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Scheduled Board Meetings

October 26, 2018	July 26, 2019
December 7, 2018	August 23, 2019
January 18, 2019	October 25, 2019
April 26, 2019	December 6, 2019
June 14, 2019	

Unless otherwise noted, the Board meetings are held at the Board office, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Ste. 556A, Topeka, KS.

Board Members

Kathryn J. Mitchell, CPA, Chair
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Please direct all communications to Board members to the KSBOA office.

Board Staff

Susan Somers, Executive Director
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Notice of Change of Name or Address: Pursuant to K.A.R. 74-5-408, Certified Public Accountants are to notify the Board within 30 days of any change in name, home address, employer name, business address or electronic mail address.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome Fall! It was a long, hot, dry summer, so I'm sure we are all pleased to welcome in the cooler air and the beautiful colors Fall has to offer! Please let us know if we may be of assistance to you. If you have any questions, please contact us at 785-296-2162, or by email at ksboa@ks.gov

Susan Somers

Executive Director
Kansas Board of Accountancy



NEW "ASK THE BOARD BEFORE YOU ACT" SERIES OF VIDEOS

We are pleased to present the first in a series of videos entitled "Ask the Board Before you Act". This first one is about accepting an engagement that you aren't prepared or capable of performing; not being honest with the Board; and the repercussions of doing so. We hope you find it informative and educational.



IT'S FIRM RENEWAL TIME!!

Firm renewals will be mailed out the first of November, and are due to be filed with the Board office on or before December 31, 2018. Online renewals may be submitted until 11:59 PM December 31, 2017. Paper renewals are due in the Board office on or before December 30, as December 31 falls on a Saturday. Paper renewals received in the Board office after December 30 will be subject to a late fee. A transaction fee, in addition to the renewal fee, will be charged for the convenience of registering online.

To renew online, you will need your firm number and pin number, which are located on the paper application form in the upper right-hand corner. If you lose or misplace your renewal application, we cannot provide you with your pin number by any other means than by mailing you another renewal application. We do not give out pin numbers by phone, email, fax, etc.

Facsimiles and e-mail applications are not accepted.

All in-state firms are required to list all staff CPAs (this includes employees, as well as independent contractors), in addition to all owners (CPAs and non-CPAs). Any firm attempting to renew the firm registration after December 31, 2018 may be subject to discipline in the event that it has continued to practice certified public accountancy.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION AND DATA

Below is a list of successful CPA exam candidates for 2018 to date. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

2018 Q1 Testing Window

January/February 2018

Kansas City, KS

Megan Kyle

Lawrence, KS

Samantha Peterson

Maize, KS

Keaton Douglas

Olathe, KS

Luis Arce

Overland Park, KS

Elizabeth Milner

Katherine Kantor

Paradise, KS

Ryan Cook

Russell, KS

Kelli Johnson

Shawnee, KS

Chelsea Domke

Topeka, KS

Kayla Williams

Viola, KS

Amanda Zoglman

Wichita, KS

Kevin TenEyck

Matthew Collins

Matthew Moore

2017 Q2 Testing Window

April/May 2018

Berryton, KS

Monica Smith

Garden City, KS

Tyler Wooldridge

Great Bend, KS

Melissa Ille

Leavenworth, KS

Andrea Contreras-Gallego

Olathe, KS

Lindsey Downey

Overland Park, KS

Grace Sewell

Eric Moore

Sarah Christensen

Shawnee, KS

Roxane T. De Magalhaes

Topeka, KS

Andrea Forbes

Wichita, KS

Marcos Garcia-Contreras

Brandon Ebeck

Daniel Carrasco, Jr.

2017 Q3 Testing Window

July/August 2018

Scottsdale AZ

Rhett Johnston, Jr.

Ellinwood KS

Jennifer Edwards

Hillsboro KS

Jessica Walles

Hutchinson KS

Aubrey Berning

Lenexa KS

Haley Winter

Manhattan KS

Ashley Knoll

Onyekachukwu Ehie

Wesley Goforth

McPherson KS

Joshua Bohnenblust

Olathe KS

Daniel Buxie

Michael Chalfant

Salina KS

Hilary Richards

Shawnee KS

Diana Thorston

Jill Kearney

Alexander Phelps

CPA EXAM STATISTICS

Below are the exam statistics for this calendar year to date.

