

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Board Meeting: July 13, 2022

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held via Zoom webinar on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

The following Board members were present:

Clayton J. Huffman, CPA, Chair
Michael E. Mixon, CPA
Charles Cole, CPA
Craig Smith, CPA
Emily Farrell, CPA
Todd M. Tolbert, Consumer Member

Board members absent:

Ashley Addison, CPA, Vice Chair

Staff present:

Paul Ziga, CPA, Executive Director
Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Tech 3
Ayokah Harrison-Roberts, Compliance Business Analyst 3
Sandy Ferris, Licensing Tech 2

Attorney General Representative:

Kirsten S. Daughdril, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Don Cook, The Georgia Society of CPAs

Chairman Huffman established a quorum was present at 10:00 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session Minutes:

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the May 25, 2022, meeting, as presented. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants:

Mr. Cook gave an update on operations at the GSCPA.

Board Operations:

Mr. Ziga informed the Board that an additional staff position has been approved and will be posted soon.

Mr. Ziga is reviewing options for improving our Licensing Database.

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Executive Director Report:

Mr. Ziga reported the following:

- There are currently 22,953 Active CPAs and 2,103 Active firms in Georgia.
- There are 2,065 individual CPA license renewals that are still pending renewal.
- Firm renewals are ongoing, and 1,465 renewals have been processed and about 90 are in-process. Final email notice will go out next week.
- Highlight of the NASBA Eastern Regional Conference in June is that NASBA is proposing a uniform score extension for CPA Evolution scoring delays.

Executive Session:

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Tolbert made a motion to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Chairman Huffman, Mr. Cole, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Mixon. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Cook left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

The meeting recessed for a break from 11:22 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Open Session:

Chairman Huffman declared open session at 12:28 p.m. to vote on discussions held in Executive Session.

NASBA Applications:

The following requests from NASBA were reviewed at the July 13, 2022, meeting:

Applicant R.A.: After reviewing the request for initial licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Mr. Mixon made a motion to deny this applicant for initial licensure. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Huffman and Ms. Farrell abstained from the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant S.M.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve this applicant for reciprocal licensure. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Huffman and Ms. Farrell abstained from the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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Applicant J.O.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve this applicant for reciprocal licensure. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Huffman and Ms. Farrell abstained from the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant F.R.: After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve this applicant for reciprocal licensure. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Huffman and Ms. Farrell abstained from the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Reinstated:

Mr. Ziga reported that there were eight (8) Certified Public Accountant licenses reinstated since the May 25, 2022, Board meeting. Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the applications that met requirements for reinstatement. Mr. Tolbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ziga reported that there were no Public Accounting Firm licenses reinstated since the May 25, 2022, Board meeting.

Enforcement Report:

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to approve the following actions:

ACCT220012: The Board voted to close this case.

ACCT220017: The Board voted to close this case due to no jurisdiction.

ACCT220018: The Board voted to close this case due to no jurisdiction.

Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Harrison-Roberts gave a report on the CPE Audits that have been conducted for May and June.

After discussion on payment plans for fines, Ms. Farrell made a motion to approve 90 days to pay fines and 90 days to complete the required CPE hours. Mr. Tolbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Daughdril gave a status report of cases referred to the Attorney General's Office. There is one open case. No Board action required at this time.

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Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the May 25, 2022, board meeting as presented. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Issued:

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved seventy-three (73) Certified Public Accountant licenses (CPA039413 through CPA039485) since the May 25, 2022, Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved twenty-six (26) Public Accounting Firm licenses (ACF007141 through ACF007166) since the May 25, 2022, Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

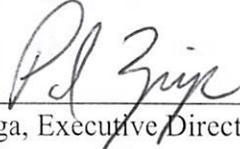
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With no other business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

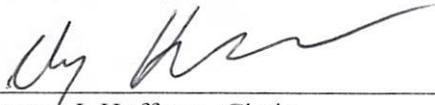
The next scheduled board meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.



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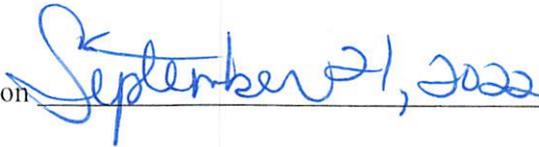


Paul Ziga, Executive Director/Secretary



Clayton J. Huffman, Chair

These minutes were approved on



State of Georgia
County of Fulton

Affidavit Supporting Closing
Of Public Meeting

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now Clayton J. Huffman the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy.

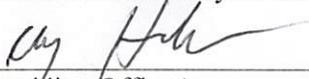
I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.

On July 13, 2022, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was O.C.G.A. § 43-3-25.1(a) and (b), O.C.G.A. §§ 43-3-20(b).

The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
Review Applications, Complaints, and Investigations

Further the affiant sayeth not.



