

**MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
FEBRUARY 25, 2022
9:00 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Gillespie, CPA called the meeting to order. Other Board members in attendance virtually were Meridith Bihuniak, CPA; Jeff Bottenberg, Public Member; S. Lucky DeFries, Public Member; John Helms, CPA; Julie Spiegel, CPA; and Sean Weaver, CPA. Also in attendance virtually was Susan L. Somers, Executive Director; Tim Resner, Disciplinary Counsel to the Board; and Darin M. Conklin, General Counsel to the Board; Rita Barnard, on behalf of the Kansas Society of CPAs, Joyce Schartz, of the Public Accountants Association; and Angie Besendorfer, Jim Franklin and Patrick Baker of Western Governor's University.

2. WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY UPDATE:

Ms. Somers reported that she had conferred with representatives of Western Governors University relative to their specific business and accounting courses to ascertain if their courses met the Board's specific course requirements to sit for the CPA exam. She noted that there were some areas that were deficient; i.e., micro-economics, macro-economics, upper division economics courses; the second business law course; and the managerial accounting beyond an introductory course in their undergraduate program. However, Ms. Somers reported that she would work with Western Governors to find acceptable courses for their students while the University worked toward amending their curriculum to offer those courses. Ms. Somers also reported that the process had begun to amend K.A.R. 74-2-7 (concentration in accounting) and that it was currently in review with the Attorney General's office.

3. CPE/CERTIFICATES/PERMITS TO PRACTICE/PEER REVIEW/FIRM REGISTRATIONS:

A. Susan G. Vermes request for waiver of continuing education requirements pursuant to K.A.R. 74-4-7(d). This matter was continued from the January 26, 2022 meeting. The parties reported that a non-disciplinary Stipulation and Consent Order was entered into, the terms of which required Ms. Vermes to appear before the Board at the February 25, 2022 meeting; no credit for CE hours taken between July 1, 2021 and July 29, 2021 for her 2023 permit renewal; and mandatory CE audit for the next 3 consecutive renewal periods.

4. ADJOURN

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

/s/ Susan L. Somers

Susan L. Somers, Executive Director