	Section	Jan/Feb 2018 Percent Pass	April/May 2018 Percent Pass	July/Aug 2018 Percent Pass
National	AUDIT	50%	55%	43%
Kansas		60%	40%	60%
National	BEC	56%	60%	48%
Kansas		81%	53%	71%
National	FAR	42%	49%	45%
Kansas		48%	51%	51%
National	REG	50%	56%	53%
Kansas		37%	53%	67%

BOARD ACTIONS

Below is a listing of disciplinary actions taken by the Board for the period from January 2018 through July 2018. Information concerning these and other actions taken by the Board may be found on the Board's website under the link "Board Meeting Dates, Agendas & Minutes", or by contacting the Board office at 785-296-2162.

JANUARY 2018:

ARTHETTA F. LONG, CPA STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Fraud, dishonesty or deceit in obtaining a permit to practice; failure to maintain the requirements to renew her permit; conduct reflecting adversely on her fitness to practice as a CPA. Appearance before the Board; completion of the AICPA Comprehensive Ethics exam; payment of a fine and costs.

JOHN W. MEARA, CPA STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid permit; appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs.

BRADLEY R. THIES, CPA AND BARR ASSURANCE AND ADVISORY, INC. PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Failure to maintain the requirements for renewal of his permit to practice; violation of a Board regulation; dishonesty in obtaining a permit; censure; payment of a fine and costs.

APRIL 2018:

ACCOUNTING ALLIANCE, P.A. STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid firm registration. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; application for firm registration granted.

RONALD COLEMAN FRYE STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid permit. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; application for certificate by reciprocity approved.

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BOARD ACTIONS (CONTINUED)

NORMAN R. HARP, CPA. P.A. STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid firm registration. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure.

TENA MASON, CPA & ON A LEDGER ACCOUNTING, L.L.C. F/K/A TENA MASON CPA, LLC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: As to the firm, practicing without a valid firm registration. As to Ms. Mason, conduct reflecting adversely on her fitness to practice as a CPA. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of firm registration.

JULIE ANN MORRIS STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid permit to practice; and advertising in a manner that was false, misleading or deceptive. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of her application for initial permit to practice.

BRIAN REED NAIL, CPA & NAIL CPA FIRM, L.C. STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: As to the firm, practicing without a valid firm registration. As to Mr. Nail, conduct reflecting adversely on his fitness to practice as a CPA. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure.

BYRON G. PORTER, CPA & PORTER & CAVANAUGH, P.A. STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: As to the firm, practicing without a valid firm registration. As to Mr. Porter, conduct reflecting adversely on his fitness to practice as a CPA. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of application for a firm registration.

EDW. B. STEPHENSON & CO. CHARTERED STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a firm registration. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; application for firm registration approved.

M K STRAIGHT, CPA, LLC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid firm registration. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of application for firm registration.

KDWALLSTREET FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid firm registration. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of the application for firm registration.

M. SELENE RENEE' WERKOWITZ, CPA & SRW TAX, LLC STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: As to the firm, practicing without a valid firm registration. As to Ms. Werkowitz, conduct reflecting adversely on her fitness to practice as a CPA. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of application for a firm registration.

CANDACE WHEELER STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Act of dishonesty of obtaining a permit by failing to disclose that she had tax warrants filed against her in the past seven years,

aside from those previously disclosed to the Board; practicing without a valid permit; failure to timely notify the Board of a change in her employer and address. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure.

CHAD E. COWAN, CPA, P.A. STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid firm registration. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of the application for firm registration.

BERKOWER, L.L.C. STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Failure to comply with Peer Review. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure; approval of the application for firm registration.

LE COMPTE, P.C. STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Failure to comply with professional standards. Appearance before the Board; payment of costs; notification to the Board of the acceptance of an engagement to perform attest services for Kansas clients; undergo pre-issuance review of all attest engagements for Kansas entities; payment of costs; censure.

JUNE 2018:

KIMBERLY DANECK STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid permit. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs.

KARA FEUERBORN STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid permit. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs.

RYAN ANDREW PETERS STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid permit. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs.

JUSTIN L. SMAIL REQUEST FOR HEARING ON SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION: Failure to cooperate in an investigation. Payment of costs and censure.

JULY 2018:

MARK JAMESON STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Use of a fictitious firm name not registered with the Board. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure.

BECCA ANN KIRN STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a valid permit. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure.

ARTURO MACIAS STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Use of a fictitious firm name not registered with the Board. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure.