(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 29 Day of August 2022



Notary Public



Ayokah Harrison Roberts
NOTARY PUBLIC
Newton County, Georgia
My Commission Expires
February 9, 2026

My Commission Expires

CPA LICENSES ISSUED – 5/25/2022 – 7/12/2022 – 73 LICENSES

License #	Last Name	First Name	Approval Date	Expiration Date
CPA039413	Carlson	Tim	2022-05-26	2023-12-31
CPA039414	Duncan	James	2022-05-26	2023-12-31
CPA039415	Gomez	Rafael	2022-05-26	2023-12-31
CPA039416	Harris	Jeffrey	2022-05-26	2023-12-31
CPA039417	Jones	Adrienne	2022-05-26	2023-12-31
CPA039418	Marks	Zachary	2022-05-26	2023-12-31
CPA039419	Sesplankis	Jill	2022-05-26	2023-12-31
CPA039420	Duncan	Victoria	2022-06-03	2023-12-31
CPA039421	Mandrick	Andrea	2022-06-03	2023-12-31
CPA039422	Ray	Daryl	2022-06-03	2023-12-31
CPA039423	Wittwer	Brian	2022-06-03	2023-12-31
CPA039424	ZHU	HUI	2022-06-03	2023-12-31
CPA039425	Artiles	Abraham	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039426	Bergeron	Joseph	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039427	Blessing	Isabel	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039428	Cleary	Grace	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039429	Huynh	Steven	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039430	Kim	Chloe	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039431	Lewis	Giselle	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039432	Majid	Sufhan	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039433	Parker	Reid	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039434	Prewett	Haley	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039435	Reeves	Justin	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039436	Tuopaeh	Nathan	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039437	Wehner	Jordan	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039438	Welborn	Shannon	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039439	Burton	Elizabeth	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039440	Connelly	Christopher	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039441	Dunphy	William	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039442	Giles	Sarah	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039443	Globus	Roger	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039444	Gonzalez	Rolando	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039445	Grier	Scott	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039446	Herdocia	Jacqueline	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039447	Huff	Landen	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039448	Hynd	Spencer	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039449	Jackson	Darrick	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039450	Jacobs	Carter	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039451	Kaun	Kaylin	2022-06-16	2023-12-31

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CPA039452	Kerner	Kathryn	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039453	Lefebvre	Kara	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039454	Martinez	Miriam	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039455	McCuan	Sarah	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039456	Mikell	Stephen	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039457	Norton	Timothy	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039458	Parker	William	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039459	Rachiele	Andrew	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039460	Shyrokikh	Hleb	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039461	Vijayakumar	Vasukumar	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039462	Vosburgh	Emilee	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039463	Webb	Harris	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039464	Webber	John	2022-06-16	2023-12-31
CPA039465	Brown	Robert	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039466	Bullock	David	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039467	Cafilisch	Chelsea	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039468	Cioloa	Samuel	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039469	Fitch	Jesse	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039470	Hull	Robert	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039471	Johanson	Stephanie	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039472	Kruse	Mackenzie	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039473	Mattingly	Lauren	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039474	Miele	Lauren	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039475	Tatom	Sarah	2022-07-01	2023-12-31
CPA039476	Balta	Paul	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039477	Ciupalo	Hannah	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039478	Eberhart	Marcus	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039479	Franco	Christian	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039480	Hopkins	Christopher	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039481	Massey	Thomas	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039482	OSullivan	Dylan	2022-06-08	2023-12-31
CPA039483	Shook	Nicholas	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039484	Skinner	Isabella	2022-07-08	2023-12-31
CPA039485	Slatken	Eric	2022-07-08	2023-12-31

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ACF007141	Artesian CPA, LLC	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007142	BKHM, PA	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007143	D. Brooks and Associates CPAs P.A.	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007144	James R Sutherland, CPA	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007145	Kersey & Associates LLC	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007146	Latasha Henderson CPA PC	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007147	Macias Gini & OConnell LLP	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007148	S.H. ACCOUNTING SERVICES CPA LLC	2022-06-03	2024-06-30
ACF007149	Synergy Accounting and Business Solutions, LLC	2022-06-09	2024-06-30
ACF007150	Ann S. Rushing, CPA/PFS, LLC	2022-06-09	2024-06-30
ACF007151	Armanino LLP	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007152	Ben Palmer Lee, CPA, LLC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007153	Bowen CPA LLC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007154	Burmester & Associates, PC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007155	Elkins and Associates CPAs PC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007156	Holbrook & Manter, Inc.	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007157	Parker Grandits, CPA	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007158	Peake CPA	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007159	Rehmann Robson LLC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007160	SHAH & PATEL CPA PC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007161	Snyder Accounting & Tax, LLC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007162	TrueNorth CPA, LLC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007163	WFCPA, LLC	2022-07-01	2024-06-30
ACF007164	KRISTIE ROWELL KONRAD, CPA, PC	2022-07-08	2024-06-30
ACF007165	Colwell and Pierce LLC	2022-07-08	2024-06-30
ACF007166	Coleman Tax CPA, LLC	2022-07-08	2024-06-30