Texas State Board of Public Accountancy September 21, 2017

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy met from 10:00 a.m. until 11:10 a.m. on September 21, 2017 at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78701-3900. A notice of this meeting containing all items on the agenda was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State at 4:17 p.m. on September 8, 2017. (TRD #2017-007688). (ATTACHMENT 1)

Board Members Present

J. Coalter Baker, CPA Presiding Officer Jonathan B. Cluck, Esq. Rocky L. Duckworth, CPA Executive Committee Member-at-Large Donna J. Hugly, CPA Assistant Presiding Officer Ross T. Johnson, CPA Timothy L. LaFrey, Esq., CPA Robert M. McAdams, CPA Treasurer Roselyn E. Morris, Ph.D., CPA Steve D. Peña, CPA Secretary Phillip W. Worley

Members Absent

John R. Broaddus, CPA
(excused)
Susan Fletcher
(excused)
William Lawrence
Executive Committee
Member-at-Large
(excused)
Benjamin Peña, CFE, CPA
(excused)
Kimberly E. Wilkerson, Esq.
(excused)

Others Present

Frank McElroy, Esq. Sean McVey John Sharbaugh

Staff Present

Paulette Beiter, Esq.
Roel Cantu
Ismael Castillo
Alan Hermanson, CPA
J. Randel Hill, Esq.
Donna Hiller
Kyle McGaw
Natalie Miller
John D. Moore, Esq.
Julie Prien
Marisa Rios
Anthony Sanchez
April Serrano
William Treacy
Daniel Weaver

- I. Mr. Baker, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Treacy called roll and declared a quorum.
- II. Mr. Cluck moved to approve the July 13, 2017 Board meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Worley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Baker presented a service award to April Serrano for 15 years of Board service.

III. Mr. Baker, Executive Committee Chair, reported on the September 20, 2017 committee meeting.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
J. Coalter Baker, CPA	William Lawrence	Alan Hermanson, CPA
Rocky L. Duckworth, CPA	(excused)	J. Randel Hill, Esq.
Donna J. Hugly, CPA		Donna Hiller
Robert M. McAdams, CPA	Others Present	William Treacy
Steve D. Peña, CPA	John Sharbaugh	Daniel Weaver

- A. Mr. McAdams moved to approve the Board's financial statements as presented. Mr. Cluck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- B. The following was presented:
 - Mr. McAdams moved to approve the fee schedule for FY 2018. Mr. S. Peña seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Mr. McAdams moved to approve the allocation of \$750,000 for FY 2018 fifth-year accounting students scholarships. Mr. S. Peña seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The motion was amended to include the following:
 - a. Set the annual allocation at \$750,000 effective September 1, 2017.
 - b. Run the established allocation program funding the participating universities in edit mode.
 - c. Review and adjust the allocations for universities that do not historically use the funds and set a fixed allocation of \$3,000 for these schools. The remaining unused funds would be retained in an "unused fund" bucket for additional allocations as requested.
 - d. By retaining the unused fund bucket we should not exceed the estimated collection amounts.
 - e. After adjustments are made, run the established allocation program in update mode and notify the universities of the allocations.

Mr. Treacy also reported that the Board is making a concerted effort to reach candidates, financial aid officers, and other university personnel on the availability of the fifth year scholarship funds.

- 3. Mr. Treacy updated the Board on the State Auditor's Office audit and reported that staff submitted the Board's Self-Evaluation Report to the Sunset Commission.
- C. Mr. Baker asked that members fill out the Committee and Board meeting preference dates for CY 2018.
- D. The following was presented:
 - 1. Mr. Baker reported on NASBA dates of interest:
 - 110th Annual Meeting October 29 November 1, 2017 in New York, NY
 - Ms. Hugly moved to nominate Coalter Baker, Presiding Officer, as the Board's voting delegate at NASBA's 110th Annual Meeting. Mr. S. Peña seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. McAdams moved to nominate Donna Hugly, Assistant Presiding Officer, as the Board's alternate voting delegate at NASBA's 110th Annual Meeting. Mr. S. Peña seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- E. Mr. Duckworth moved to approve the professional service contracts for FY 2018 and FY 2017 amendments as presented. Mr. Cluck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FY 2018 contracts

