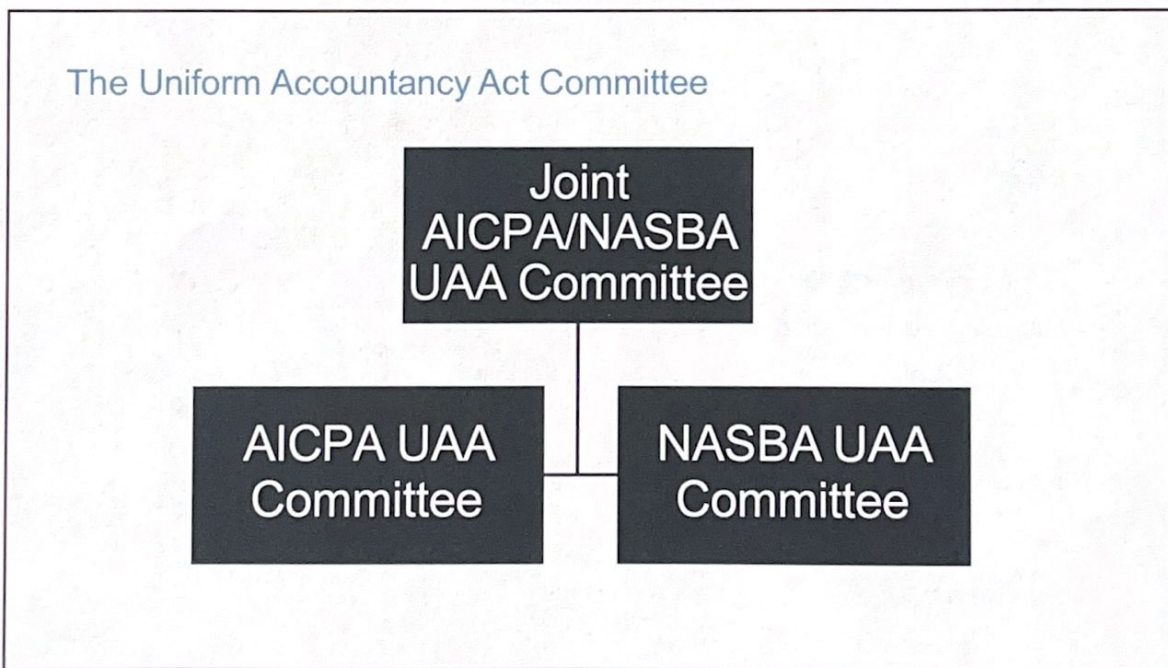
Agenda

- Background on UAA
- Who makes up the UAA?
- What does the UAA do?
- Amending the UAA – and what it means for you
- UAA successful changes for the profession
- New changes to Section 5 and Section 23
- What's next?

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Fundamental Principles

- Statutory regulation of CPAs protects the public health, safety, and welfare
- Competency
- Licensing Requirements
- Public assurance of competency
- Uniformity
- Mobility

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Key Features

Reciprocity & Substantial Equivalency

- Provides for a reciprocal licensing pathway
- Based on the adoption of "substantially equivalent" requirements for licensure
- All 55 licensing jurisdictions are currently substantially equivalent

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Mobility

- Facilitates interstate practice and the free movement of practitioners and firms between states
- Provides for both individual and firm mobility
- Practitioners and firms must be from states deemed substantially equivalent

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Other Key Features

- Definition of attest
- CPA firm mobility
- CPA inactive/retired status
- CPE reciprocity

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Amending the Uniform Accountancy Model Act

Joint AICPA/NASBA drafts proposed change under the direction of the AICPA/NASBA boards.

AICPA/NASBA boards approve exposure.

Joint committee considers comments. May consider changes.

Changes presented to AICPA/NASBA boards for final approval.

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What's next?

