

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
MINUTES
November 1, 2019**

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy met at the Board office at 5 Old River Place, Suite 104, Jackson, Mississippi on November 1, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The following record of that meeting was maintained.

Board Members Present

Willie Sims, Jr., Chair
Rick Elam, Vice Chair
David Bridgers, Secretary
Angela Pannell
Mark Peach
William Kelly
Charles Prince

Board Staff Present

Andy Wright, Executive Director
Sharee Brewer, Associate Director, Investigations
Lane McNeal, Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel Present

Gloria Green, Deputy Attorney General

Others Present

Ed Jones, MSCPA Representative
Karen Moody, President, MSCPA

I. General

1. The Board opened the meeting with an invocation from Ed Jones.
2. The minutes from the September, 2019 meeting were approved.
3. The CPA certificates of licensure from the September, 2019 meeting were signed by the Board members.

I. General (Continued)

4. The Board reviewed tentative meeting/activity dates for 2019/2020:

November 2	New CPA Ceremony
December 6	10:00 a.m. Board Meeting
January 24	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
March 6	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
May 1	10:00 a.m. Board Meeting
May 2	New CPA Ceremony
June 19	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
August 7	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
September 18	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
November 6	10:00 a.m. Board Meeting
November 7	New CPA Ceremony
December 4	8:30 a.m. Board Meeting

The Board discussed moving 2020 meeting days to Thursdays at 10:00 am, except for meetings immediately before a New CPA Ceremony.

II. National Regulatory Concerns

1. The NASBA *State Board Reports* for September and October 2019 were discussed.
2. The “Evolution of CPA” handout was discussed.

III. Administration

1. The MSBPA Balance Sheets, Funds 3845 and 3850, as of September 30, 2019 were reviewed.
2. The FY 2020 Budget to Actual Comparison – Fund 3845, for the three months ended September, 2019 was reviewed.
3. The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Fund 3845 for the three months ended September, 2019 was reviewed.
4. The description of the Board office new phone system was noted by the Executive Director.
5. Additional per diem days were approved.

IV. CPA Examination, Licensing & Firms

1. The Board noted staff approval of 84 candidate applications (13 initial, 71 reexam) for 106 Sections of the computerized CPA examination received since the September 20, 2019 meeting.
2. Window 3 (Jul – Sept, 2019) examination scores for 203 candidates, 248 examination sections were accepted by the Board.
3. The following actions on applications for CPA licenses, reciprocals, reinstatements, and CPA firm permits were unanimously approved by the Board unless otherwise noted:

Applications for Original CPA License

Name	Number	Action
Morgan Elyse Daniels	7851	Approved
Zachory Wayne Dodd	7852	Approved
Alexander John Haick III	7853	Approved
Jamie Ryan Hendricks	7854	Approved
Kenneth Orville Jackson	7855	Approved
Janie Michelle McGinty	7856	Approved
Jordan ReaBarr McInnis	7857	Approved
Zachary R. Pearson	7858	Approved
Walker Ashcraft Robertson	7859	Approved
Wen-Po Tseng	7860	Approved
Sarah Crystal Weems	7861	Approved
Jordan Daniel Wood	7862	Approved

Applications for Reciprocal CPA License

Name	Number	Action
Julian P. Brignac, Jr.	R7863	Approved
Gary R. Nelson	R7864	Approved
Cheryl Lynn Wallace	R7865	Approved

Applications for Reinstatement of CPA License

Name	Number	Action
Charles Fuller Marion, Jr.	5819	Approved
Karlen Lorene Turbeville	2827	Approved

IV. CPA Examination, Licensing & Firms (continued)

4. Applications (continued)

Applications for CPA Firm Permit to Practice

Name	City, State	Number	Action
Roy L. Austin, CPA	Lexington, MS	7845	Approved
CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP		7846	Approved
Comer, Nowling and Associates, PC	Indianapolis, IN	7847	Approved
Daniel & Associates, LLC	Cleveland, MS	7848	Approved
Cheryl T. Metrejean, CPA	Oxford, MS	7850	Approved
Schulman Lobel, LLP	Princeton, NJ	7849	Approved