Technical Standards Review and Behavioral Enforcement Committee consultants:		
 William Patrick Cantrell, CPA 	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$10,000
Harper & Pearson Co. P.C.	9/1/17 — 8/31/18	\$175,000
Davis Kinard & Co. P.C.	9/1/17 — 8/31/18	\$47,000
Strasburger & Price, LLP	9/1/17 — 8/31/18	\$25,000
Cook Brooks Johnson	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$10,000
Belen Briones, CPA	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$30,000
Peer Review Committee consultants:		
1. John Mason Andres, CPA	9/1/17 - 8/31/18	\$22,700
2. John Michael Waters, CPA	9/1/17 - 8/31/18	\$18,600
3. Rebecca J. Teague, CPA	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$16,500
Office of the Attorney General:	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$20,000
State Office of Administrative Hearings:	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$16,960
Internal Audit	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$25,000
Peer Assistance (ACAN)	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$107,500
Independent consultant contract (SOAH litigation):		
Mary Alice Boehm-McKaughan	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$200,000
2. Dubois Bryant & Campbell	9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$100,000

 Independent consultant contract: Allen, Pinnix & Nichols, PA Virginia Moher, Esq., CPA 	9/1/17 – 8/31/18 9/1/17 – 8/31/18	\$7,500 \$2,500
Sponsor Review Program consulta Master Reviewers: Ron Huntsman Mitch Sutherlin	9/1/17 - 8/31/18 9/1/17 - 8/31/18	\$150.00/hour \$150.00/hour
Reviewers: Richard Baland Michael Burnett Manuel Cavazos David Crumbaugh John Jones Connie Kelly Tim Madrigal Timothy Prebe Janet Ann Smith Neal Van Zante Alva Winston Steve Wright	9/1/17 - 8/31/18 9/1/17 - 8/31/18	\$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour \$125.00/hour
FY 2017 amendments:		
 Harper & Pearson Co., P.C. (Increase contract by \$13,000 from \$ 	9/1/16 — 8/31/17 3175,000 to \$188,000)	\$13,000
2. Davis Kinard & Co., P.C. (Increase contract by \$17,500 from \$	7/1/17 – 8/31/17 45,000 to \$62,500)	\$17,500
3. Belen Briones, CPA (Increase contract by \$15,000 from \$	7/1/17 — 8/31/17 45,000 to \$60,000)	\$15,000
4. Mary Alice Boehm-McKaughan (Increase contract by \$64,000 from \$		\$64,000
5. Rebecca J. Teague, CPA (Increase contract by \$2,700 from \$1	9/1/16 — 8/31/17 6,500 to \$19,200)	\$2,700

- F. Mr. Cluck moved to approve the revisions to the Board Policy Statement Fees as presented. Mr. Worley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- G. Mr. Baker reviewed thank you letters from the public.
- IV. Ms. Hugly, Rules Committee Chair, reported on the September 20, 2017 committee meeting.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
J. Coalter Baker, CPA ex officio	Jonathan B. Cluck, Esq. Benjamin Peña, CFE, CPA	Paulette Beiter, Esq. Alan Hermanson, CPA
Rocky L. Duckworth, CPA		J. Randel Hill, Esq.
Donna J. Hugly, CPA	Others Present	Donna Hiller
Timothy L. LaFrey, Esq., CPA	John Sharbaugh	Marisa Rios
Steve D. Peña, CPA	John Sharbaugh	April Serrano
		William Treacy
		Daniel Weaver

- A. Ms. Hugly moved to authorize the executive director to have the proposed revision to Board *Rule* 511.123 (Reporting Work Experience) published in the Texas Register for public comment. Mr. Cluck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (ATTACHMENT 2)
- B. Ms. Hugly moved to authorize the executive director to have the proposed revisions of *Board Rule* 515.8 (Retired Status) published in the Texas Register for public comment. Mr. S. Peña seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (ATTACHMENT 3)
- C. Ms. Hugly moved to authorize the executive director to have the proposed revisions of Board Rule 519.7 (Misdemeanors that Subject a Licensee or Certificate Holder to Discipline by the Board) published in the Texas Register for public comment. Dr. Morris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (ATTACHMENT 4)
- D. Ms. Hugly moved to authorize the executive director to have the proposed revisions of *Board Rules* 511.92 (Definitions) and 511.94 (Documentation of the Need for an Accommodation) published in the Texas Register for public comment. Mr. Cluck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (ATTACHMENT 5)
- E. The next meeting was scheduled for November 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
- Ms. Hugly, Behavioral Enforcement Committee member, reported on the August 30, 2017 committee meeting.

