## **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

December 5, 2019

**TO:** All Board Members

Christopher Kaisershot, Assistant Attorney General

**FROM:** Greg Steiner, CPA, Board Chair

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 5, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN RULE BUILDING, Suite 295 (Second Floor)

8:51 AM

The Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on the above-mentioned date, time and location.

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Attendance:

Gregory Steiner, CPA, Board Chair

Sharon Jensen, CPA

Chas McElroy, CPA

Christopher Omdahl, CPA (Absent)

Lance Radziej, CPA (Absent)

Charles Selcer, CPA

Godson Sowah, CPA (Absent)

Scott Van Binsbergen, Public Member (Absent)

Alan Wilensky, Public Member

#### OTHERS:

Doreen Johnson, Executive Director Kay Weiss, Assistant Executive Director Matt Kaehler, Investigator Holly Salmela, State Program Administrator J'Nell Nordin, OAS-I

### **GUESTS:**

Geno Fragnito, Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) Troy Olsen, Minnesota Association of Certified Public Accountants (MAPA)

- 2) APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2019, BOARD MEETING MINUTES MSP: To approve the October 22, 2019, meeting minutes.
- 3) COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT (Sharon Jensen, CPA, Committee Chair) The Complaint Committee requests a closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and petition for waiver requests which include private data.
  - A) MSP: To close session to address enforcement actions under Minnesota Statutes 214 (2018).
  - B) MSP: To reopen the meeting. The Board issued the following Orders:
    - 1. In the matter of Christopher Jay Rom, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order and Order to Reinstate.
    - 2. In the matter of Jeanne Margaret Matter, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.
    - 3. In the matter of Michael David Lewis, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.
    - 4. In the matter of Thomas John Ford, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.
    - 5. In the matter of Richard J. Fennern, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.
    - 6. In the matter of Dennis Lee Rick, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.
    - 7. In the matter of Kays, St. Germain & Co, PLLC, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.
    - 8. In the matter of Dennis Leroy Renner, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.
    - 9. In the matter of Jeffrey P. Sweetser, CPA, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

MP: To approve and adopt committee report.

- 4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Gregory Steiner, CPA, Board Chair)
  - A) Meeting held after Board Meeting.
- 5) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Doreen Johnson, Executive Director)
  - A) Budget and Revenue reports discussed.
  - B) Investigator position discussed.
  - C) Open appointments discussed.

MP: To accept the report.

- 6) EXAMINATION & CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT (Greg Steiner, CPA, Reporting)
  - A) Approved the applications of 60 Minnesota candidates, eight transfer candidates and seven reciprocal candidates.

MP: To approve and adopt Committee recommendations.

- 7) FIRM CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE REPORT (Chas McElroy, CPA, Reporting)
  - A) APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MSP: To approve the October 19, 2019, meeting minutes.
  - B) APPLICATIONS FOR MINNESOTA FIRM PERMITS:

(1)	Isaac Mensink, CPA LLC	MSP: To approve
(2)	Sobieski Tax and Consulting LLC	MSP: To approve
(3)	Nelson Accounting & Tax	MSP: To approve
(4)	Obremski Ltd	MSP: To approve
(5)	Famodu Advisory Services LLC	MSP: To approve
(6)	Sonstegard Tax & Accounting LLC	MSP: To approve
(7)	Rehberg CPA, PLLC	MSP: To approve
(8)	JDL CPA & Consulting LLC	MSP: To approve
(9)	Danielle L. Berg, Ltd.	MSP: To approve
(10)	Valley Accounting & Tax LLC	MSP: To deny
(11)	Marcus J. Eischens CPA LLC	MSP: To approve
(12)	Cindy Luhman, LLC	MSP: To approve

# C) APPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN FIRM PERMITS:

(1)	Carter & Company Certified Public Accountants, LLC	MSP: To approve
(2)	White Turf Financial	MSP: To deny
(3)	Britsch & Associates. PC	MSP: To approve

# (4) Sherbert CPA, PC

# D) FIRM NAME CHANGE REQUEST(S):

Mark S. Robson, Ltd. to Robson Taylor, Ltd MSP: To approve (1)

MSP: To approve

(2)	Fuhs & Sonstegard, Ltd.	to	Kimberly M. Fuhs, CPA Ltd	MSP: To approve
(3)	David J. Geslin CPA Ltd	to	Geslin Tukey LTD	MSP: To approve

# E) PEER REVIEW REPORTS:

00127	Ackerman, Berquist & Co., Ltd	MSP: To approve
00261	CarlsonSV, LLP	MSP: To approve
00305	Schlenner Wenner & Co	MSP: To approve
00481	Jeffrey B Mangas Ltd	MSP: To approve
00604	Espeland CPA, Ltd.	MSP: To approve
00659	Oberle, Tully & Company	MSP: To approve
00686	Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co., PA	MSP: To approve
00702	Kummet Larson Bluth & Co PA	MSP: To approve
00805	Foley, Kalseim & Company, Ltd.	MSP: To approve
00958	Glorvigen, Tierney, Lind & Co PLLP	MSP: To approve
00969	Stangl & Jaskowiak Ltd	MSP: To approve
00982	Capin Crouse LLP	MSP: To approve
00996	John A Knutson & Co PLLP	MSP: To approve
01067	Debra J Stapek Ltd	MSP: To approve
01149	David A. Youngquist Chartered	MSP: To approve
01204	Strohm Ballweg LLP	MSP: To approve
01492	Michael D. Johnson, Ltd.	MSP: To approve
01674	Rogers & King, CPA, LLC	MSP: To approve

