

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy (Board) was held in Suite 450 of the Main Street Mall on January 11, 2013 with Gene Cogbill, President, presiding. Other members of the Board in attendance were: Karen Garrett, Lloyd Franklin, Mike Moore, Wade Turner, and Jeremy Watson. Members of the staff in attendance were: Jimmy Corley, Executive Director; Ann Jessup, Fiscal Officer/CPE Coordinator, Dale Edge, Investigator, Joshua Jacobs, Investigator, April Murphy, Credentialing Assistant and Alan Fortney, IT Manager. Other attendees were: Mark Ohrenberger, Assistant Attorney General, Brian Thompson, Arkansas Society of Accountants, John Peace, Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, and Joshua Kerr.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cogbill officially called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was found to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to include the findings of the public hearings in the minutes. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve, as corrected, the minutes of the November 16, 2012 board meeting. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2012, as presented. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2012, as presented. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Compliance

The Compliance Committee has met one time.

Six new complaints:

- One allegation of negligent tax practice.
- One void applicant seeking reinstatement.
- One allegation misstated QR response.
- Two unregistered firms.
- One Licensee has pleaded guilty to felony.

Requesting closure of twelve complaints – eight by consent order:

- 1) **C12-068** – Unlicensed firm offering accounting services. Signage has been changed to bookkeeping. Requesting closure with no further action.
- 2) **C12-077 – (Cert #6748R)** Inactive CPA working in public accounting. Resolved via compliance statement paid \$200 penalty and upgrading to LTP. Requesting closure.
- 3) **C12-083 – (Cert #7141)** - Inactive CPA working in public accounting. Resolved via compliance statement paid \$200 penalty and upgrading to LTP. Requesting closure.
- 4) **C12-086(Cert #1804)** - Inactive CPA working in public accounting. Resolved via compliance statement paid \$200 penalty and upgrading to LTP. Requesting closure.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-068, C12-077, C12-083 and C12-086. The motion passed.

- 5) **C09-015 - Consent Order (Cert #5933)**

Applicant's CPA certificate became void August 6, 2006 for failure to renew. Applicant requesting License to Practice pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-12-301. Applicant has agreed to a consent order, completed 147.5 hours of CPE, background check and paid 2002-2006 inactive fees and 2013 LTP fee plus late fees totaling \$555.00. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to close C09-015 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

- 6) **C11-071 - Consent Order**

Licensee had unregistered firm holding out as an accounting firm in AR. Firm was incorporated January 1994. Licensee has agreed to license firm. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent on receipt of \$2,500.00 penalty.

A motion was made and seconded to close C11-071 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

- 7) **C12-005 - Consent Order - (Cert # 7022)**

Licensee failed to acknowledge issuance of audit report on 2005, 2008, and 2011 QR responses A.C.A. §17-12-601(a) (4), (8) and Board Rule 14. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent on receipt of \$6,000.00 penalty.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-005 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

8) **C12-061 - Consent Order -(Cert # 2703)**

Licensee failure to meet professional standards with regard to the issuance of a review constitutes a violation of A.C.A. §17-12-601(a) (4), Board Rules 8.1 -8.2 and Board's Code of Professional Conduct. Licensee has agreed to pre-issuance review for any attestation work. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent on receipt of \$6,000.00 penalty.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-061 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

9) **C12-069 - Consent Order**

Applicant has unregistered firm holding out as an accounting firm in AR. Applicant has agreed to register firm upon issuance of his AR Reciprocal CPA certificate and paid \$700.00 penalty. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-069 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

10) **C12-075 - Consent Order - (Cert #3151)**

Applicant's CPA certificate became void January 1, 2012 for failure to renew. Applicant requesting inactive status pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-12-301. Applicant has agreed to a consent order, completed background check and paid 2009-2011, 2013 inactive fees and applicable late fees totaling \$580.00. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-075 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

11) **C12-089 - Consent Order -(Cert # 5813)**

Applicant's CPA certificate became void January 1, 2009 for failure to renew. Applicant requesting inactive status pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-12-301. Applicant has agreed to a consent order, completed background check and paid 2006-2008, 2013 inactive fees and applicable late fees totaling \$580.00. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-089 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

12) **C12-010 - Consent Order -(Cert # 6811)**

Licensee held out as a Company. Company is not registered with Ark. Sec. State or Board. This constitutes a violations of A.C.A. §17-12-401, 404 and Board's Code of Professional Conduct Rule 403. Licensee has agreed to cease holding out as a Company and pay a \$1,000.00 penalty, payable in two installments, February 11, and April 24. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent on receipt of \$1,000.00 penalty.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-010 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

Requesting permission to issue two notices of hearing.

