



ARKANSAS STATE BOARD of PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Board Meeting Minutes

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A regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy was held with Richard Bell, President, presiding. Other members of the Board in attendance were Shane Warrick, Christina Ellis, Barrett Belew, Megan Turner, Denton Woods, and Don Curdie. Members of the staff in attendance were Tim Montgomery - Executive Director, Dale Edge - Investigator, Kathrine Stone - Licensing Coordinator. Additionally in attendance was Clayton Orr - Attorney General liaison.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bell officially called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was found to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2023 Board meeting with minor corrections for typos. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The June 30, 2023 fiscal year-end Treasurer's Report was reviewed but not approved as changes were still in process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMPLIANCE

The Compliance Committee has met once since June.

Five (5) New Complaints:

Non licensee holding out.

External complaints regarding records.

Three licensees requesting to withdrawal from Peer Review.



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Requesting closure of Twenty- Five (25) complaints:

Complaints 1 and 2 – Lapsed Licensees requesting to take Surrender, Retired, Deceased Status.

1. **C23-027 – (Cert. #1075)** – Licensee failed to timely renew for 2023 licensure year and became lapsed. Licensee has since contacted the Board and requested to take retired status. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings but recommends closure with no further action.
2. **C23-061 – (Cert. #314C)** – Licensee failed to timely renew for 2023 licensure year and became lapsed. Licensee has since contacted the Board and requested to surrender. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings but recommends closure with no further action.

Complaints 3 through 21 – Lapsed Licensees that failed to respond and a hearing was held.

3. **C23-032 – (Cert. #4463)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-009 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 4463 was revoked. Requesting closure.
4. **C23-033 – (Cert. #6799)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-010 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 6799 was revoked. Requesting closure.
5. **C23-035 – (Cert. #8740)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-012 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 8740 was revoked. Requesting closure.
6. **C23-036 – (Cert. #8839)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-013 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 8839 was revoked. Requesting closure.
7. **C23-037 – (Cert. #10023)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-014 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 10023 was revoked. Requesting closure.
8. **C23-038 – (Cert. #10229R)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-015 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 10229R was revoked. Requesting closure.
9. **C23-041 – (Cert. #9729)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-018 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 9729 was revoked. Requesting closure.
10. **C23-42 – (Cert. #9533)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-019 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 9533 was revoked. Requesting closure.
11. **C23-043 – (Cert. #6642)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-020 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 6642 was revoked. Requesting closure.



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12. **C23-044 – (Cert. #5493R)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-021 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 5493R was revoked. Requesting closure.
13. **C23-046 – (Cert. #3386)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-023 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 3386 was revoked. Requesting closure.
14. **C23-047 – (Cert. #9577)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-024 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 9577 was revoked. Requesting closure.
15. **C23-048 – (Cert. #8871)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-025 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 8871 was revoked. Requesting closure.
16. **C23-052 – (Cert. #5242R)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-029 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 5242R was revoked. Requesting closure.
17. **C23-053 – (Cert. #7609)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-030 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 7609 was revoked. Requesting closure.
18. **C23-054 – (Cert. #1773)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-031 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 1773 was revoked. Requesting closure.
19. **C23-055 – (Cert. #9995)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-032 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 9995 was revoked. Requesting closure.
20. **C23-056 – (Cert. #7288)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-033 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 7288 was revoked. Requesting closure.
21. **C23-062 – (Cert. #791C)** – Licensee failed to renew firm certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-039 was held June 9, 2023. AR Firm certificate 791C was revoked. Requesting closure.

Complaints 22 through 23 – Licensee Firms Requesting to withdrawal form PEER Review.

22. **C23-063 – (Firm Cert. #567C)** – Licensee firm had requested to withdraw from Peer Review. Sole Proprietor Owner, closed firm end of January 2023 and is in process of making final collections. Last PEER Review was a Pass and completed October 2021. Next Peer Review is due October 2024. The Compliance Committee recommends closure with no further action.
23. **C23-067 – (Firm Cert. #467C)** – Licensee firm had requested to withdraw from Peer Review. Sole Proprietor Owner will no longer perform attest work. Last PEER Review was a Pass and completed December 2022. Next Peer Review is due March 2026. The Compliance Committee recommends closure with no further action.



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Complaint 24 –Licensee sanctioned by Federal or State Agency

- 24. C23-066 – (Firm Cert. #108LP)** – Licensee firm is self-reporting SEC/PCAOB sanctions. Firm sanctioned for lack of quality control with regard to issuance of Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) Audits. No AR CPAs or firms were involved. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings but recommends closure with no further action.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Compliance Committee’s recommended findings and proposed resolutions to items 1 through 24 as listed above. The motion carried.

Seeking Additional Board Guidance

- 25. C23-049 – (Cert. #10318)** – Licensee failed to renew individual Arkansas CPA certificate for 2023. Hearing 23-026 was held June 9, 2023. AR CPA certificate 10318 was revoked. Licensee appeared in person Saturday June 10 at Certificate Ceremony held at Capital (wife was a participant). Licensee surrendered wall certificate and submitted signed surrender affidavit to Board Investigator.

A motion is made for Board to disregard hearing findings and accept licensee’s surrender.

CPE

No updates to the CPE audit at this time.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Open Investigator position, but no personnel changes at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Fictitious Firm Name: A motion was made and seconded to deny the fictitious firm name request for *Nat20 Accounting Services* on the grounds of it being considered false or misleading. Motion carried.

Exam Credit Extension Request: Examinee is requesting extension of exam credit lost during the pandemic. The Board requests more information before it will make a decision.

AICPA ELE Program: Changes to the AICPA ELE program were briefly discussed.



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Occupational Licensing Subcommittee Meeting: Discussion of topics to be reviewed for the upcoming Occupational Licensing Subcommittee meeting.

Next Board Meeting date: The next Board meeting will be held on in-person at 10:00 am on September 26th at ASU Jonesboro.

Licensure Activity Report: The Board briefly discussed the licensure activity report from June through August.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.