01681	B2 Beltrand LLC	MSP: To approve
F1719	D.W. Miller, CPA, S.C.	MSP: To approve
F1730	Dan R Olthoff, CPA, PLLC	MSP: To approve
F1817	Dauby O'Connor & Zaleski, LLC	MSP: To approve
F1962	Myers and Stauffer LLC	MSP: To approve
F2043	Woodward & Associates, Inc.	MSP: To approve
F2073	Frazier & Deeter, LLC	MSP: To approve
F2094	Kendall, Prebola & Jones, LLC	MSP: To approve
F2134	Fruci & Associates II, PLLC	MSP: To approve
F2257	Rose Accounting PLLC	MSP: To approve
00302	SLS, Inc.	MSP: To approve
F2045	Kays, St Germain & Co, PLLC	MSP: To approve

#### F) DISCUSSION

1. Retired status and firm ownership – will send to Firm Credentialing Committee.

MP: To approve and adopt recommendations.

#### 8) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A) Strategic planning – each Committee tasked with discussing actionable items.

#### 9) **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Exception requests:
  - (1) Applicant A MSP: To approve.
  - (2) Applicant B MSP: To deny.
  - (3) Applicant C MSP: To approve.
  - (4) Applicant D MSP: To approve.
- B) Obsolete rules report – FYI only
- C) The NASBA Report on Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination: 2018 Edition – discussed.
- CPA Evolution Initiative discussed. D)
- E) Amendment of the CPAES Agreement – FYI only
- F) Renewals and Retired status requests update (K. Weiss) – discussed.
- G) New Licenses Report.

## MSP: To approve new licenses report.

H) NASBA Candidate Care Quarterly Report Q3 2019 – discussed.

- I) Election of Board officers for 2020. Elected officers:
  - Sharon Jensen for Chair
  - Charles Selcer for Vice Chair
  - Charles McElroy for Secretary/Treasurer
- 10) PUBLIC COMMENT (None)
- 11) ADJOURNED: 10:27 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Charles Selcer, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer

### **EXAMINATION AND CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 5, 2019** 

**TO:** Godson Sowah, CPA, Chair

Sharon Jensen, CPA Greg Steiner, CPA

**FROM:** Godson Sowah, CPA, Committee Chair

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 5, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**GOLDEN RULE BUILDING, Suite 125** 

8:00 AM

The Examination and Credentialing Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on the above-mentioned date, time and location.

1) QUORUM CALL

2) APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2019, COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MSP: To Approve

3) CPA and RAP Application Files

A) Minnesota Applicants (60)
Allison Newell Amadon

Nathan Meyer Anderson

David Michael Bernu

Joshua James Busko

Mary Katharine Candela

Paul Joseph Chan

Logan Anthony Conlon

Anthony DeGiulio

Stephanie Monae DuBord

Branden Elijah Leo Evanson

John Alexander Gargaro

Jessie Allison Graves

Ty Thomas Griffin John Robert Hagen John Richard Haggar David Michael Hahn

Andrew Bryan Johnson

**Nicholas Robert Jones** 

Caitlin Sophia Joseph

Jennifer Marie Kleason

Trey Michael Kockelman

Michael Christopher Koziol

Laura Kate Kubisiak

Elliot James Larson

**Thomas Gregory Lewis** 

John Patrick Lindemann

**Christian Paynter Linhardt** 

Shelby Rose Lloyd

Tana Jean Lyon

Anna Louise Makousky

**Matthew Thomas Maley** 

**Taylor Clifford McAlpine** 

**Emily Grace McFadden** 

Brandon Kyle McGee

Natalie Ann Meicher

Cindy Jeanette Molitor

Aubrey Jean Morin

Hanna Berit Muche

Alexandria Nicole Nelson

Dane Andrew Niemira

Alyssa Rose Nosbush

Stephanie Marie Oftelie

Lauren Elaine Perinovic

Caleb Aaron Perkins

**Kyle David Rouse** 

Dana Leigh Ruud

Haley Nicole Schanks

Abigail Elizabeth Soderberg

Ryan Webster Spiro

Kristin Anna Stern

Olivia Taylor Swanson

Jacob Allan Titus

Thomas Michael Traeger Nichole Alyssa Ullom Benjamin Jon Vangsness Joshua Vassallo Samantha PN Ward Alexander Kenneth Wise Josseline Michell Zarate Andrew Edwin Zobel

**MSP:** To Approve

B) Transfer Applicants (8)
Mason Patrick Crowley
Morgan Kay Elmore
Ria Jasmin Pomeda Odulio
Jessica Briann Risch
Andrew Joseph Schneider
Thomas Levi Stoxen
Joshua Alton Tracey
Camryn Jean Wrage
MSP: To Approve

C) Reciprocal Applicants (7)
Sharon L Eisenberg
Qianrong Hu
Rebecca Joy Menking
Anna Jean Neumeister
Patrice Nicole Noltimier
Knute Russell Pedersen Jr
Nicholas Donald Peterson

**MSP: To Approve** 

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4) Adjourn