

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 11, 2024**

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy met on January 11, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m at the Board office. The following record of that meeting was maintained. (In Person X; Video Conf. T)

Board Members Present

T Annette Pridgen, Chair  
X Gary Walker, Vice-chair  
X Willie Sims, Jr., Secretary  
T David Bridgers  
T Rick Elam  
T William Kelly  
X Charles Prince

Board Staff and Others Present

X Andy Wright, Executive Director  
X Sharee Brewer, Associate Director, Investigations  
T Vicki Snowden, Licensing Administrator  
T Lane McNeal, Compliance Administrator  
X Kim Turner, Attorney General's Office  
T Ed Jones, MSCPA Liaison

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**I. General**

1. The Board opened the meeting with an invocation from Gary Walker.
2. Motion to close the meeting for a preliminary determination of the necessity to enter executive session to discuss a legal and potential enforcement matter. Motion made by Sims, seconded by Walker, followed by unanimous vote to close the meeting.
3. Motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal and potential enforcement matter under Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7(b) strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and (d) investigative proceedings by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law. Motion made by Walker,

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seconded by Sims, followed by unanimous vote to enter executive session.

4. Following discussion and advisement of legal counsel, motion made to exit executive session and to reopen meeting. Motion made by Sims, seconded by Elam, followed by unanimous vote to exit executive session and to reopen meeting. Disclosure then made in the open meeting of how the decisions made in executive session will need to be addressed by the Board staff moving forward.
5. Motion made by Walker, seconded by Sims, followed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting.
6. Motion made by Sims, seconded by Elam, followed by unanimous vote to elect new officers for the 2024 Calendar year as follows: Pridgen as Chair, Walker as Vice-chair, Sims as Secretary.
7. Motion made by Sims, seconded by Walker, followed by unanimous vote to close the matter of 2022.112 without discipline. Bridgers abstained.

These minutes were adopted by unanimous vote of the Board Members present at the January 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

For the Board:

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Willie Sims, Jr.  
Board Secretary