

**MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
FEBRUARY 3, 2016
VIA TELEPHONE
TOPEKA, KS**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Rodney Van Norden, CPA, Chair, called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance by telephone were Mr. Van Norden; Denise Denning, CPA, Vice-Chair; John R. Helms, CPA; Michael L. Marsh, CPA; Kathryn J. Mitchell, CPA; and Patricia A. O'Sullivan, public member. Also in attendance by telephone that identified themselves were Susan Somers, Executive Director; Randy Forbes, Disciplinary Counsel to the Board; Darin Conklin, General Counsel to the Board; Rita Barnard, Michelle MacBain and Matt List, Kansas Society of CPAs; Marlee Carpenter, Lobbyist for the Kansas Society of CPAs; and Joyce Schartz, Public Accountants Association.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss HB2512, the Bill brought by the KSCPA authorizing CPA exam candidates to sit for the exam 60 days in advance of meeting the education requirements, and requiring the candidate to provide proof of completion of the education requirements to the Board or the examination service within 90 days after the day the candidate sits for the first section of the exam. It was noted that the KSCPA, when testifying before the House Commerce Committee on the Bill, struck the language that would allow the Board to void the scores if the candidate didn't provide proof of completion of the education requirements within a specified period of time after the applicant took the first section of the examination. It was also noted that the KSCPA had extended the time frame to provide the final proof of the education requirements to the Board from 90 days to 120 days.

Considerable discussion was had between the Board and members of the KSCPA as to the basis for the amendments. Board members expressed concern that with striking that language, there would be no consequence if the applicant didn't meet the requirements.

After discussion, and affirmation that the Board takes no position on this Bill, and upon motion of Ms. Mitchell and seconded by Ms. Denning, the Board instructed Ms. Somers and Mr. Conklin to provide the necessary language to the KSCPA and the Revisor, authorizing the voidance of scores should the candidate fail to timely submit proof of completion of the education requirements and affording candidates a hearing under the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act. In addition, if the wording did not make it into the Bill under an amendment on the House Floor, then another meeting might be required of the Board.

3. ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion of Mr. Helms and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

Susan L. Somers, Executive Director