

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 23, 2014**

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy met at the Board office at 5 Old River Place, Suite 104, Jackson, Mississippi on May 23, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The following record of that meeting was maintained.

Board Members Present

Rick Elam, Chair  
Jim E. Burkes, Vice Chair  
David E. Clarke, Secretary  
David L. Miller  
Mark P. Peach  
Willie B. Sims, Jr.

Board Members Absent

Angela Pannell

Board Staff Present

Ransom C. Jones, Executive Director  
Andy Wright, Board Investigator  
Lane McNeal, Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel Present

Onetta Whitley, Special Assistant Attorney General

Others Present

Gary Walker, MSCPA

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**I. General**

1. The Board opened the meeting with an invocation from Willie Sims.
2. The Board members unanimously approved the minutes from the April 18, 2014 meeting.
3. The Board members signed the CPA certificates of licensure from the April 2014, meeting.

## I. General (Continued)

4. The Board set next and tentative meeting/activity dates for 2014:

June 4-6	NASBA Eastern	September 19	8:30 a.m.
June 11-13	NASBA Western	November 2-5	NASBA Annual Mtg
June 26-29	MSCPA Annual Mtg	November 14	10 a.m.
<del>July 18</del>	(canceled)	November 15	CPA Ceremony
August 15	8:30 a.m.	December 12	8:30 a.m.
  
5. The Board members discussed Board reports for:
  - NASBA Regional Meetings survey for roll-call
  - MSCPA Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, June 28.
  
6. The Board members reviewed and approved attendance for the MSCPA Annual Meeting held June 26 - 29.

## II. National Regulatory Concerns

1. The Board noted the Nebraska State Board letter, May 5, 2014, to NASBA Chair Hansen nominating Douglas W. Skiles for NASBA Director -at - Large for 2014-2017.
  
2. The Board noted the Alabama State Board letter, May 12, 2014, to NASBA Chair Hansen endorsing Steven H. Richards for Southeast Regional Representative to the NASBA Nominating Committee for 2014-2016.
  
3. The Board noted the Florida State Board letter, May 13, 2014, to NASBA Chair Hansen nominating Maria E. Caldwell, CPA, for NASBA Regional Director - Southeast Region for 2014-2015.
  
4. The Board noted Journal of Accountancy article, dated May 12, 2014: new regulations mean big changes for brokers and dealers - and their auditors.
  
5. The Board noted a letter, May 1, 2014, from Janice Gray, Chair, NASBA Compliance Assurance Committee, on attached monitoring report of the NARC.
  
6. The Board noted the NASBA memo on Award Criteria from William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award.

## **II. National Regulatory Concerns (continued)**

7. The Board observed the NASBA: 2014 Nomination Form.
8. The Board noted a May 20, 2014, letter signed by Gary McIntosh, UAA Co-Chair, and Ken Odom, UAA Co-Chair.

## **III. Administration**

1. The Board reviewed Summary Trial Balance by Fund For Budget Fiscal Year 2014, as of April 30 2014, for Funds 3845 and 3850. The Board then reviewed the Treasury Fund 3845 SAAS Appropriation/Actual Expenditures for the nine months ended March 31, 2014.
2. The Board discussed MSBPA IT project status: Update on ITS LARS Licensing Database Progress; Passed motion to proceed with the project as outlined in the Statement of Work (SOW) presented by ITS LARS Project Manager John McManus. The Board discussed timeline for development, testing and implementing the MSBPA (ITS) LARS Licensing Database System.
3. The Board noted the Schedule of forfeited CPA Exam fees.
4. Other Business discussed:
  - Board Newsletter
  - Temporary Worker

## **IV. CPA Examination, Licensing and Firms**

1. The Board members present unanimously accepted the listing of 54 candidate applications for the computerized examination (9 initial, 45 reexam) received since the April meeting.

2. The Board members present unanimously acted upon the applications for CPA licenses, reciprocals, reinstatements, and CPA firm permits as presented herein:

**Applications for Original CPA License**

<u>File No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Approved</u>
13123	William Douglas Carpenter, Jr.	6368	Yes
12877	Richard Andrew Conrad	6369	Yes
13286	Kevin Hunter Jackson	6370	Yes
13389	Lydia L. Jefcoat	6371	Yes
13365	Oscar Fernando Leal	6372	Yes
13299	Justin James Mistal	6373	Yes

**Applications for Reciprocal CPA Licenses**

<u>File No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Approved</u>
13626	Brenton Matthew Bright	R3650	Yes

**Applications for Reinstatement of CPA Licenses**

<u>FileNo</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Approved</u>
10475	Leigh Anne Duncan	5430	Yes
05978	William C. Hammett	4190	Yes

**Applications for CPA Firm Permit to Practice**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Aldridge Firm, LLC Ridgeland, MS	F1672	Yes

#### IV. CPA Examination, Licensing and Firms (Continued)

##### Applications for CPA Firm Permit to Practice (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Barksdale, Joe & Magee, PLLC Prentiss, MS	F1673	Yes
Brawner, Vanstory & Co., PA Corinth, MS	F1674	Yes
Franks, Franks, Jarrell & Wilemon PA Fulton, MS	F1675	Yes
Hudson, Cisne & Co., LLP Little Rock, AR	F1676	Yes
Smith Marion & Co., LLP Brentwood, TN	F1668	Yes
Strohm & Associates, Inc. Morton, MS	F1677	Yes

##### Amendments to Registered Firms

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
Franks, Franks, Jarrell & Wilemon PA Tupelo, MS	F0313	Name Change from Franks Franks & Jarrell PA
T Gregory Murphey, CPA Flowood, MS	F1610	Cancel
James R. Peters, CPA Inc. Tupelo, MS	F1000	Name Change from James R. Peters, CPA

3. The Board considered and denied a refund request for a refund of the annual registration late fee for file #01623.
  
4. The Board considered and accepted a letter requesting retired status for File #02681.

## V. Continuing Professional Education

1. The Board members present unanimously authorized the following actions on CPE sponsor programs applications submitted for approval.

