

**MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
JUNE 17, 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; and Sean Weaver, CPA. Also in attendance virtually was Susan L. Somers, Executive Director; Tim Resner, Disciplinary Counsel to the Board; Darin M. Conklin, General Counsel to the Board; Danielle Hollogram and Rita Barnard, on behalf of the Kansas Society of CPAs; Joyce Schartz, of the Public Accountants Association; Lucas Kalvie, Emily Riner, Terrance Hopson on behalf of Western Governors University; Mihailo Ilich, Federico Duerst Consulting Group; and Barbara Scofield, Washburn University.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1-3. The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2022 meeting; certificates/permits to practice; firm registrations; and the May 31, 2022 financials. Mr. Mr. DeFries moved, and Ms. Bihuniak seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon a vote, the motion unanimously carried.

2. CPA EXAM:

A. The Board reviewed the CPA exam scores for May 24, 2022 to May 26, 2022. Mr. Weaver moved, and Mr. Helms seconded, to ratify the scores. Upon a vote, the motion unanimously carried.

B. The Board reviewed the Q4 2021 and Q1 2022 Candidate Performance Reports. No action was required to be taken.

C. The Board reviewed the Q1 Candidate Care Report. No action was required to be taken.

3. CPE/CERTIFICATES/PERMITS 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 the 2021 CE audit results. No action was required to be taken.

C. Mr. Bottenberg moved, and Mr. Helms seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session, to discuss attorney/client privilege matters relative to the interpretation of statutes and regulations, for twenty minutes, after which the Board would reconvene in open session under the same public website link at 10:01 a.m. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULATION AMENDMENT:

AT 9:30 AM, THE REGULAR MEETING WAS RECESSED IN ORDER TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULATION AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Gillespie convened the public hearing to consider an amendment to K.A.R. 74-2-7.

Public virtual attendees of the meeting were: Lucas Kalvie, Emily Riner, Terrance Hopson, Western Governors University; Barbara Scofield, Washburn University; Mihailo Ilick, Federico Duerst Consulting Group; Danielle Hollogram and Rita Barnard, Kansas Society of CPAs; and Joyce Schartz, Public Accountants Association. No one appeared in person at the Board office for the hearing.

Mr. Gillespie provided a description of the proposed amendment to K.A.R. 74-2-7; announced that the Board received a written comment from Western Governor's University in support of the amendments, and stated that no comments were received from the public or the Joint Rules and Regulations Committee.

Mr. Gillespie then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Helms moved, and Mr. DeFries seconded to adopt the proposed regulation amendment to K.A.R. 74-2-7. Ms. Somers was instructed to take a roll call vote of the Board members for the adoption of the regulation amendment. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously, and the regulation was declared to be adopted.

5. HEARINGS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

The following Stipulations and Consent Orders, as approved by the Chair, or Vice-Chair, whichever was applicable, were reviewed by the Board. No further action was required to be taken.

Grant A. Huddin, CPA; Huddin, CPA, LLC: Willful violation of a rule of professional conduct as to Respondent Huddin and Huddin CPA ,LLC for failure to comply with professional standards. Respondents agree not to perform or offer to perform attest services for Kansas clients without prior written consent of the Board; reimbursement of costs, to include attorney's fees; and censure.

Paul D. Mitchell, CPA; Paul D. Mitchell, CPA, P.A.: Conduct reflecting adversely on Respondent Mitchell's fitness to practice certified public accountancy. Failure to timely comply with Peer Review and violation of a statute as to Respondent firm. Payment of a \$1,000 fine; reimbursement of costs, to include attorney's fees; and censure.

5. OTHER:

Ms. Somers reported that Sean Weaver had officially retired and had resigned from the Board of Accountancy effective June 30, 2022. He was thanked for his service and was sent off with best wishes for the next chapter of his life, which would include golf and pickleball, not necessarily in that order!

6. ADJOURN

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

/s/ Susan L. Somers

Susan L. Somers, Executive Director