

MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
JULY 19, 2024
9:00 AM
HYBRID MEETING

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Aron Dunn, CPA, Chair, called the meeting to order. Other Board members in attendance were Jeffery Bottenberg, Public Member; Lucky DeFries, Public Member, Trina Harmon, CPA; James Gillespie, CPA; and Julie Wondra, 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; Danielle Hologram and Rita Barnard, on behalf of the Kansas Society of CPAs; and Heather Poore, on behalf of the Public Accountants Association.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1-3. The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 21, 2024 meeting; certificates/permits to practice; and firm registrations. Ms. Wondra moved, and Mr. DeFries seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon a vote, the motion unanimously carried.

2. CPA EXAM:

A. RATIFY 2024 Q2 DISCIPLINE CPA EXAM PASS SCORE: After review, Mr. DeFries moved, and Mr. Gillespie seconded to ratify the discipline exam score from Q2 2024. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

B. Q1 2024 CANDIDATE PERFORMANCE REPORT: The Board reviewed the Candidate Performance Report for Q1 2024. No action was required to be taken.

C. REQUEST FROM ALLY COCHRAN FOR WAIVER OF 6 HOURS OF ACCOUNTING TO INCLUDE AN ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS COURSE: Ms. Cochran appeared virtually to request a waiver of 6 hours of accounting to include an Accounting Information Systems course, pursuant to K.A.R. 74-2-7(h). Following the presentation of evidence and argument, Mr. DeFries moved, and Ms. Harmon seconded, for the Board to go into closed session until 9:40 AM for purposes of deliberation. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

When the Board reconvened, Mr. DeFries moved, and Mr. Gillespie seconded for the Board to go back into closed session until 10:00 AM for purposes of deliberation. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

When the Board reconvened, there was more discussion, after which Ms. Harmon moved, and Mr. Bottenberg seconded for the Board to go back into closed session until 10:20 AM for purposes of deliberation. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

When the Board reconvened, Ms. Harmon moved, and Ms. Wondra seconded that, pursuant to K.A.R. 74-2-7(h), the Board will waive the 3 hours of the Accounting Information Systems course requirement, but that Ms. Cochran is still required to take 3 hours of a general accounting course, not already taken by subject matter or title. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

D. REQUEST FROM ERIC OTTMAN FOR WAIVER OF A DATA ANALYTICS COURSE: Mr. Ottman appeared virtually to request a waiver of the business or accounting data analytics course, pursuant to K.A.R. 74-2-7(h). Following the presentation of evidence and argument, Ms. Harmon moved, and Mr. Bottenberg seconded for the Board to go into closed session until 10:45 AM to deliberate the matter. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

When the Board reconvened, Ms. Harmon moved, and Mr. Gillespie seconded, to deny the request pursuant to K.A.R. 74-2-7(h). Upon a vote, the motion carried.

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

A. The Board reviewed the Peer Reviews Due and In Process report. No action was required to be taken.

B. MCAULEY & CRANDALL, PA REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PEER REVIEW: Dallas Stackhouse and Robert Wolfe appeared virtually before the Board to request an extension of the firm's peer review that was due June 30, 2024. After discussion, Mr. Gillespie moved, and Ms. Wondra seconded, for the Board to go into closed session until 11:10 to deliberate the matter. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

When the Board reconvened, Mr. Gillespie moved, and Ms. Wondra seconded, to extend the Peer Review due date to August 30, 2024. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

4. HEARINGS:

A. BAKER DAVIS & RODERIQUE CPAS, PC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Mr. Dunn, the investigator in this matter, recused himself from this matter. John Gaither and Will Roderique appeared virtually before the Board. This matter was before the Board for approval of a Stipulation and Consent Order arising from an investigation and the subsequent determination that Respondent had failed to comply with professional standards constituting a willful violation of a rule of professional conduct. The terms of the Stipulation and Consent order required Respondent to appear before the Board; Respondent may not perform or offer to perform audit services for Kansas clients and/or any client from an office located in Kansas, without prior written consent of the Board;

Respondent to pay a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 and costs pursuant to K.S.A. 1-206, to include attorney's fees and court reporter fees; and censure. After discussion, Mr. DeFries moved, and Mr. Bottenberg seconded, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Upon a vote, the motion carried, with Mr. Dunn not participating.

