

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2013

The regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy (Board) was held in Suite 450 of the Main Street Mall on June 14, 2013 with Gene Cogbill, President, presiding. Other members of the Board in attendance were: Karen Garrett, William "Bill" Millager, 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, 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, Kim Hardin*, Court Reporter, Greg Kirkpatrick*, Hearing Officer, Ricky Taylor*, CPA, Vicki Ingle*, CPA and James Johnston*, CPA.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cogbill officially called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum was found to be present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The board moved immediately to the public hearing for H12-035, H13-001, H13-002, H13-005, H13-012, H13-014, H13-016, H13-017, H13-018, H13-019, H13-020, H13-026, H13-029, H13-030, H13-037, H13-042, H13-043, H13-044, H13-045 and H13-046.

H12-035 involved the request for reinstatement from a licensee whose license had gone void. The request for reinstatement was denied by the Board due to the applicant's failure to abide by conditions imposed in a previous order.

H13-001 involved a licensee who has pled guilty to the felony crime of fraudulently obtaining prescription drugs. Board member Karen Garrett recused herself from participating in the deliberation / board vote portion of this hearing. The Board determined that the licensee should be placed on probation for 3 years, during which time the licensee is to report to the Board on a quarterly basis the results of random drug tests. The licensee was also ordered to pay for the costs of conducting the hearing.

H13-002 involved the practice of public accountancy through an unlicensed firm. The Board fined the owner of the firm \$1,500 and ordered that the firm become licensed with the Board.

H13-005, H13-012, H13-014, H13-016, H13-017, H13-018, H13-019, H13-020, H13-026, H13-029, H13-030, H13-037, H13-042, H13-043, H13-044, H13-045 and H13-046 all involved licensees who had not renewed their license for 2013 and had failed to respond to board correspondence. The Board in each case revoked the license of each licensee for failure to renew their license and failure to respond to Board correspondence.

The board meeting reconvened at 1:27 p.m.

*Kim Hardin, Greg Kirkpatrick, Ricky Taylor, Vicki Ingle and James Johnston left the meeting at the conclusion of the hearings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, as amended, of the April 26, 2013 board meeting and the minutes, as presented, of the May 13, 2013 teleconference board meeting. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for April and May, 2013, as presented. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Compliance

The Compliance Committee has met one time.

Fifty-one new complaints:

One allegation of failure to follow professional standards.

Four unlicensed firms.

One Pre Issuance Review violation.

Forty-five individuals/firms who failed to timely renew for 2013 and failed to respond to a 30 day certified letter. Notice of Hearing was issued.

Requesting closure of six complaints – two by consent order:

1. **C09-059 – (Cert #6593)** - Inactive CPA performed attest services has submitted CPA certificate and is requesting surrendered of CPA Certificate in lieu of disciplinary action. Requesting closure.
2. **C12-056 – (Cert #6047)** – Resolved via hearing H12-030. Licensee has made

restitution of \$2,830.65 and paid \$750.00 penalty assessed by Board. Requesting closure.

3. **C13-020 – (Cert# 8561)** - Licensee acknowledged criminal complaint on 2013 renewal. Complaint has been dismissed. Requesting closure.
4. **C13-028 - (Cert #8943)** – Lapsed CPA working in public accounting. Resolved via compliance statement, licensee reinstated and paid \$200 penalty. Requesting closure.

A motion was made and seconded to close C09-059, C12-056, C13-020 and C13-08. The motion passed.

CONSENT ORDERS

5. **C12-076 - (Cert #7572)** - Applicant's CPA certificate became void August 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 120 hours of CPE, completed background check and paid 2002-2006 inactive fees and 2013 LTP fee plus late fees totaling \$595.00. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent on receipt of monies due.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-076 by consent order. The motion passed.

6. **C12-092**

Licensee had unregistered firm holding out as an accounting firm in AR. Firm was incorporated September 2007. Licensee has agreed to license firm and paid \$900.00 penalty. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to close C12-92 by consent order. The motion passed.

OTHER MATTERS

Requesting permission to issue one notice of hearing.

C13-031 – Licensee appears to have unregistered firm, failed to respond to Certified Board letter within 30 days.

A motion was made and seconded to issue, if needed, a notice of hearing for C13-031.

NEW BUSINESS

External Audit

A motion was made and seconded to reappoint Bell Foster Johnson & Watkins, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the external audit of the 2013 Financial Statements, subject to state procurement rules and regulations. The motion passed.

Administration

A motion was made and seconded to recognize the new licensees in an ad in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. The purchase is not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of new officers was held and the results were as follows: Dr. Mike Moore, President; Karen Garrett, Secretary; Wade Turner, Treasurer.

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 LICENSE

9104	Mitchell David Bell	9105	Travis Lee Bolton
9106	Jamie Kristen Cason	9107	Zhirong Chen
9108	Blair Elizabeth Cocanower	9109	Samuel Ryan Collier
9110	Robert B. Hoover	9111	Jaimi Joseph Solorio
9112	Erin Michele Spears	9113R	Zachariah Luke Feighert

•”R” DENOTES A RECIPROCAL LICENSE

NEW FIRM LICENSES

864C KAUFMAN, ROSSIN & CO., P.A.

INDIVIDUAL AND ENTITY SURRENDERS

5127	Marta Marie Montgomery Ayers	7629	Brian Baker
8311R	Connie Sue Berry	8919	Tyler McKean Boss
3961	Linda Sue Cummings	7158	Nancy Lu Curotto
8246R	Jennifer Jean Douglas	8270R	Verne L. Hargrave
8088R	Andrew John Higginbotham	1584	Darrell W. Loftin
06	Jeff B. McIlroy	5176	Darwin Dale Nelson
4112	Carla F. Price	6733R	Janet S. Renwick
1464	Randal L. Tennison	8025R	Glenn Richard Williams
7947R	John F. Williamson	5474R	Anne Marie (Humphries) Wren
629C	Robinson, Grimes & Company, P.C.		

INDIVIDUAL AND ENTITY SURRENDERS – IN LIEU

6593 James J. Peroutka

INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS NAME CHANGE

2SP Goldie Roberts, CPA

REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE

6686 Jeffery P. Scaccia

DECEASED

8013R Jack D. Bellew, Jr.

534 Barry B. Findley

4768R John W. Gardner

908R Ivan L. Hall

5164 Durward Lance Jones

1721R Richard L. Schwartz

6245 Mauri A. Brankin

917 Hubert D. Fugett

6303 Kimberly Ann Gardner

1897 David Taylor Hyatt III.

3810 Clyde W. Langford, Jr.

4177 Charlie J. Trimble

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.