MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
JUNE 18, 2026

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**
   A. CALL TO ORDER

Trina Harmon, CPA, Chair, called the Board meeting to order. Other Board members in attendance were Vice Chair Marshal Hull, CPA; Julie Wondra, CPA; Steve Herron, Public Member; Lucky DeFries, Esq., Public Member; Chad Allen, CPA and Aron Dunn, CPA. Also in attendance were Mindy Speck, Executive Director; Darin Conklin, General Counsel to the Board; Tim Resner, Disciplinary Counsel to the Board; Jacob Kleespie, KLRD; Danielle Hologram and Rita Bernard of Kansas Society of CPAs.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1-3. The Board reviewed the minutes of April 24, 2026, meeting and certificates/permits to practice and firm registrations. April and May 2026 financials were reviewed by the Board. Mr. DeFries moved and Mr. Herron seconded, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.

2. **CPA EXAM**

A. There were no exam scores to ratify for the period of April through May 7, 2026.

B. Q1 2026 CANDIDATE CARE REPORT: The NASBA 2026 Q1 Candidate Care Report was reviewed for informational purposes only. No action was required.

C. DISCUSSION OF EXAMINATION STATISTICS: Mr. Conklin presented to the Board CPA exam data and educational requirements for states comparable to Kansas. Additionally, he shared educational requirements for those states surrounding Kansas geographically.

During the month of May, Mr. Conklin and Ms. Speck met with several university professors/faculty for the purpose of gathering data on each university accounting program, number of students enrolled, and objectives of their CPA curriculum. This initiative was the result of April Board meeting discussion on the number of Kansas candidates who took the exam in Q1 2026, the Board's current education curriculum, and the potential impact of House Bill 2573 pathway changes on the Kansas economy and the CPA industry.
Following discussion, Mr. Hull moved and Mr. Herron seconded for Ms. Wondra and Mr. Allen to review the educational requirements for licensure and admission to the examination and to report back to the Board. Upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.

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

A. NINJA CPA REVIEW, LLC – FIRM REGISTRATION: The firm Ninja CPA Review, LLC, a Kansas-based company offering CPA exam study courses, requested that the Board provide guidance as to whether Ninja CPA Review, LLC would be required to register as a firm in Kansas.

After review of the facts relating to Ninja CPA Review, LLC's current operations, Ms. Wondra moved and Mr. Hull seconded, for the Board to proceed to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for attorney client discussions regarding firm registration. Upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening the meeting, Mr. Hull moved and Ms. Wondra seconded for the preparation of a letter to be approved by the Chair communicating to Ninja CPA Review, LLC that registration would not be required based on the Board's understanding of the facts. Upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.

B. CPAVERSE – DISCUSSION ON FIRM REGISTRATION: Josh Mauer CPA appeared before the Board as the advocate for a new business known as "CPAVerse." Mr. Mauer requested guidance from the Board as to whether CPAVerse should register as a firm with the Kansas Board of Accountancy in accordance with K.S.A. 1-316 and K.S.A. 1-308. Mr. Mauer provided to the Board a description of "CPAVerse," Following Mr. Mauer's presentation and the Board's inquiry, Mr. Dunn moved and Ms. Wondra seconded to go into close session for deliberation with counsel. Upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening the public meeting, Mr. Dunn expressed to Mr. Mauer that he has concerns that CPAVerse could be performing CPA services for Kansas clients.

4. **OTHER:**

A. UPDATE TO ACCELA LICENSING PLATFORM: Ms. Speck gave an update on the progress of the Accela licensing software implementation plan citing mid-February of 2027 as the tentative go-live date. The Executive Director and staff participate in weekly meetings in preparation for the new system.

5. **ADJOURN:** There being no further items before the board for discussion, Mr. Dunn moved, and Mr. Herron seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Mindy Speck

Mindy Speck, Executive Director