

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
MINUTES
August 11, 2017**

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy met at the Board office at 5 Old River Place, Suite 104, Jackson, Mississippi on August 11, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The following record of that meeting was maintained.

Board Members Present

Angela L. Pannell, Chair
Mark P. Peach, Vice Chair
Willie B. Sims, Jr., Secretary
Jim E. Burkes
David Bridgers
David L. Miller

Board Members Absent

Rick Elam

Board Staff Present

Andy Wright, Executive Director
Sharee Brewer, Associate Director, Investigations

Legal Counsel Present

Onetta Whitley, Deputy Attorney General
Gloria Green, Deputy Attorney General

Others Present

Ed Jones, MSCPA Representative

I. General

1. The Board opened the meeting with an invocation from Willie Sims.
2. The Board members present unanimously approved the minutes from the June 2, 2017 meeting.
3. The Board members present signed the CPA certificates of licensure from the June 2, 2017 meeting.
4. The Board reviewed tentative meeting/activity dates for 2017:

September 22, 2017	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting—at Board office
October 29 –Nov 1	NASBA Annual Meeting – New York, NY
November 17, 2017	10:00 a.m. Board Meeting
November 18, 2017	New CPA Ceremony
December 8, 2017	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting

I. General (Continued)

5. The Board members present discussed possibility of holding a Board meeting at Mississippi State University in March, 2018.
6. The Board members present unanimously approved travel to NASBA Annual Meeting for any/all Board members wishing to attend and for Executive Director and Associate Director.

II. National Regulatory Concerns

1. The Board discussed the NASBA *State Board Reports* for June and July 2017.
2. The Board members noted the NASBA Legislative E-News.
3. The Board members reviewed the Data Analytics article – Ole Miss/KPMG Initiative – Clarion Ledger, August 6, 2007.

III. Administration

1. The Board reviewed the MSBPA Balance Sheets, Funds 3845 and 3850, as of June 30, 2017.
2. The Board reviewed the FY 2017 Budget to Actual Comparison – Fund 3845, for the Twelve months ended June 30, 2017 and twelve months ended June 30, 2016.
3. The Board reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Fund 3845 for the twelve months ended June 30, 2017.
4. In other business:
 - Approved any additional per diem days
 - Introduction of new Associate Director
 - Heard the planned procedures for document scanning from Executive Director
 - The Board members present approved by unanimous vote to realign salaries of positions as follows:

Realignment of the Associate Director – to increase this position to a start step of \$83,773.04 which corresponds to the State Personnel Board (“SPB”) realignment recommendation for FY 2017 of a start step of \$81,273.04 plus \$2,500.00 (the amount over start which has been paid for four fiscal years). This will increase the annual salary of the Associate Director – Investigations to \$83,773.04 effective July 1, 2018;

Realignment of the Executive Director’s existing salary range to the FY 2017 SPB realignment recommendation with a start step of \$93,408.68. This will increase the annual salary of the Executive Director to the new start step of the realigned salary range effective July 1, 2018.

III. Administration

5. The Board reviewed the MSBPA Budget Request for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019.
6. The Board discussed with legal counsel a public records request and possible threatened litigation.

IV. CPA Examination, Licensing & Firms

1. The Board considered and approved a special request by initial candidate number 14348 related to the CPA Exam education requirement.
2. The Board members present unanimously ratified staff approval of 142 candidate applications for the computerized CPA examination (46 initial, 96 reexam) received since the June 2017 meeting.
3. 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

File	Name	Number	Action
14197	Taylor Francesca Victoria Corso	7427	Yes
14141	Harrison K. Edwards	7428	Yes
13993	Tiana Lynn Hillman	7429	Yes
13944	Lindsay Megan James	7430	Yes
13953	Tyler K. Madden	7431	Yes
13937	Eric Marshall Michelletti	7432	Yes
14043	Caleb Nathaniel Ward	7433	Yes
13964	Victoria Barcellona Wilcher	7434	Yes
13964	James Ashton Williams	7435	Yes