Members Absent	Staff Present
John R. Broaddus, CPA Jonathan B. Cluck, Esq. James D. Ingram IV, CPA Benjamin Peña, CFE, CPA	Paulette Beiter, Esq. J. Randel Hill, Esq. John D. Moore, Esq.
	Jonathan B. Cluck, Esq. James D. Ingram IV, CPA

- A. Mr. S. Peña moved to dismiss the following investigations based on insufficient evidence of a violation of the *Rules* or the *Act*. Mr. McAdams seconded the motion and it passed.
 - 1. Investigation Nos. 17-05-18L1 and 17-05-19L1
 - 2. Investigation Nos. 17-07-22L1 and 17-08-06L1
- B. Other The committee considered six other investigations which require no Board action at this time.
- C. The next committee meeting was scheduled for October 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- VI. Mr. Duckworth, Technical Standards Review Committee chair, reported on the September 20, 2017 committee meeting.

Members Present	Member Absent	Staff Present
J. Coalter Baker, CPA ex officio Rocky L. Duckworth, CPA Jeffrey L. Johanns, CPA Ross T. Johnson, CPA David L. King, CPA Steve D. Peña, CPA Dilliana M. Stewart, CPA	Kimberly Wilkerson, Esq.	J. Randel Hill, Esq. John D. Moore, Esq.

- A. Mr. LaFrey moved to dismiss the following investigations based on insufficient evidence of a violation of the *Rules* or the *Act*. Mr. McAdams seconded the motion and it passed.
 - 1. Investigation Nos. 15-10-15L² and 15-10-16L²
 - 2. Investigation No. 15-07-03T²
 - 3. Investigation No. 17-02-02T²
- B. Other The committee considered six other investigations which require no Board action at this time.
- C. The next committee meeting was scheduled for October 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

- Mr. Cluck moved to approve the Task Force's letter regarding the Exposure Draft Title Language and forward it to NASBA and the AICPA committee chairs. Dr. Morris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VIII. Ms. Beiter, Staff Attorney, reported on the status of the Enforcement Division's probation monitoring docket.
- IX. Mr. Hill, General Counsel, reported on the status of investigations into alleged violations of Subchapter J of the Public Accountancy Act, regarding the unauthorized practice of public accountancy.
- X. The Board took the following actions on the Agreed Consent Orders and Administrative Disciplinary Actions:

A. Agreed Consent Orders

Behavioral Enforcement Committee

Mr. S. Peña moved to approve the following Agreed Consent Orders (ACOs) as presented. Mr. Worley seconded the motion and it passed.

Investigation Nos.: 17-05-01L and 17-05-02L Hometown: Austin, TX Respondents: **Timothy Whittridge Hald** Certificate No.: 040547 & Timothy W. Hald S08097 Firm License No.:

Rule Violations: 501.62(1)(D), 501.74(b)

Act Violation: 901.502(6)

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents were reprimanded. In addition, Respondent agreed to take an additional eight (8) hours of continuing education and pay administrative costs of \$256.80. Respondents prepared a tax return incorrectly.

Investigation Nos.: 17-06-01L and 17-06-02L Hometown: San Antonio, TX Respondents: John Hamilton Savage Certificate No.: 042431 Holshouser & John Firm License No.: S01251

Hamilton Savage Holshouser

Rule Violations: 501.90(4), 501.90(10)

Act Violations: 901.502(2), 901.502(6), 901.502(11)

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent's certificate and Respondent Firm's license were revoked. Respondent pleaded no contest to the felony of misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000.

3. Investigation No.: 17-02-03L Hometown: San Marcos, TX Respondent: **Keith Douglas Lauderdale** Certificate No.: 083759

Rule Violations: 501.74(b), 501.78

901.502(6) Act Violation:

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent was reprimanded. In addition, Respondent must pay \$171.20 in administrative costs. Respondent failed to either complete an engagement in a timely manner or inform a client of his withdrawal from an engagement.