Mr. Bottenberg moved, and Ms. Wondra seconded, to issue a Protective Order prohibiting disclosure of those portions of the agency record where there is discussion or admission into evidence of peer review report documents. Upon a vote, the motion carried with Mr. Dunn not participating.

B. ANDREA HOLT, CPA; ANDREA HOLT CPA, LLC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Ms. Harmon, the investigator in this matter, recused herself. Ms. Holt and the firm appeared virtually before the Board. This matter was before the Board for approval of a Stipulation and Consent Order arising from an investigation and subsequent determination that Respondent Firm engaged in the practice of certified public accountancy without a valid firm registration and Respondent had engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on her fitness to practice certified public accountancy. The terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order required Respondents to appear before the Board; Respondent to pay a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00; Respondents to pay costs, pursuant to K.S.A. 1-206, to include attorney's fees and court reporter fees; approval of the firm registration; and censure of both parties. Ms. Wondra moved, and Mr. Gillespie seconded, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Upon a vote, the motion carried, with Ms. Harmon not participating.

C. MONICA R. KELLOGG, CPA; MONICA R. KELLOGG, CPA, LLC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Mr. Dunn, the investigative Board member in this matter, recused himself. Monica Kellogg and the Firm appeared virtually before the Board. This matter was before the Board for approval of a Stipulation and Consent Order arising from an investigation and the subsequent determination that Respondents had failed to comply with professional standards constituting willful violations of a rule of professional conduct and that Respondent had engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on her fitness to practice certified public accounting. The terms of the Stipulation and Consent order required Respondents to appear before the Board; Respondents shall not perform or offer to perform attest services for Kansas clients and/or for any client from an office located in Kansas without prior written consent of the Board; Respondent to pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00; Respondents to pay costs pursuant to K.S.A. 1-206, to include attorney's fees and court reporter fees; and censure of both parties. After discussion, Mr. DeFries moved, and Ms. Harmon seconded, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Upon a vote, the motion carried, with Mr. Dunn not participating.

Mr. Bottenberg moved, and Ms. Wondra seconded, to issue a Protective Order prohibiting disclosure of those portions of the agency record where there is discussion or admission into evidence of peer review report documents. Upon a vote, the motion carried with Mr. Dunn not participating.

D. SIEBERT CHRISTIAAN WIID, CPA; SCW FINANCIAL LLC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Ms. Harmon, the investigative Board member in this matter, recused herself. Mr. Wiid and the Firm appeared virtually before the Board. This matter was before the Board for approval of a Stipulation and Consent Order arising from an investigation and subsequent determination that Respondent Firm engaged in the practice of certified public accountancy without a valid firm registration and Respondent had engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on his fitness to practice certified public accountancy. The terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order required Respondents to appear before the Board; Respondent to pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00; Respondents to pay costs pursuant to K.S.A. 1-206, to include attorney's fees and court reporter fees; approval of the firm registration; and censure of both parties. Mr. Bottenberg moved, and Ms. Wondra seconded, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Upon a vote, the motion carried, with Ms. Harmon not participating.

5. OTHER:

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Bottenberg moved to nominate Aron Dunn as Chair, and James Gillespie as Vice-Chair of the Board for the ensuing year, commencing August 1, 2024, seconded by Ms. Wondra. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

B. DISCUSSION OF NASBA REGIONAL MEETING—NATIONAL PIPELINE ADVISORY GROUP (NPAG) REPORT: Mr. Dunn and Ms. Somers presented the Pipeline Advisory Group report discussed at the NASBA Regional Meeting in Omaha, NE, which outlined possible alternatives to address the 30-hour additional education requirement after obtaining the bachelor's degree. Discussion was also held regarding other states starting to consider offering an alternative pathway to licensure, such as 120 with 2 years of experience. No action was required to be taken.

C. The Board thanked Mr. Bottenberg for his 5 years of service to the Board as his term was expiring July 31, 2024, and he was not seeking reappointment.

6. ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the meeting 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