



**Board Meeting Agenda
Public Session
June 4, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM**

CPA Board & Staff in attendance: Rob Day, Donna Wiseman, Carlo Colella, Hank Boyd, Kimberly Griffin, Jim Rosapepe, Erica Estrada-Liou, Gordon Libby, Sandy Abu-Arja, Nicole Nelson, Stephanie Ban, Duane Arbogast, Sean Mugrage

1. Call to Order 6:09
2. Opening Statement: Robert Day opened the meeting thanking everyone for their continued work, dedication and accomplishments.
3. Budget and Finance Committee Report: Carlo Colella
 - a. FY25 Q3 Report
 - Projected Year-End Results Summary
 - To earn an additional \$75K in revenue as compared to budget.
 - To incurred \$289K more in expenditures as compared to budget.
 - Incur a net loss of \$83K for the year, which is \$214K worse than budgeted.
 - b. FY26 Proposed Budget
 - i. Two proposed SY26 budgets were presented: One with current enrollment of 681 and one with increased enrollment of 715 students.
 - ii. Senator Rosapepe made a motion to approve the SY26 proposed budget with the additional 34 students. If PGCPs does not approve the increased enrollment, the Budget & Finance Committee will rework the proposal with 681 students to ensure that it balances and present it to the board for discussion and approval. Dr. Hank Boyd seconded the motion and all approved.
4. Principals' Report: Gordon Libby

- a. Dr. Abu-Arja congratulated Dr. Libby on earning his doctorate from UMD and for the Class of 2025 Graduation.
 - b. CPA Parent, Dr. Leah Taylor thanked the board for starting tennis.
 - i. CPA Board congratulated the tennis team's accomplishments.
 - ii. The tennis team used the JTCC facility. Mr. Colella pointed out that JTCC has many coaching opportunities.
 - c. SY25 Quarter 3 Highlights
 - d. Enrollment SY25, Projected SY26
 - e. SY25 Grade 8 Exit Poll
 - i. Inquire into the discrepancy between 22 Grade 8 students identified in the Exit Poll as leaving CPA as opposed to the 34 Grade 8 students listed on the projected enrollment chart.
 - f. Summer School 2025
 - g. CPA Plus Update
 - h. Interscholastic Athletics Update
 - i. CPA/UMD Partnership Update SY25
 - j. Class of 2025 Graduation and Class of 2029 Promotion
 - i. Dr. Libby thanked Dean Griffin for being the guest speaker at the Class of 2025 Graduation.
 - ii. Mr. Baker is recovering from his medical emergency and has prepared a special virtual message that will be played at the Class of 2029 Promotion. He looks forward to returning to work July 1, 2025.
5. Academic Affairs Committee Report:
- a. CPA NEXT Math Initiative: Erica Estrada-Liou
 - i. Data collection, analysis and synthesis
 - 1. Met with a group of MS students to discuss NWEA testing
 - a. Devised a testing incentives pilot for the June administration of NWEA Math test
 - ii. Alumni Interviews: Are we preparing our CPA students for university?
 - 1. Met with four CPA Alumni who are now attending UMD
 - a. They are excelling in their studies and are dynamic individuals, expressed their appreciation to their CPA teachers, felt that they would be better prepared if they took refresher courses over the summer before fall at UMD, especially for STEM courses and thought

that they would also benefit from a general education course that included note-taking, organizational skills, etc.

- b. Tutoring initiative: Sandy Abu-Arja
 - i. We have met with several organizations that offer high dosage math tutoring and have decided to pilot small cohorts in SY25-26 with City Tutors DC that offers in-person tutoring and Third Space Learning that offers voice-based AI tutoring. The tutoring sessions will take place during the school day on average for 90-minutes a week/per student.
- 6. Teacher Appreciation and Alumni Association: Nicole Nelson
 - a. Teacher Appreciation Week: A variety of events were set up throughout the week.
 - b. Alumni Association Update
 - i. The CPA Board congratulated Nicole on establishing the alumni association that is now nearly 400 members.
 - ii. College Fair: CPA hosted the event where 10 universities were represented by CPA Alumni answering CPA students' questions. For future college fairs, include staff, board, advisory council, etc. to represent their universities.
- 7. Marketing and Communications Committee Report: Hank Boyd
 - a. Dr. Boyd is scheduled to be the guest speaker for Class of 2029 CPA 8th Grade Promotion.
 - b. Class of 2025 Graduation and Class of 2029 Promotion Videos will be posted on the CPA YouTube channel in due course.
 - c. Assessment of where CPA stands in the marketplace: Surveys, focus groups, etc. will be conducted.
- 8. Organization and Leadership Committee Report: Jim Rosapepe
 - a. Reappointment of 4 Board Members: Senator Rosapepe made a motion to reappoint Mr. Robert Day, Dr. Kimberly Griffin, Dr. Stephen Thomas and Dr. Hank Boyd, Erica Estrada-Liou seconded. All approved.
- 9. Executive Director's Report: Sandy Abu-Arja
 - a. The CPA Board thanked Dr. Abu-Arja for taking the lead in the charter renewal process. Dr. Abu-Arja thanked everyone who contributed to the charter renewal application, site visit and focus groups.
 - b. Charter Renewal Timeline
 - i. 6/9 PGCPs will share their recommendation. We are confident that we will be renewed for 5 years.
 - ii. 6/26 PGCPs Superintendent House will make his recommendation to the PGCPs BoE. The PGCPs BoE will make a motion, take a vote and share the decision.
- 10. PTO Report: Jordan Patty

- a. Elections took place
 - i. New Officers July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027
 - 1. President Chelai Johnson/ parent of a middle and high school students
 - 2. Vice President High School Lori Colding/ parent of a high school student and CPA 2023 graduate
 - 3. Vice President Middle School Kristy Omagba/ parent of middle school student
 - 4. Vacant positions: Parliamentarian, Secretary and Treasurer
 - b. 6/4/24 hosted a CPA PTO Meeting where they invited incoming families. The newly appointed officers facilitated an engaging interactive Q & A.
 - c. Free and low-cost DC & Maryland Summer Opportunities were collated on a spreadsheet and distributed in The Week Ahead to all families.
 - d. Response to the PGCPs BoE Member: Mr. Day acknowledged receipt of the email exchange and confirmed that the CPA Board is working with the PGCPs BoE.
- 11. Announcements: Dr. Abu-Arja thanked Dean Griffin for being the Guest Speaker and President Pines for providing a Welcome Speech for the CPA Class of 2025 Graduation. Both graduation speeches resonated by sharing relatable stories, heartfelt reflections, and celebrating the UMD partnership that inspired the graduates and audience.
- 12. Public Comment: There was a request for the Class of 2029 live stream link be sent to the CPA community
- 13. Executive Session: At 7:42 pm, Mr. Day read a statement to close the public session and moved to the executive session.
- 14. Senator Rosapepe made a motion. Ms. Estrada-Liou seconded. All approved.