TIFFANY OPPERMAN STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Practicing without a permit. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; censure.

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BOYCE SOWARD, CPA STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER:

Failure to comply with Peer Review. Appearance before the Board; payment of a fine and costs; submission of a Peer Review letter of completion or "in process" letter to the Board; completion of the AICPA Comprehensive Ethics exam; payment of a fine and costs.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY ORDERS WERE ISSUED, WHICH REQUIRED NO FURTHER ACTION BY THE BOARD.

BAKER, CHI & PARKEY ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION OF FIRM REGISTRATION:

Failure to timely comply with Peer Review. Payment of a fine and costs.

ERIC WAYNE BARTLAND SUMMARY ORDER OF REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE:

Violations of the Virginia accountancy law. Payment of a fine and costs.

JANET SUE CALHOUN SUMMARY ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT; REVOCATION OF KANSAS CERTIFICATE:

Fraud, dishonesty and deceit in obtaining a Kansas permit; failure to timely file personal tax returns; practicing certified public accountancy without a valid permit; willful violation of a rule of professional conduct; and conduct reflecting adversely on fitness to practice certified public accountancy. Imposition of fine and reimbursement of costs.

ANDREW WARD DOWNING SUMMARY ORDER OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE BY TRANSFER OF GRADES:

Failure to meet the education requirements to obtain a CPA certificate. Reimbursement of costs.

LEVI YITZCHOK PERL SUMMARY ORDER OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE BY TRANSFER OF GRADES:

Failure to meet the education requirements to obtain a CPA certificate. Reimbursement of costs.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR COMPUTERS AND EMAIL

As part of the continuing "Protect Your Clients; Protect Yourself: Tax Security 101" awareness campaign, the IRS and its Security Summit partners have outlined six critical steps tax professionals should take to protect their electronic systems and safeguard taxpayer data from cyber threats.

Anti-virus software: Anti-virus software scans files or computer's memory for certain patterns that may indicate the presence of malicious software. Anti-virus vendors find new and updated malware daily, so it is important to keep the software updated. By setting the software to automatically download updates, it will always be current. Once you have installed an anti-virus package, make sure you scan your entire computer periodically.

Firewalls: Firewalls protect against outside attackers by shielding your computer or network from malicious or unnecessary network traffic and preventing malicious software from accessing the network. Firewalls can be configured to block data from certain locations or applications while allowing relevant and necessary data through. While properly configured firewalls may be effective at blocking some attacks, don't be lulled into a false sense of security. Firewalls primarily help protect against malicious traffic, not against malicious programs (malware), and may not

protect the device if the user accidentally installs malware. However, using a firewall in conjunction with other protective measures will strengthen resistance to attacks.

Two-Factor Authentication: Two-factor authentication helps by adding an extra layer of protection. Often two-factor authentication means the returning user must enter credentials (username and password) plus another step such as entering a security code sent via text to a mobile phone.

The idea is a thief may be able to steal the username and password, but it's highly unlikely they also would have a user's mobile phone to receive a security code and complete the process.

Backup software/services: Critical files on computers should routinely be backed up to external sources. This means a copy of the file is made and stored either online as part of a cloud storage service or similar product. Or, a copy of the file is made to an external disk, such as an external hard drive that now comes with multiple terabytes of storage capacity. You should make sure that sensitive information (such as taxpayer data) is encrypted.

Drive encryption: Given the sensitive client data maintained on accounting professional's computers, users should consider drive encryption software for full-disk encryption.

Drive encryption, or disk encryption, transforms data on the computer into unreadable files for the unauthorized person accessing the computer. Drive encryption may come as a stand-alone security software product. It may also include encryption for removable media, such as a thumb drive and its data.

Data security plan: The Security Summit also reminds tax professionals of several other important steps. All professional tax return preparers must have a written data security plan as required by the Federal Trade Commission and its Safeguards Rule.

Tax professionals also can get help with security recommendations and creating a data security plan by reviewing the recently revised *IRS Publication 4557, Safeguarding Taxpayer Data*, and the *National Institute of Standards and Technology's Small Business Information Security: The Fundamentals*.

IRS Publication 5293, Data Security Resource Guide for Tax Professionals, provides a compilation of data theft information available on IRS.gov.

Although the "Security Six" is geared toward tax professionals, these steps are a good idea for accounting professionals, as well as taxpayers and small businesses. For more information, visit *Protect Your Clients; Protect Yourself: Tax Security 101* on IRS.gov.