Applications for Reciprocal CPA License

File	Name	Number	Action
14351	Branden Michael Crosby	R7436	Yes
14292	Michael W. Garrett	R7437	Yes
14335	Hugh Lee Huntley	R7438	Yes
14355	Gregory Steven Kurth	R7439	Yes
14362	Donna Lee McGinnis	R7440	Yes
14348	Mary Lee Reed	R7441	Yes
14364	Joel R. Reeves	R7442	Yes

IV. CPA Examination, Licensing & Firms (Continued)

4. Applications: **(Continued)**

Applications for Reinstatement of CPA License

File	Name	Number	Action
04408	William Chris Leach	2990	Yes

Applications for CPA Firm Permit to Practice

Name	City, State	Number	Action
BDO USA, LLP	Boston, MA	7417	Yes
Freeman & Bonnema PLLC	Circles Pines, MN	7418	Yes
GBB & Co LLP	Allentown, PA	7419	Yes
Hawkins Ash CPAs, LLP	La Crosse, WI	7420	Yes
Bradley Lake Hogan CPA	Orange, CA	7421	Yes
Hugh Huntley CPA	Louisville, MS	7422	Yes
Jennifer O'Quinn CPA PLLC	Brandon, MS	7423	Yes
Russon & Johnston CPAs	Woodland Hills, CA	7424	Yes
The Sparks CPA Firm, PC	Corinth, MS	7425	Yes
Thomas & Thomas LLP CPAs	Little Rock, AR	7426	Yes

5. The Board members present took the following actions related to requests for amendments to the 2017 CPE compliance requirements and granted extensions to the following:

Name	Number	Total Hours	Extension Date
Willard Barger	5226	60	9/30/17
Rhonda Brady	4814	10	9/30/17
Robert Bryant	1334	4	9/30/17
Diana Gabrich	5598	49	9/30/17
Melinda Gratwick	R2866	3.5	9/30/17
Rebecca Johnston	5654	28	9/30/17
Richard Logan	R1950	6	9/30/17
Rhonda Mallard	6108	60	9/30/17
Charles Marion	5819	60	9/30/17
Clayton Moore	6388	30	9/30/17
Jane Moss	4232	30	9/30/17
Judith Pearson	4673	27	9/30/17
John Roberts	5690	42.5	9/30/17
Benson St. Louis	5451	30	9/30/17
Marvel Turner	2331	51	9/30/17
Robert Ward	2587	34.5	9/30/17
Jonathan Whinery	6225	52	9/30/17

IV. CPA Examination, Licensing & Firms (Continued)

6. The Board members present unanimously approved requests from CPAs for waivers of the 2017 CPE compliance requirements based on affidavits of current retirement and intention to apply for CPA (retired) for 2018 as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>
Karen Alford	2997
Janie Bates	4369
Robert Cummings, Sr.	R1175
Ruth Dumas	2156
Rose Flowers	4695
Dennis Griffin	2120
Claude Hays, III	1392
Michael Headrick	2528
Sally Herbert	1669
Johnny Holliday, II	2728
Terry Laughlin	5282
Mary Lovin	3518
Margaret Phillips	3492
Paul Salvo	1818
George Shirley, Jr.	1803
Nancy Smith	2834
Mark Sorgenfrei	1713
Jeffrey Tipton	4302

7. The Board reviewed a listing of voluntary cancellations made by CPAs and Firms:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>
Stephen Chiepalich	R2699
William Clark	R3592
Joan Dimarco	R2769
Richard Edmonson	5552
Robert Jennigns	R7044
Michael Schnake	R2910
Laura Amye Smith	6284
Thomas Threadgill	R3619
Meagan Wisner	7075

<u>Firms</u>	<u>Number</u>
Brawner, Vanstory & Co., PA	F1674
Jennings CPA, PLLC	7034
Joe H. Hodge CPA, PLLC	F0851

IV. CPA Examination, Licensing & Firms (Continued)

8. The Board members present discussed publishing Exam Results (Pass Rates) by University. Such results are currently not published by the Board and no action was taken to modify current procedure.

