

**MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
AUGUST 21, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Sean P. Weaver, CPA, Chair, called the meeting to order. Other Board members in attendance were Julie A. Spiegel, CPA, Vice-Chair; Jeffery S. Bottenberg, Public Member; Jim Gillespie, CPA; John R. Helms, CPA; Allison Koehn, Public Member; and Kathryn J. Mitchell, CPA. Also in attendance was Susan L. Somers, Executive Director; Randall J. Forbes, Disciplinary Counsel to the Board; Darin M. Conklin General Counsel to the Board; Natasha Schamberg and Rita Barnard, on behalf of the Kansas Society of CPAs; and Joyce Schartz, of the Public Accountants Association.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1-4. The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 17, 2020 meeting; reciprocity certificates/permits to practice; firm registrations; and the July 31, 2020 financials. Mr. Gillespie moved, and Mr. Helms seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

2. CPA EXAM:

A. The Board reviewed the CPA exam scores for June 16, 2020 to July 20, 2020. Mr. Gillespie moved, and Ms. Koehn seconded, to ratify the scores. Upon a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

3. CPE/PERMIT TO PRACTICE/PEER REVIEW/FIRM REGISTRATIONS:

A. Ms. Somers presented to the Board the list of firms with peer reviews either due or in process. No action was required to be taken.

4. HEARINGS AND OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

A. SQUAR MILNER, LLP STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER: Sean Weaver, the investigative Board member, recused himself. Ernest Miranda, the Audit Service Partner for Squar Milner, LLP appeared virtually on behalf of the firm. This matter was before the Board for approval of a Stipulation and Consent Order that arose from an investigation and subsequent determination that Respondent had failed to timely cooperate with a Board investigation. The terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order required Respondent to appear before the Board; to pay a fine in the amount of \$2,000 and costs, pursuant to K.S.A. 1-206, to include attorney's fees and court reporter fees; and censure. Respondent's application for renewal of firm registration is approved. After

discussion, Ms. Mitchell moved and Mr Helms seconded to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Upon a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried, with Mr. Weaver not participating.

5. OTHER:

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS: Ms. Mitchell moved, and Ms. Spiegel seconded, for the Board to go into executive session, to discuss personnel matters, specifically staff evaluations, for a period of fifteen minutes. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried.

When the Board reconvened, Mr. Helms moved, and Ms. Mitchell seconded that the Board make a recommendation to the Governor's office to award Ms. Somers, the Executive Director of the Board, an increase in her annual salary of 2.5%, and in addition, recommend a \$1,500 bonus. Upon a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

B. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD: Ms. Somers indicated that due to the fact that she needed to submit a budget for FY 2021, 2022 and 2023 prior to September 15, 2020, the Board would need to have a special meeting for approval. After discussion, the Board agreed to hold a virtual meeting on September 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM for the sole purpose of discussion and approval of the budget.

6. ADJOURN

Mr. Helms moved, and Mr. Gillespie seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried.

/s/ Susan L. Somers
Susan L. Somers, Executive Director