

**MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
AUGUST 22, 2014
LONDON STATE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 556A
TOPEKA, KS**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

John R. Helms, CPA, Chair, called the meeting to order. Board members in person in attendance were Mr. Helms; Denise Denning, CPA; Michael Marsh, CPA; and Kathryn Mitchell CPA. Patricia O'Sullivan, Public Member joined the meeting via telephone. Also in attendance in person was Susan Somers, Executive Director; Randy Forbes, Disciplinary Counsel to the Board; Darin Conklin, General Counsel to the Board; Aron Dunn and Rita Barnard, Kansas Society of CPAs; Marlee Carpenter, Lobbyist for the Kansas Society of CPAs; and Joyce Schartz, Public Accountants Association.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 25, 2014 meeting; reciprocity certificates/permits to practice/firm registrations; and the July 2014 financials. Ms. Denning moved and Ms. Mitchell seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

2. CPA EXAM

The Board reviewed the NASBA Candidate Concerns report for the second quarter of 2014. No action was required to be taken.

3. CPE/PERMIT TO PRACTICE/PEER REVIEW/FIRM REGISTRATIONS:

A. Ms. Somers presented to the Board the list of firms with Peer Reviews either due or in process, and indicated that since the Board has already established the due dates for 2014, the report was for informational purposes only.

B. The Board reviewed a listing of permit holders who were issued a Cease and Desist Notice for failure to renew, or notify the Board that they weren't going to renew. Ms. Somers asked the Board members to notify her if they knew of or became aware of anyone on the list who was continuing to practice as a CPA.

C. The Board reviewed a list of permit holders who could not be located or who had informed the Board that they were not renewing their permit to practice. No action was required to be taken.

D. The Board reviewed the AICPA discussion paper on Enhancing Audit Quality. After discussion and review, the Board decided not to take an official position on the matter.

E. The Board reviewed and discussed the Exposure Draft on the proposed changes to the AICPA standards for performing and reporting on peer reviews in relation to compilation reports. After discussion, the Board determined that it need not take an official position on the matter.

4. HEARINGS:

A. 9:30 AM MARK DODDS & SNAP ACCOUNTING, LLC CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER: (Mr. Van Norden, a member of the Board, was the investigative Board member assigned to this matter. However, Mr. Van Norden was not present at the meeting.) Mark Dodds appeared in person. Snap Accounting, LLC appeared by its sole owner and resident manager Mark Dodds. This matter was before the Board for consideration of a Consent Agreement and Final Order relating to Respondent Dodd's practice of certified public accountancy under a misleading name and conduct reflecting adversely on his fitness to practice certified public accountancy. Respondent Snap was before the Board for consideration of a Consent Agreement and Final Order relating to its practice of certified public accountancy without a valid firm registration. The terms of the Consent Agreement and Final Order required Respondents to appear before the Board; Respondent Dodd to pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00 within 30 days of the effective date of the Consent Agreement and Final Order, and Respondent Dodd to pay costs pursuant to K.S.A. 1-206, to include attorney's fees and court reporter fees incurred in this matter, to be paid within 30 days of the effective date of the Consent Agreement and Final Order. After discussion, Mr. Marsh moved and Ms. Denning seconded for the Board to accept the Consent Agreement and Final Order. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

B. LYNN FOUNTAIN STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Ms. Mitchell recused herself from this matter. Ms. Fountain did not appear. The Board received a letter from Ms. Fountain's physician indicating that Ms. Fountain should not attend the hearing due to ongoing health issues. Her attorney, Joel Krieger, also did not appear. This matter was before the Board for consideration of a Stipulation and Consent Order relating to Respondent's use of a firm or fictitious professional name to engage in the practice of certified public accountancy in Kansas without a valid firm registration. The terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order require Respondent to pay a fine in the amount of \$250.00 within 30 days of the effective date of the Stipulation and Consent Order; payment of costs pursuant to K.S.A. 1-206, to include attorney's fees and court reporter fees incurred in this matter to be paid within 30 days after the Board issues an affidavit identifying the amount of its costs; notification to any third party, including but not limited to the Kansas Society of CPAs, to refrain from publishing any material written by her referencing the name "Fountain GRC Services, LLC", "Fountain GRC, LLC" or any other fictitious name; and a prohibition against engaging in the practice of certified public accountancy by using any non-registered firm or fictitious professional name.

After discussion, Ms. Denning moved and Mr. Marsh seconded to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Upon a vote, the motion carried, with Ms. Mitchell not participating.

5. OTHER:

At this point, the Board, upon motion of Mr. Marsh, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, took a ten minute break to allow others to join the meeting. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

When the Board reconvened, the following members of the Board's Educational Task Force joined the meeting: Mark Best , University of Kansas; Dan Deines, Kansas State University; George Durler, Emporia State University; Michael Flores, Wichita State University; David O'Bryan, Pittsburg State University; Kanalis Ockree, Washburn University; Norman Hope, Chair, KSCPA Educational Foundation; and Aron Dunn, KSCPA Past Chair, and Liaison to the Board of Accountancy.

Mr. Dunn made a presentation on behalf of the KSCPA requesting that the Board consider changing the requirements to sit for the exam presently set forth at K.S.A. 1-302a. The KSCPA proposal would permit candidates to apply and sit for the CPA exam, 60 days prior to fulfilling the education requirement set forth in K.S.A. 1-302a. Mr. Dunn indicated his intent to speak with the KSCPA as to the issues relating to the proposed amendment.

Mr. Dunn requested that the Board consider amending certain statutes relating to the definition of "attest". Ms. Somers and Mr. Conklin indicated that they would meet with a representative of the Revisor of Statute's office to help craft language that would be acceptable to affect these changes.

6. ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Marsh moved, and Ms. O'Sullivan seconded, to adjourn. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

/s/ Susan L. Somers
Susan L. Somers, Executive Director