Technical Standards Review Committee

Mr. Worley moved to approve the following ACOs as presented. Mr. LaFrey seconded the motion and it passed.

1. Investigation Nos.: 14-02-12L and 16-08-01N Bingham Farms, MI Hometown: Respondents: Silberstein Ungar PLLC Firm License No.: P05635

& Ronald N. Silberstein

Rule Violations: 501.81, 501.90

Act Violations: 901.352(a-1), 901.462, 901.502(5), 901.502(6), 901.502(12)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent Firm's license, will not be renewed and Respondent Silberstein will not engage in the practice of public accountancy in the State of Texas without first obtaining a Texas CPA license. The Respondent Firm must pay administrative costs of \$10,000. Respondents, while not licensed in Texas, issued an audit report and auditors' opinions on a company that designated Texas as the location of its principal executive office. 4

2. Investigation Nos.: 16-03-07L, 16-03-08L and Hometown: Pierce & El Campo, TX

16-03-09L Certificate Nos.: 058032, 028045

Respondents: Robert D. Baker, Firm License No.: P04600

Jeffrey W. Stogner & Baker, Stogner & Associates

Rule Violations: 501.60, 527.5

Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(12)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents were reprimanded and must pay administrative costs of \$19,132.85. In addition, Respondents and any successor firms owned by the individual Respondents will be subject to a scope limitation whereby no audit reports would be issued without a pre-issuance review. This limitation of scope would also apply to Respondent Baker, individually. Respondents issued audit reports for a municipal utility district for the years 2011 through 2014 that did not adequately support the representations made in the audit reports. Respondent Firm received a fail rating on a peer review in 2016.⁴

3. Investigation No.: 17-01-11L Hometown: Houston, TX Respondent: Joyce Devon-Sallier, CPA (Firm) Certificate No.: T09122

Rule Violation: 527.4 Act Violation: 901.502(12)

Respondent Firm entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent was reprimanded and subject to a scope limitation from the effective date of the Board Order until an application for removal of the limitation is found acceptable to the TSR Committee and ratified by the Board. Respondent must pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 within 30 days after the Board adopts the ACO. Respondent Firm was dropped by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants from the peer review program for non-compliance and multiple deficient peer reviews in violation of Board *Rule 527.4.*

4. Investigation Nos.: 03-05-02L and 03-03-32L Hometown: McAllen, TX Respondent: Richard L. Moore II Certificate No.: 045814

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent's license would be reinstated with limitations. Those limitations are as follows: Respondent Richard L. Moore II cannot perform any attest work and Respondent will have to send a form letter to all the Google websites that have him listed as a CPA advising them that he is a CPA with a limited scope license precluding him from performing attest services. The Respondent will also need to add an asterisk to his use of the credential CPA that provides a link to a note that states the Respondent has a limited scope license that prevents him from performing attest services. Respondent must wait until the Modified ACO is ratified by the Board before notifying Google websites or creating a link. Respondent's license had been voluntarily surrendered in lieu of further disciplinary action under an ACO approved by the Board on September 22, 2011. Respondent had petitioned the Board for reinstatement of his license after complying with the terms of the ACO.

5. Investigation No.: 13-01-26L Hometown: Dallas, TX
Respondent: Ernst & Young LLP Firm License No.: P04513

Rule Violation: 501.60 Act Violation: 901.502(6)

Respondent Firm entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent was reprimanded and must pay an administrative penalty of \$100,000 and administrative costs of \$78,548.15. Respondent Firm failed to adequately test certain management assumptions in an audit for a Texas-based publicly held company.⁴

6. Investigation Nos.: 16-11-19L and 16-11-20L Hometown: Beaumont, TX
Respondents: Anna Lou Anderson and Certificate No.: 016444
Coville & Anderson Firm License No.: C01151

Rule Violation: 527.4

Act Violation: 901.502(12)

Respondents entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondents' certificate and firm license are placed on limited scope and Respondents are prohibited from performing audits, accounting, reviews and compilations or other engagements required by the Board to be performed in accordance with the standards adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and whereby Respondents would pay an administrative penalty of \$500. Respondent Firm was terminated from the AICPA Peer Review Program.⁵

7. Investigation Nos.: 16-06-09L and 16-06-10L Hometown: Garland & Frisco, TX Respondents: Mickey Dee Petty and Certificate No.: 076583

