## **BOARD MEMORANDUM**

May 5, 2022

**TO:** All Board Members

Christopher Kaisershot, Assistant Attorney General

**FROM:** Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair

SUBJECT: MAY 5, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

GOLDEN RULE BUILDING, Suite 295 (Second Floor)

9:08 AM

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

## 1) CALL TO ORDER:

Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair Charles McElroy, CPA Godson Sowah, CPA (ABSENT) Gregory Steiner, CPA Lance Radziej, CPA (ABSENT) Amanda Guanzini, CPA (ABSENT) Scott Van Binsbergen, Public Member Alan Wilensky, Public Member

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

## **GUESTS:**

Faye Hayhurst, Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) Troy Olsen, Minnesota Association of Certified Public Accountants (MAPA)

- 2) APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES MSP: To approve the March 24, 2022 meeting minutes.
- 3) COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT (Greg Steiner, CPA, Committee Chair)
  The Complaint Committee requests a closed session to discuss enforcement matters.
  - A) MP: To close session to address enforcement actions under Minnesota Statutes 214 (2020).
  - B) Reopened the meeting.

The Board issued the following Orders:

- 1) In the Matter of Kari Renee Blom, a Stipulation and Consent Order was issued.
- 2) In the Matter of Michael Charles Drazan, a Stipulation and Consent Order was issued.
- 3) In the Matter of Kyle Theodore Mielke, a Stipulation and Consent Order was issued.
- 4) In the Matter of Bradlee J. Zumbaum, a Stipulation and Consent Order was issued.

MP: To approve and adopt the Committee report.

- 4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair) **No committee meeting held.**
- 5) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Doreen Johnson, Executive Director)
  - A) Budget and Revenue report discussed.
  - B) Staffing needs: Investigator position is vacant. We will begin the hiring process.
  - C) Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audits: The Board staff has initiated the first round of CPE audits discussed.
  - D) National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) CPE audit tool: Minnesota foregoing.
  - E) Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) Board meeting held April 21, 2022 (C. Selcer) discussed.
  - F) Allow seat assignment fees to be included as part of travel expenses. This does not include seat upgrades.

MSP: To approve

MSP: To accept the report.

- 6) LAWS and RULES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT No committee meeting held.
- 7) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT **No committee meeting held.**
- 8) FIRM CREDENTIALING and PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT **No committee meeting held.**
- 9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  None
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
  - A) Application for Reinstatement:
    - 1) Russell G. Popp

**MSP:** To issue Reinstatement Order

2) Michael R. Troska

MSP: To issue Reinstatement Order

3) Holland N. Stimac

**MSP: To issue Reinstatement Order** 

4) Yousef Sarameh

**MSP: To issue Reinstatement Order** 

5) Todd D. Lee

**MSP: To issue Reinstatement Order** 

6) Mark E. Helsper

**MSP:** To issue Reinstatement Order

7) Wade A. Chitwood

**MSP:** To issue Reinstatement Order

8) Lisa K. Lasota

**MSP:** To issue Reinstatement Order

9) Cecilia Liu

**MSP: To issue Reinstatement Order** 

10) Daniel J. Bain

**MSP: To issue Reinstatement Order** 

11) Keith M. Van Sloun

**MSP: To issue Reinstatement Order** 

B) Requests for Exception:

Applicants:

1) Applicant A: Request to extend exam score expiration date.

MSP: To approve

2) Applicant B: Request exception to jurisdiction of CPA verifying experience.

MSP: To approve

3) Applicant C: Request to extend exam score expiration date.

MSP: To approve

4) Applicant D: Request to waive education required to take exam.

MSP: To deny

- C) Applications for Minnesota firm permit:
  - 1) Selvig Consulting LLC

MSP: To approve

2) Arrow Advisors SLP, PLLC

MSP: To approve

3) Barbara J. Bolick, CPA, P.A.

MSP: To approve

4) Mirto CPA PLLC

MSP: To approve

- D) Applications for a foreign firm permit:
  - 1) McKenzie Forensic Auditors, Inc

MSP: To approve

2) Karen Dunn, CPA, LLC

MSP: To approve

3) Lane Gorman Trubitt, LLC

MSP: To approve

- E) Firm name change requests:
  - 1) Axtell Haller & Slachta, LLC to Axtell & Haller, LLC

MSP: To approve

2) Keddington & Christensen LLC to KCHM, L.L.C.

MSP: To approve

- F) In Compliance with Minnesota Rule 1105.1600-550 (2021) the following firms submitted a report with a finding of "pass" and pursuant to the Delegation of Authority, the Executive Director accepted the reports:
  - 1) Mark W Laffrenzen Ltd
  - 2) Daniel Schleper CPA, P.S.C
  - 3) Grant Thornton LLP
  - 4) KCoe Isom, LLP
  - 5) Peterson Juergensen Hemerick & Co
  - 6) JackHarvey LLC
  - 7) Johnson, Mattson, Smail & Collum, PLLC
  - 8) Hinrichs and Associates Ltd
  - 9) Daryle W Yergler CPA, LLC
  - 10) Russell & Associates, LLC
  - 11) Tanner LLC

MSP: To accept Peer Review Report items: F1 - F2 & F4 - F11

MSP: To accept Peer Review Report item: F3 (G. Steiner recused himself)

- G) Peer reviews with other rating:
  - 1) Collins & Associates, SC

MSP: To accept

2) Julie G. Merrill, CPA, P.A.

MSP: Referred to staff

3) William Mork & Company Ltd

MSP: To accept

- H) American Institute of Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA) 2024 infrastructure changes to the CPA exam discussed.
- National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) letter regarding 2023 fee change implementation. (FYI only)
- J) Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) Report Acceptance Body (RAB) 2022 filing.

MSP: To approve

- K) Department of Labor and Industry: Audit cycle. (D. Johnson) (FYI only)
- L) 18 months start date for exams: Exam date vs. Score release date discussed.
- M) New license report MSP: To approve
- 11) PUBLIC COMMENT (NONE)
- 12) ADJOURNED: 10:45 AM.

Next Meeting: June 30, 2022