Determine
what works
for your state



Engage
Stakeholders



Legislative
Action

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Proposed UAA Changes



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Section 5 – Qualifications for a Certificate as a Certified Public Accountant

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Proposed update to Section 5

- Maintain 150-credit hour pathway
- Would facilitate adoption of additional, **Competency-Based Experience Pathway**
- Specify education requirement to take CPA Exam



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CPA licensure pathways

Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	1 year experience	CPA Exam	License
Bachelor's degree	Up to 30 credits	1 year experience	CPA Exam	License
Bachelor's degree	Competency-Based Experience*	1 year experience	CPA Exam	License

*AICPA and NASBA are accepting comments on a separate exposure draft through December 6.

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Section 23 – Substantial Equivalency

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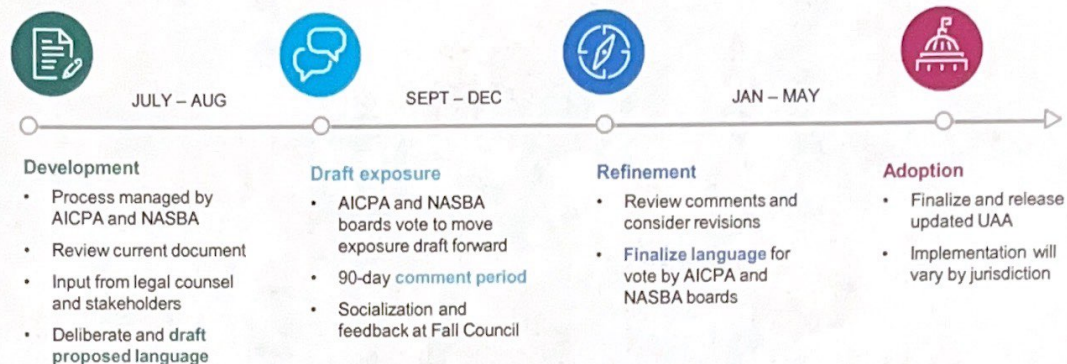
Proposed update to Section 23

- Continues to **facilitate seamless interstate practice** for all CPAs
- Retains **state-based mobility** for those licensed under a pathway defined in the UAA
- Clarifies the process by which a CPA from a non-substantially equivalent state can practice under mobility
- Provides a mechanism for those who are licensed under a pathway that is not defined in the UAA but who later meet the mobility requirements defined in the UAA



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UAA exposure draft timeline



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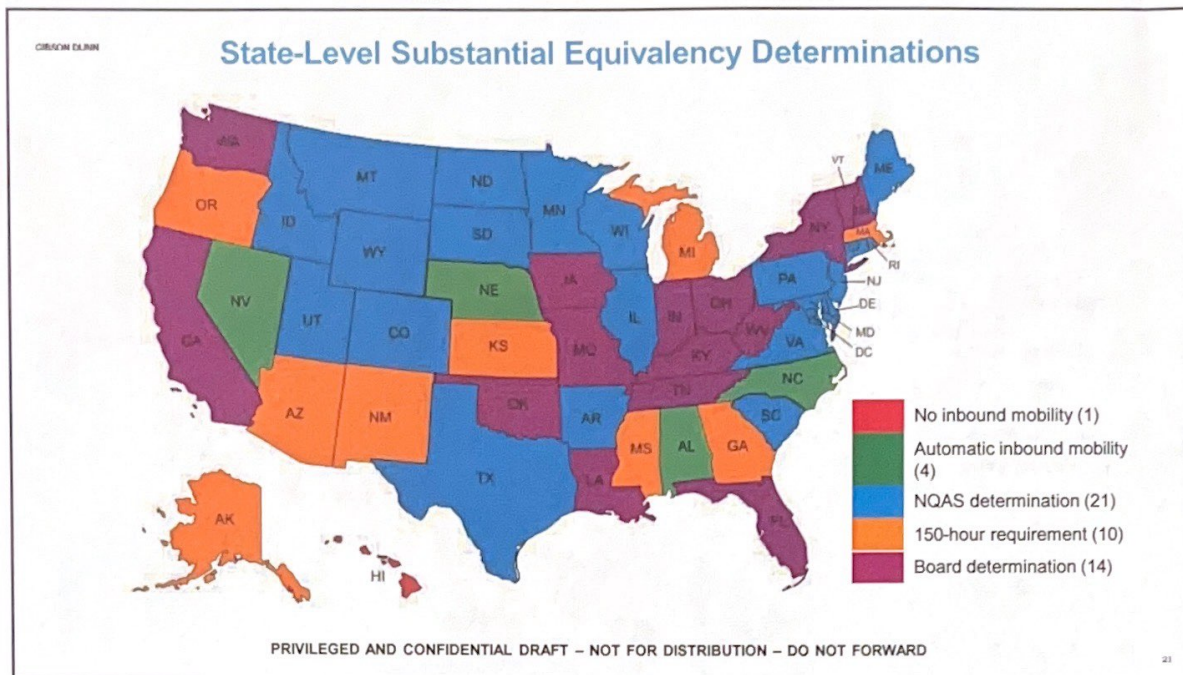
Next steps

