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**Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2020**

A regular 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 Deana Infield, Kevin Canfield, Richard Bell, Denton Woods, Christina Ellis, and Shane Warrick. Members of the staff in attendance were Jimmy Corley, Executive Director, Dale Edge, Investigator; Tim Montgomery, Investigator; Sara Farris, Legal Counsel; Alan Fortney, and April Murphy. Marsha Moffit of the Arkansas CPAs and Brian Thompson of the Arkansas Society of Accountants also attended the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vaden 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 approve the minutes of the September 2020 Board meeting, subject to changes. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September and October 2020 Treasurer's Reports, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMPLIANCE

The Compliance Committee has met once since September.

Eleven (11) New Complaints:

Two licensees requesting reinstatement.
Four Licensees sanctioned by SEC, PCAOB, or another State Board
Five CPE Audit Failures.

Requesting closure of thirteen (13) complaints; five (5) by consent order

1. **C20-025 – (Cert. #7674)** – Licensee associated CPA designation with an unregistered firm. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings but recommends closure based on licensee’s action to remove CPA reference from company.

Complaints 2 through 4 - Licensees who failed to respond timely to 2020 CPE Audit.

2. **C20-089 – (Cert. #9581)** – Licensee failed to timely respond to the 2020 CPE audit. Licensee has now responded, provided CPE documentation and passed 2020 CPE audit. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and closure with no further action.
3. **C20-092 – (Cert. #9540R)** – Licensee failed to timely respond to the 2020 CPE audit. Licensee has now responded, provided CPE documentation and passed 2020 CPE audit. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and closure with no further action.
4. **C20-094 – (Cert. #3721)** – Licensee failed to timely respond to the 2020 CPE audit. Licensee has now responded, provided CPE documentation and passed 2020 CPE audit. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and closure with no further action.

Complaints 5 through 8 - Licensees who have been sanctioned by SEC, PCAOB, or another State Board of Accountancy.

5. **C20-095 – (Firm Cert. #14LP)** – Licensee Firm sanctioned by another State Board. State’s action was based on a SEC sanction. Licensee Firm notified AR Board after SEC sanction that no AR licensees or AR firms were associated with the SEC violations. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and closure with no further action.
6. **C20-101 – (Firm Cert. #108LP)** – Licensee Firm sanctioned by PCAOB. Licensee Firm notified AR Board after PCAOB sanction that no AR licensees or AR firms were associated with the violations. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and closure with no further action.
7. **C20-102 – (Firm Cert. #6LP)** – Licensee Firm sanctioned by another State Board. State’s action was based on a SEC sanction. Licensee Firm notified AR Board after SEC sanction that no AR licensees or AR firms were associated with the SEC violations. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and closure with no further action.
8. **C20-103 – (Firm Cert. #5LP)** – Licensee Firm sanctioned by another State Board. State’s action was based on a SEC sanction. Licensee Firm notified AR Board after SEC sanction that no AR licensees or AR firms were associated with the SEC violations. The Compliance Committee recommends a finding of probable cause to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and closure with no further action.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Compliance Committee's recommended findings and proposed resolutions as to items 1 through 8, listed above. The motion passed.

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- 1) **C19-142- Consent Order (Cert. # 7773)** – Respondent failed to exercise due professional care in the performance of professional services. Respondent has signed a consent order and paid a \$2,500.00 penalty. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Compliance Committee's recommended finding and proposed resolution as to C19-142. Mr. Bell abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

- 2) **C20-078- Consent Order (Cert. # 9322)** – Applicant's CPA certificate was revoked June 16, 2017. Applicant has requested to reinstate to a license to practice. Applicant has completed 196.5 hours of CPE, 145.5 hours A&A, 5 hours of Ethics, and 46 hours of Other. The study type consists of 191.5 hours of group and 5 hours self-study. Applicant has signed consent order and agreed to pay 2021 licensure year fee of \$110.00 and \$750.00 penalty. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Compliance Committee's recommended finding and proposed resolution as to C20-078. The motion passed.

- 3) **C20-081- Consent Order (Cert. # 6301)** – Applicant's CPA certificate became void August 26, 2011. Applicant has requested to reinstate to inactive status. Applicant has signed consent order and agreed to pay 2021 licensure year fee of \$55. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent upon receipt of money.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Compliance Committee's recommended finding and proposed resolution as to C20-081. The motion passed.

- 4) **C20-084- Consent Order (Cert. # 6382)** – Applicant's CPA certificate became void August 13, 2006. Applicant has requested to reinstate to a license to practice. Applicant has completed 150.5 hours of CPE, 31 hours A&A, 9 hours of Ethics, 20 hours of Tax, and 90.5 hours of Other. The study type consists of 141.5 hours of group and 9 hours self-study. Applicant has signed consent order and agreed to pay 2021 licensure year fee of \$110.00 and \$485.00 for prior year fees (\$55, 2004, \$55 2005, \$55 2006 and \$320 late fees) for a total of \$595.00. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent upon receipt of money.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Compliance Committee's recommended finding and proposed resolution as to C20-084. The motion passed.

- 5) **C20-086- Consent Order (Cert. # 9685)** – Applicant surrendered CPA certificate on December 31, 2018. Applicant has requested to reinstate to a license to practice.

Applicant has completed 120.5 hours of CPE, 8 hours of Ethics, 84 hours of Tax, and 28.5 hours of Other. The study type consists of 61.5 hours of group and 59 hours self-study. Applicant has signed consent order and agreed to pay 2021 licensure year fee of \$110.00. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent upon receipt of money.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Compliance Committee's recommended finding and proposed resolution as to C20-086. The motion passed.

REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF HEARING

A motion was made and seconded to grant the Board staff permission to issue a Notice of Hearing in the matter of C20-091, if necessary. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Meeting Dates

January 8, 2021

April 23, 2021

June 11, 2021

August 13, 2021

September 24, 2021

November 12, 2021

CPA Exam Extension Request

A motion was made and seconded to grant an extension to an NTS and Exam Score due to medical hardship. The motion passed.

LICENSURE ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr. Corley presented to the Board the Licensing Activity Report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.