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Mickey Petty & Associates, P.C. Firm License No.: C06101

Rule Violation: 527.5

Act Violations: 901.502(6), 901.502(12)

Respondent entered into an ACO with the Board whereby Respondent's certificate and Respondent Firm's license were revoked; however, the revocation was stayed and Respondent and Respondent Firm were placed on probated revocation for a period of two years from the date of the Board Order. Respondents' certificate and firm license are placed on limited scope and Respondents are prohibited from performing audits, accounting, reviews and compilations or other engagements required by the board to be performed in accordance with the standards adopted by the AICPA. Respondents must pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000. Respondent Firm received three deficient peer reviews.⁴

B. Administrative Disciplinary Actions

Dr. Morris moved to approve the following Disciplinary Actions as presented. Ms. Hugly seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. Respondents: In the Matter of Disciplinary Action Against Certain Licensees for Nonpayment of Professional Fees for Three Consecutive License Periods

The Respondents failed to pay their licensing fees for three consecutive license periods. Respondents, although properly notified of the proposed disciplinary action and their right to a hearing on the matter, failed to request a hearing. Staff recommends that the certificate of each Respondent still not in compliance be revoked without prejudice. Each Respondent may regain his or her certificate by paying all license fees and late fees and by otherwise coming into compliance with the *Act*. Respondents violated *Act Section 901.502(4) (failure to pay license fees for three consecutive years).* (ATTACHMENT 6)

Investigation Numbers

17-04-10001 -17-04-10042 17-05-10001 - 17-05-10044

2. Respondents: In the Matter of Disciplinary Action Against Certain License Holders for CPE Delinquencies

Section 901.411 (Continuing Professional Education). The Respondents, although provided with a preliminary report dated November 15, 2016 and having been notified of the proposed disciplinary action and their right to a hearing on the matter, failed to request a hearing. Staff recommends that the license of each Respondent still not in compliance be suspended for a period of three years, or until he or she complies with the licensing requirements of the *Act*, whichever is sooner. Additionally, staff recommends a \$100 penalty be imposed for each year a Respondent is not in compliance with the Board's CPE requirements. Respondents violated Board *Rules 501.94* (Mandatory CPE) and 523.111 (Required CPE Reporting), and *Act Section 901.411*. (ATTACHMENT 7)

Investigation Numbers

17-04-10043 - 17-04-10189 17-05-10045 - 17-05-10197

3. Respondents: In the Matter of Disciplinary Action Against Certain Certificate Holders for Failure to Complete License Notice

The Respondents failed to complete their license renewal notices in accordance with Board *Rule 515.3* (*License Renewals for Individuals and Firm Offices*). Respondents, although properly notified of the proposed disciplinary action and their right to a hearing on the matter, failed to request a hearing. Staff recommends the certificate of each Respondent not in compliance be revoked without prejudice until such time as the Respondent complies with the requirements of the *Rules* and the *Act*. Respondents violated *Act Section 901.502(12)* (*Violations of Board Rules*). (ATTACHMENT 8)

Investigation Numbers

17-04-10190 - 17-04-10193 17-05-10198 - 17-05-10204

- XI. Mr. LaFrey moved to adopt the following Board *Rules*. Dr. Morris seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - 1. Section 507.6 (Employee Training and Education Assistance Program) (ATTACHMENT 9)
 - Section 525.1 (Applications for the UCPAE, Issuance of the CPA Certificate, or Initial License) (ATTACHMENT 10)
 - 3. Section 525.2 (Applications for or Renewal of a License for Licensees with Criminal Backgrounds) (ATTACHMENT 11)
- XII. Mr. Baker reviewed the schedule of future Board meetings.
- XIII. Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:	
Manuel Cavazos IV, CPA, Presiding Officer	Steve D. Peña, CPA, Secretary

Mr. Baker, Ms. Hugly, and Mr. LaFrey recused themselves from participating in this matter.

² Mr. Baker, Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. S. Peña recused themselves from participating in this matter.

³ Mr. Cluck, Ms. Hugly, and Mr. LaFrey recused themselves from participating in this matter.

⁴ Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. S. Peña recused themselves from participating in this matter.

⁵ Mr. Duckworth and Mr. Johnson recused themselves from participating in this matter.