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Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2021

A called meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy was held via Zoom with David Vaden, President, presiding. Other members of the Board in attendance were Richard Bell, Christina Ellis, Kevin Canfield, Deana Infield, and Denton Woods. Members of the staff in attendance were Jimmy Corley, Executive Director, Dale Edge, Investigator; Tim Montgomery, Investigator; Sara Farris, Legal Counsel; Alan Fortney, Trista Browning, Melissa Hamric, and Kathrine Stone.

Also in attendance was Coleen Conrad with NASBA, Chris Fletcher, the Governor's Office Liaison, Marsha Moffit of the ARCPA

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vaden officially called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Remote testing Pilot Project

After a presentation from Colleen Conrad, NASBA COO, and discussion, a motion was made to accept the testing scores from the proposed remote testing pilot. The motion passed with Richard Bell voting no.

2. 18-Month window hardship request

An exam candidate requested an extension of her credit expiration date due to unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances involving a positive Covid-19 test result and the February winter storm.

A motion was made to grant an extension to March 31. The motion passed.

3. Exam credit extension

An exam candidate requested an extension of her credit expiration dates. No acceptable extenuating circumstance was found to be present that would have prevented the candidate from testing. A motion to deny the request carried. Richard Bell recused himself from voting.

4. Fictitious name requests

The Board reviewed fictitious CPA firm name proposals and approved the firm name "Salt Creek Consulting & CPA" but voted not to accept "Bentonville CPA."

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.