V. Continuing Professional Education

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

Sponsor/Title	Dates	Hours	Action
AFWA – Jackson Chapter 1. Women in Finance in MS	3/2/17	1	Yes
CPE247.com 1. Ethics for Mississippi	Online Self Study	4 Ethics (3 General 1 MS Rules)	Yes
Department of Revenue 1. 2016 Ethics, Confidentiality, Harassment and Hostile Work Environment	Various	2 General Ethics	Yes
Gleim Publications 1. AICPA Code of Professional Ethics	Online Self Study	4 General Ethics	Yes
Harper, Rains, Knight & Co., P.A. 1. Farm Credit Update 2017	6/21-22/17	16	Yes
Mississippi Power 1. Excel Training – Pivot Tables 2. Excel Training - VLOOKUP	5/26/17 5/26/17	2 2	Yes Yes
Silas Simmons, LLP 1. Accounting & Auditing Update	9/29/17	8	Yes
TeachUcomp, Inc. 1. Professional Ethics for Mississippi CPAs	Online Self Study	4 Ethics (3 General 1 MS Rules)	Yes
Petroleum Accountants Society of MS 1. Unclaimed Property Acts and the Oil and Gas Industry 2. O&G fir Auditors 3. Overhead for Auditors	5/18/17 10/16/17 10/18/17	1 8 8	Yes Yes Yes

V. Continuing Professional Education

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

Sponsor/Title	Dates	Hours	Action
The CPA Journal 1. CPAs and Conflicts of Interest <i>Requested by Dr. Quinton Booker & Kayla Booker</i>	Published Article	20 each	Yes
LexisNexis 1. Bender’s 2017 Payroll Tax Guide (Chapters 5, 6 & 9) 2. Employee Compensation and Benefits Tax Guide (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 & 15) <i>Requested by Bob G. Kilpatrick</i>	Published Book	18	Yes
	Published Book	20	Yes
Academy of Business Research Spring Conference 1.Social Entrepreneurship in Trujillo, Peru: The Case of Nisolo Taylor & Francis 1. CEO age and gender: Subsequent market performance <i>Requested by Brooks Poole</i>	Published Manuscript	40	Yes
	Published Article	40	Yes
William Taylor 1. Ethical Considerations for the Accounting Profession – MS <i>Requested by William Taylor</i>	Various	4 Ethics (3 General 1 MS Rules)	Yes

VI. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Board reviewed the MSBPA (draft) response to AICPA/NASBA UAA Committee – Title Language (CGMA) Exposure Draft. The Board members present unanimously approved issuance of the response over the Chair’s signature.
2. The Board noted Tennessee Response to Title Language Exposure Draft.
3. The Board noted Florida Response to Title Language Exposure Draft.
4. The Board members present discussed the news article regarding HB 1425 and possible functioning of the Occupational Licensing Review Commission.
5. The Board discussed peer review requirements for retiring licensee’s firm.

VII. Regulatory Matters

The Board heard a report from Associate Director Sharee Brewer regarding the regulatory activities from June 3, 2017 to August 11, 2017:

Activity	Number
Cases Opened	12
Cases Closed ①	1
Cases referred to Members ②	3
Total Cases Open- End of Period	28

① Cases Closed:

Case 2017.1 was opened February 9, 2017 based on a non-licensee holding out as a CPA. Certified letter mailed which was returned as undeliverable. Field visit conducted on July 12, 2017 to location at the Northpark Mall in Ridgeland, MS only to find the business closed. Visit made to Northpark Mall management office where we received two phone numbers they had for the business owner. Both numbers were tried to no avail. Best efforts made to locate business owner. No further efforts expected to be made.

② Cases Referred to Members: **2016.09** to David Bridgers, **2016.268** to David Miller, and **2016.269** to Mark Peach

Sharee Brewer then discussed the active cases as presented on the *Open Case Log*.

APPROVED:

Chair

Board Member

Vice Chair

Board Member

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member