

**MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
JANUARY 15, 2021
9:00 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Sean P. Weaver, CPA called the meeting to order. Other Board members in attendance were Meridith Bihuniak, CPA; Jeff Bottenberg, Public Member; Jim Gillespie, CPA; John R. Helms, CPA; Allison Koehn, Public Member; and Julie Spiegel, CPA. Also in attendance was Susan L. Somers, Executive Director; Tim Resner, Disciplinary Counsel to the Board; Darin M. Conklin General Counsel to the Board; Natasha Schamberg and Rita Barnard, on behalf of the Kansas Society of CPAs; and Joyce Schartz, of the Public Accountants Association.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1-4. The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting; certificates/permits to practice; firm registrations; and the December 31, 2020 financials; and the Division of Budget and Governor's recommendations relative to the agency budget. Mr. Gillespie moved, and Mr. Helms seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

2. CPA EXAM:

The Board reviewed the CPA exam scores for November 12 2021 to December 16, 2020. Ms. Spiegel moved, and Mr. Gillespie seconded, to ratify the scores. Upon a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

3. CPE/PERMIT TO PRACTICE/PEER REVIEW/FIRM REGISTRATIONS:

A. Ms. Somers presented to the Board the list of firms with peer reviews either due or in process. No action was required to be taken.

B. The Board reviewed a list of CPAs who had not renewed their permits by January 8, 2020. No action was required to be taken.

C. The Board reviewed a list of firms that had not renewed by January 8, 2020. No action was required to be taken.

D. The Board reviewed a list of firms who had notified the Board that they weren't renewing. No action was required to be taken.

4. DISCUSSION OF REMOTE TESTING: Welcome Colleen Conrad, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NASBA who joined the meeting to discuss remote testing for the CPA exam. Ms. Conrad discussed the reasoning behind the desire on the part of the AICPA to pursue the ability to test remotely for the CPA exam for "emergency" purposes, which have yet to be defined. The onset of COVID brought the matter to the forefront. She explained that initially, now, they are asking the Boards to consider a pilot program, wherein only domestic candidates would participate in the pilot program on a limited basis. The exam would be the same as it is now given at the testing centers, but would be administered by ProProctor, a remote testing tool owned by Prometric. She indicated that a letter would be sent out to Board Chairs and Executive Directors by the end of January, requesting the Board's position on accepting scores derived by candidates who participate in the pilot program. As a result, the Board has scheduled a virtual meeting for February 9, 2021 to discuss the matter.

5. ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bottenberg moved, and Mr. Gillespie seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried.

/s/ Susan L. Somers

Susan L. Somers, Executive Director