Amendments to Registered Firms

No.	Name	City, State	Change
F0520	McNorton Ishee & Jones PC	Mobile, AL	Address Change
7579	Pittman & Company Certified Public Accountants, PLLC	Brandon, MS	Address Change
F0814	Rector Reeder & Lofton, PC	Lawrenceville, GA	Address Change

Application for Reinstatement of a CPA Firm Permit to Practice

Number	Name	City, State	Action
F1650	Howell CPA	Biloxi, MS	Approved

5. The Board members present took the following actions to approve requests for 2019 CPE extensions that include deficit and penalty hours:

Name	Number	Total Hours	Extension Date
Arnold Himelstein	1290	24	11/30/19

V. Continuing Professional Education

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

Sponsor/Title	Dates	Hours	Action
AFWA – Jackson Chapter 1. Information Security Awareness – Protecting your private data in a hostile interconnected world. 2. Recession, Rates and Real Estate	8/1/19 9/5/19	1 1	Approved
C. H. Guernsey & Company 1. Knowledge is Power: Understanding Rates and Cost of Service	10/8-9/19	12	Approved
Illumeo, Inc. 1. Mississippi State Specific Ethics Course	Online Self Study	2 Ethics (MS Rules)	Approved
May & Company, LLP 1. Retirement Plans 2. A&A Software Update	7/11/2019 7/23/2019	1 1	Approved
Mississippi Rural Health Association 1. 24 th Annual Conference	11/21-22/19	8	Approved
Petroleum Accountants Society of MS 1. Introduction to Well Completions	9/23/2019	1	Approved
State Bank and Trust Company 1. CPA Seminar	11/1/219	8	Approved
University of Alabama, Conference Services 1. Federal Tax Clinic	11/13-14/19	14.5 inc. 1 General Ethics	Approved
Western CPE 1. Real World Ethics for Mississippi CPAs	Online Self Study	4 Ethics (3 General 1 MS Rules)	Approved

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

Sponsor/Title	Dates	Hours	Action
Home Care Magazine 1. How to Evaluate & Improve Your 2023 Patient Outcomes <i>Requested by Gary Patterson</i>	Published Article	20	Approved

VI. Rules and Regulations

1. The Board discussed possible future Rule or Statute changes.

VII. Regulatory Matters

1. The Board heard a report from Associate Director Sharee Brewer regarding the regulatory activities from September 21, 2019 to November 1, 2019:

Activity	Number
Cases Opened Beginning of Period	159
Cases Opened	7
Cases Closed ①	13
Cases Open End of Period	153
Open Cases Referred to Members	6

① *Cases Closed:*

Case 2015.16 Case opened when firm received a fail rating on peer review. Required actions of peer review committee took more than three years to carry out because of not being able to get past the pre-issuance reviews required. A completion report wasn't obtained as firm could not get out of pre-issuance review process. Peer review committee determined that firm's peer review would carry on through the next scheduled peer review and if it was a pass, then the firm's peer review process would be considered completed. The next peer review was given a pass rating so the matter is closed since we don't take action on peer reviews that receive a pass rating.

Case 2019.06 and 2019.228 Case opened to investigate a CPA Firm for performing work subject to peer review but undeclared on the firm permit renewal application resulting in multiple false statements before the Board. Trial Board Hearing held at May, 2019 Board meeting resulting in a \$4,000 financial penalty plus costs. This case was reported as discipline against the firm permit. Matter was closed. Second case **2019.228** opened to report results to LARS and ALD of case **2019.06** against a sole proprietor's CPA Firm so results would appear against the individual license as well. This has been the practice in the past if the firms are sole proprietorships. Matter was closed.

Case 2019.48 Case opened to examine work reported on individual license renewal application and whether it qualified as the practice of public accounting requiring a firm permit. Matter was discussed at the September 20, 2019 Board meeting and determination was made that it did not qualify and therefore a firm permit wasn't necessary. Matter was closed.

VII. Regulatory Matters (continued)

Closed Cases (continued)

Case 2019.60; 2019.62; 2019.66; 2019.80; 2019.82; 2019.177; and 2019.189 Cases opened for CPE deficiencies but investigations determined some had only failed to hit the submit button and shouldn't be disciplined as a consequence. Other cases had been duplicated with the extension and waiver processes and shouldn't have had an additional case opened.

