

GM769 Gary Miyashiro

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the State Board of Public Accountancy?
[Gary M.] I wish to be involved in the process of licensing and participate in oversight of the profession to ensure qualified individuals and businesses are serving the public.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the State Board of Public Accountancy?
[Gary M.] My perception of the roles and responsibilities is to protect the public and ensure qualified professionals are following our state laws and regulations.
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a State Board of Public Accountancy member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.
[Gary M.] I am a practicing CPA as well as a owner of a CPA firm. I have been practicing for over 25 years in public accounting in large and small public accounting firms. I have also spent a few years in private accounting in both large and small companies in Hawaii as a financial executive. I believe this broad spectrum of experience gives me a comprehensive perspective of the professionals that our board oversees.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
[Gary M.] I hope to accomplish a more organized licensing process and improve communication with our licensees.
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the State Board of Public Accountancy?
[Gary M.] 1) My years of knowledge and awareness of the how the profession has evolved in Hawaii 2) Leadership skills from running a firm for over 20 years 3) Willingness to participate in the integrity of the profession.
- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a State Board of Public Accountancy member.
[Gary M.] Participation in NASBA activities. I have interacted with the National Association of the State Boards of Accountancy more frequently since I have been on the board. This experience has broadened my awareness on the profession by exposing me to other professionals around the nation. I believe I can take this experience and benefit our board in Hawaii.
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the State Board of Public Accountancy? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
[Gary M.] As a licensed practicing member of this board, there always exists a conflict of interest relationship with the board but independence is a critical standard of our profession. We practice this status of independence in virtually all aspects of the work we do. So to overcome any conflicts, I would adhere to our profession's standards the same way as I deploy services to my clients.

Testimony of the State Board of Public Accountancy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday April 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 769, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GARY MIYASHIRO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the State Board of Public Accountancy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Miyashiro's reappointment to the Board as a licensed member.

Mr. Miyashiro has been a licensed certified public accountant in Hawaii since June 9, 1994, and his license is current, active, and in good standing with a valid permit to practice. He currently serves as principal and president of the accounting firm, MC Group Hawaii Inc, and previously served as a Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for various accounting firms.

Mr. Miyashiro was first appointed to the Board on July 1, 2016, and has attended 63 out of 64 scheduled meetings since his appointment. The Board strongly believes that Mr. Miyashiro's interest in serving on the Board, extensive experience as a certified public accountant, and evident desire to contribute to the profession make him an exemplary candidate to continue serving on the Board. He currently serves as the Board's chairperson, and his reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of public accountancy in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



April 4, 2022

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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State of Hawaii Board of Public Accountancy**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members:

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Mr. Miyashiro would be a tremendous assets to this board and I recommend him without reservation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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