- 1) **H12-030** – Failure to comply with finding of fact from H12-030
- 2) **C12-093** – Felony conviction

Adjourned and reconvened

Mr. Cogbill called for a brief recess at 10:14 am and returned at 10:35 am.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Interest Statements

The board members received the Financial Interest Statements and were reminded to file them with the Secretary of State, per the Ethics Commission requirements on or before January 31, 2013.

CPE Request

Dory Stiles – Mr. Stiles submitted documentation supporting his request to receive a waiver of group CPE for the calendar year 2012. A motion was made and seconded to waive the group CPE requirement for 2012. The motion passed.

Ivan Hall – Mr. Hall submitted a request to receive a waiver of CPE for the calendar year 2012 based on a medical hardship. A motion was made and seconded to waive the CPE requirements for 2012. The motion passed.

Expense Reimbursement Authorization (A.C.A. §25-16-902) & Stipend Authorization (A.C.A. §25-16-903)

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the stipend and expense reimbursement for all Board Members for 2013 per State Statutes §§25-16-902 and 25-16-903. The motion passed.

Exam Request

Greg Tucker – Mr. Tucker requested an extension of time beyond his testing window to sit for a section of the CPA exam. A motion was made and seconded to deny Mr. Tucker's request. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

NASBA

Executive Directors and Legal Conference

A motion was made and seconded to send Mr. Corley, Mr. Edge and Mr. Jacobs to the Executive Directors' Conference and Mr. Ohrenberger to the Legal Counsel Conference in Tucson, AZ, March 3 – 6, 2013. The motion passed.

Regional Meeting and Annual Conference

A motion was made and seconded to approve travel expenses for Board members and the Executive Director to attend the NASBA Regional Meeting and the Annual Conference in 2013. The motion passed.

Proposed Rules Change

Rules – A motion was made and seconded to amend the proposed CPE rule change to include an effective date of January 14, 2014. The motion passed.

Notifications – A motion was made and seconded to mail postcards to all licensees with a link to the proposed rules change found on the Board’s website. The motion passed.

APPLICATIONS AND SURRENDERS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the applications and surrenders subject to review by a board member. The motion carried.

NEW INDIVIDUAL LICENSES

9047	Lacee Kee Lashelle Badders	9048	Elena Desola Diffily
9049	Monica L. Franco	9050	Tiffany Nako Howton
9051	Sarah M. Kemper	9052	Alexander Philip Miron
9053	Matthew Ryan Phillips	9054	Nick Zarvos
9055R	Monica S. Bennett	9056R	Leslie R. Coddington
9057R	Derek A. Dodd	9058R	Justin K. Kavalir
9059R	Julio H. Rodriguez	3464	Paul Chesser
6601	April Lynn Gage	6748R	Laurie Perkins

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NEW FIRM LICENSES

364P	Bushoven & Co	851C	Paul T. Voss Jr., CPA PA
852C	Regina A Lambert, CPA PA	853C	Richard K. Barrett, CPA, PA
854C	Richardson and Nichols CPA Inc.	855C	T. Alan Gober, CPA, PA
1781C	Katherine G. Jackson CPA PLLC	1791C	Rebecca Boss, CPA, PLLC

INDIVIDUAL AND ENTITY SURRENDERS

1161	Terry L. Arndt	5512R	Gregory E. Barnes
8876R	Eric William Brooks	1122R	Michael W. Clark
3707	Brian W. Combs	3179	Marilyn A. Fiser
8683R	Dale R. Glen	8393R	Arnold Himmelstein
0194	Penny Lincoln	2091	Ed Lynch
2723	Terry M. Lynch	8020R	Cecil Darwin Maynard III.
1414R	Jerry P. Pierce	8100R	Michael Lee Reese
5657R	Thomas Salyers Reeves, Jr.	1106R	Vita M. Saville
8501R	Robert E. Schile	8161R	Traci L. Sowersby
1989R	Gary W. Waggener	3560	Leonard G. Warden III
7437R	Lorri L. Werner	6266R	Pamela Hall Whiteley
47LP	Draffin & Tucker, LLP	117LC	Ellis & Hirsberg CPA PLLC
650C	Gregory E. Barnes C.P.A. P.A.	814C	Jerold K. Fetzer, CPA, P.A.
763C	Katherine G. Jackson PC	42LP	Kiesling Associates LLP
0118C	Lincoln & Lincoln, LTD.	754C	Lorraine L. Bunnell CPA PA
721C	Peiser & Hall, CPAs	325P	Riley Stubbs & Cato LLC
373C	Teaff & Associates, CPAs, P.A.		