Case 2019.218 Case opened to examine licensee who allowed individual license and firm permit to lapse. Determination made that no work had been completed that was subject to peer review or qualified as the practice of public accounting. Matter was closed.

Case 2019.226 Case opened when an advertisement was noted in a magazine for a CPA known to be on retired status to perform work meeting the definition of the practice of public accounting. Investigation explained to licensee that the only options available to retired CPAs were to not perform that type of work or cancel the license. The licensee chose to cancel the license. Matter was closed.

2. Ms. Brewer then discussed the open cases presented on the active case log.
3. The Board approved Lisa Sandifer as member of Board Oversight Committee (PROC).

VIII. Trial Board

Stipulation and Consent Orders for Board Approval related to Continuing Professional Education deficiencies:

Stipulation and Consent Orders for **Case 2019.117; 2019.195; 2019.196; and 2019.204** involving individual licensees who 1) did not report Continuing Professional Education for the 2018-2019 year by August 1, 2019, 2) were deficient in obtaining their required hours, 3) did not timely request an extension of time, and 4) requested informal settlement of their case. All orders have the same language requiring the obtaining of deficient CPE hours plus 50% penalty hours and documenting same to the Board by September 30, 2019. All hours have been documented to Board staff. Additionally, the order calls for a \$500 civil penalty for failing to report by August 1, 2019 as well as being deficient in number of required hours obtained by June 30, 2019.

(Pannell Investigative Committee)

Stipulation and Consent Orders for **Case 2019.96; 2019.98; 2019.101; 2019.102; 2019.107; 2019.109; 2019.114; 2019.115; 2019.116; 2019.121; 2019.122; 2019.124; 2019.127; 2019.132; 2019.136; 2019.139; 2019.140; 2019.141; 2019.147; 2019.149; 2019.150; 2019.151; 2019.154; 2019.155; 2019.156; 2019.157; 2019.158; 2019.159; 2019.162; 2019.168; 2019.169; 2019.171; 2019.174; 2019.180; 2019.181; 2019.182; 2019.184; 2019.185; 2019.186; 2019.188; 2019.191; 2019.192; 2019.193; 2019.194; 2019.197; 2019.200; 2019.207; and 2019.209** involving individual licensees who 1) did not report Continuing Professional Education for the 2018-2019 year by August 1, 2019 but HAD obtained their required hours and 2) requested informal settlement of their case. All orders have the same language requiring documentation of hours to the Board by September 30, 2019. All hours have been documented to Board staff. Additionally, the order calls for a \$250 civil penalty for failing to report by August 1, 2019.

(Pannell Investigative Committee)

Stipulation and Consent Orders for **Case 2019.205 and 2019.213** involving individual licensees who 1) reported their Continuing Professional Education for the 2018-2019 year by August 1, 2019 but HAD NOT obtained their required hours and 2) requested informal settlement of their case. All orders have the same language requiring the obtaining of deficient CPE hours plus 50% penalty hours and documenting same to the Board by September 30, 2019. All hours have been documented to Board staff. Additionally, the order calls for a \$250 civil penalty for failing to obtain the required hours by June 30, 2019.

(Pannell Investigative Committee)

VIII. Trial Board (continued)

Stipulation and Consent Orders for Board Approval related to Continuing Professional Education deficiencies (Cont.):

Stipulation and Consent Orders for **Case 2019.104; 2019.105; 2019.126; 2019.130; 2019.131; 2019.153; 2019.160; 2019.163; 2019.165; 2019.167; 2019.173; 2019.175; 2019.176; 2019.179; 2019.183; and 2019.187** involving individual licensees who 1) did not report Continuing Professional Education for the 2018-2019 year by August 1, 2019, 2) were licensed, primarily employed and complied with the CPE reporting requirements of another state of licensure, 3) failed to report the exemption by August 1, 2019, and 4) requested informal settlement of their case. All orders have the same language requiring documentation of compliance by September 30, 2019. Compliance with the CPE requirements of the state of primary employment documented to Board staff. Additionally, the order calls for a \$100 civil penalty for failing to report the exemption by August 1, 2019. (Pannell Investigative Committee)

APPROVED:

Chair

Board Member

Vice Chair

Board Member

Secretary

Board Member

Board Member