	<u>Sponsor/Program Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Approved</u>
A.	American Benefit Advisors, Inc.			
	1. Small Business Survival & ACA Update	5/27/14	2	Yes
B.	Department of Revenue			
	1. BTA Auditors Training Seminar	4/14-15/14	11.5	Yes
	2. Oilfield Service: Law & Regulations Overview	4/14/14	2	Yes
	3. Audit Guidelines & Joint Interest Billings	4/14/14	1.5	Yes
	4. Oilfield Service: Severance Tax Basics	4/15/14	2	Yes
	5. Oil & Gas Website Training	4/15/14	1	Yes
	6. Oilfield Service: Petroleum Tax	4/15/14	1	Yes
	7. Oilfield Service: Case Discussions	4/14&15/14	4	Yes
C.	Mississippi Association of Public Accountants			
	1. MAPA Annual Forum	5/5/14	8 w/ethics 2 General 1 Rules	Yes
D.	Piltz, Williams, Larosa & Company			
	1. Casino Accounting & Auditing	6/5-6/14	16	Yes
E.	Sequoia CPA (QAS)	Online		
	1. Ethics for Mississippi CPAs	Self Study	4 Ethics (3 General 1 Rules)	Yes
F.	The University of Alabama			
	1. American Institute on Federal Taxation	6/11-13/14	17	Yes
G.	The University of Mississippi			
	1. Financial Research Administration Workshop	5/19-20/14	11	Yes

## V. Continuing Professional Education

2. The Board members present unanimously authorized the following actions concerning CPE request from individuals.

	<u>Sponsor/Program Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Approved</u>
A.	Donna Ingram		4 Ethics	
	1. Ethics and Professional Conduct	Various	(3 General 1 Rules)	Yes
	<i>Requested by Donna Ingram</i>			
B.	Today's CPA			
	1. SEC Climate Change Risk Disclosure	Published Article co-author	10	Yes
	Behavioral Research in Accounting			
	1. Trust, Organizational Justice and Whistleblowing: A Research Note	Published Article co-author	30	Yes
	<i>Requested by Deborah Seifert</i>			
C.	The University of Texas at Austin			
	1. SHRM Essentials of Human Resource Management	4/23-24/14	15	Yes
	<i>Requested by Claude S. Smith</i>			

## VI. Rules and Regulations

1. Chair David Miller reported that the committee would not offer motions for consideration at the meeting. Instead his committee will bring some items up for review and discussion at the August 2014 meeting.

## VII. Regulatory Matters

1. The Board heard a report from Investigator Andy Wright and approved the regulatory activities from April 18, 2014, to May 23, 2014:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number</u>
Cases Opened	2
Cases Closed	2
Cases referred to Members	5
Total Cases Open	25

2. The Investigator reviewed the open case log by general description and reported on the investigative activities.

***Cases Closed:***

**Case 2013.14-5** was opened October 25, 2013, based on deficient CPE hours reported for year ended June 30, 2013. Trial Board hearing was held March 21, 2014. Board order was issued requiring CPA to obtain the CPE hours and pay cost recovery. After Chairman's signature of the Board Order, the case was closed.

**Case 2014.13** was opened February 13, 2014, based on a complaint that the CPA's independence had been impaired with respect to a current audit engagement because of witness testimony regarding prior audit engagements. Board staff and Board member assigned to the case reviewed documentation and consulted with Board attorney. It was determined that there was insufficient probable cause to continue the investigation and the case was closed.

3. The Board reviewed and approved requests from Firms # F0353 and # F1484 to accept the extension of time for peer reviews granted by the MS Society Peer Review Program. The Board accepted the extensions under Rule 5.3.4, since the firms notified the Board within 20 days of the date of the extensions.

## VII. Regulatory Matters(Continued)

4. The Board reviewed and approved two Candidates for Board Oversight Committee (Peer Review): Emily Paige Johnson, CPA, Hattiesburg, MS, with Nicholson and Company, for a three year term ending June 30, 2017; and Jonathan David Hagood, CPA, Tupelo, MS, Franks, Franks, Jarrell and Wilemon, for a two year term ending June 30, 2016.

## VIII. Trial Board

1. At 9:00 a.m., the Administrative Trial Board held hearings concerning complaints related to CPA Firms failure to timely acquire a firm permit and a CPA's noncompliance with 2013 CPE requirements:
  - The Trial Board reviewed and approved Executed Stipulation and Consent orders for Case #'s 2014.31 and 2014.23.
  - The Trial Board reviewed and approved a Release from a consent order for Case #2013.14-5. (CPA license #1774 complied with Board CPE order).

APPROVED:

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Chair

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Board Member

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Vice Chair

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Board Member

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