- Comments due December 30
- Fall Council engagement
- Further research and refinement

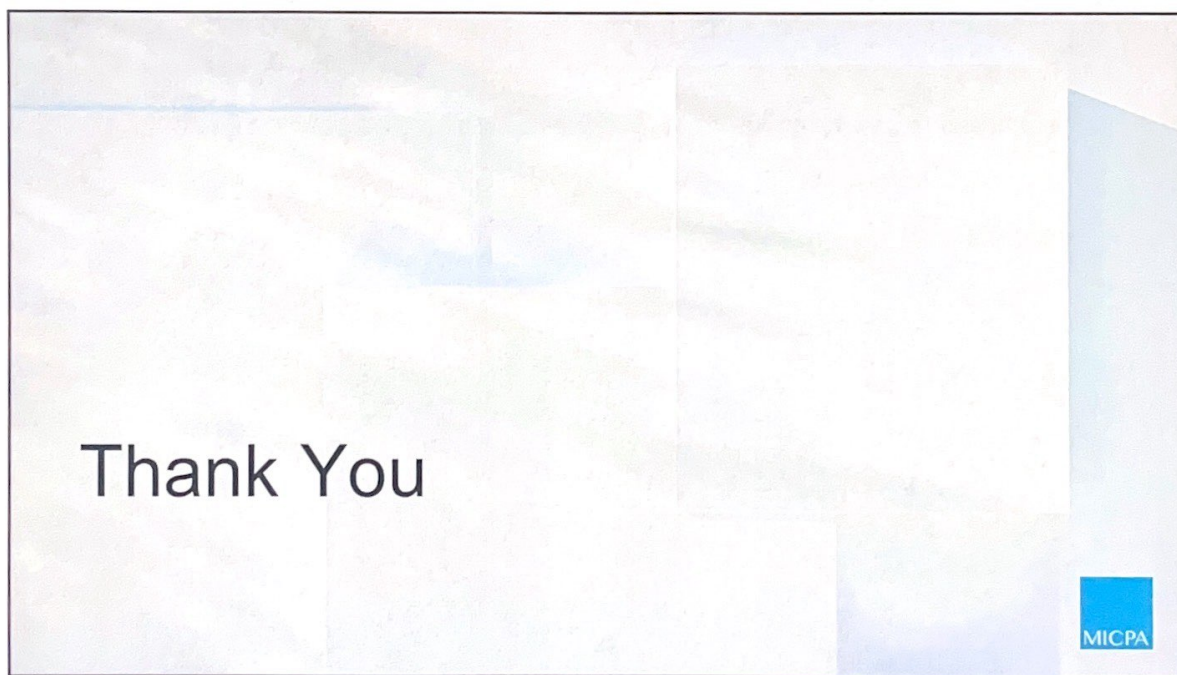
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