A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held via Zoom webinar on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

## The following Board members were present:

Clayton J. Huffman, CPA, Chair Ashley Addison, CPA, Vice Chair Michael E. Mixon, CPA Charles Cole, CPA Craig Smith, CPA, Todd M. Tolbert, Consumer Member

#### **Board members absent:**

Julian I. Deal, CPA

### **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 10:02 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

#### **Open Session Minutes:**

Mr. Mixon made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting as presented. Mr. Tolbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NASBA Operations:**

Mr. Ziga reported the following:

• NASBA hired a new Georgia Coordinator named Noelle Burton.

### **Board Operations:**

Mr. Ziga reported the following:

• The State Accounting Office will be replacing the carpet, so GSBA staff will be teleworking during that time.

### **Executive Director Report:**

Mr. Ziga reported the following:

- There are currently 22,236 Active CPAs and 2,033 Active firms in Georgia.
- The MyLicense Office licensing system upgrade was successful.

### **Other Business:**

Mr. Cook discussed the Ethics requirements.

### **Executive Session:**

At 10:44 a.m., Ms. Addison 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. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Chairman Huffman, Mr. Cole, Mr. Tolbert, and Mr. Smith. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

### **Open Session:**

Chairman Huffman declared open session at 11:27 a.m. to vote on discussions held in Executive Session.

#### **NASBA Applications:**

The following requests from NASBA were reviewed at the July 28, 2021 meeting:

**Applicant S.N.:** After reviewing the request for reciprocal licensure with special consideration of the education requirement, Ms. Addison made a motion to approve this applicant for reciprocal licensure. Mr. Tolbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Renewals:**

The CPA Individual license renewal window opens October 1, 2021.

#### **Reinstatements:**

Mr. Ziga reported that there were twenty (20) Certified Public Accountant licenses reinstated since the May 19, 2021 Board meeting. Ms. Addison 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 was three (3) Public Accounting Firm licenses reinstated since the May 19, 2021 Board meeting. Ms. Addison made a motion to approve the applications that met

requirements for reinstatement. Mr. Tolbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith requested that the list of reinstated licenses be available for Board review.

### **Other Issues/Requests:**

The Board selected a Task Force consisting of Ms. Addison, Mr. Mixon, and Mr. Smith to draft an Ethics requirement for Continuing Professional Education hours.

### **Enforcement Report:**

The Enforcement Committee made a motion to approve the following actions:

**ACCT210003:** The Board voted to close this case with a letter of concern.

ACCT210005: The Board voted to close this case, no jurisdiction.

ACCT210012: The Board voted to close this case.

**ACCT210013**: The Board voted to close this case.

**ACCT210015**: The Board voted to close this case.

ACCT210019: The Board voted to close this case, no jurisdiction.

**ACCT210021**: The Board voted to close this case.

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 for action. No Board action required at this time.

### **Approval of Executive Session Minutes:**

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of the May 19, 2021 board meeting as presented. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ratification of Licenses Issued:**

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Ms. Addison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved one hundred twenty-one (121) Certified Public Accountant licenses (CPA038556

through CPA038679) since the May 19, 2021 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to approve the following applications that met certification requirements. Ms. Addison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board approved twenty-one (21) Public Accounting Firm licenses (ACF007036 through ACF007056) since the May 19, 2021 Board meeting. The list is attached and made part of these minutes.

### **Other Business:**

Mr. Clay discussed highlights from the NASBA Regional Meeting.

Ms. Harrison-Holmes will create a newsletter to be distributed this Fall.

With no other business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Recorded by Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Licensing Tech 3

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 an 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 <u>Clayton J. Huffman</u> 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 28, 2021, 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 28 Day of July . 202

Notary Public

Ayokah Harrison Roberts NOTARY PUBLIC Newton County, Georgia My Commission Expires February 9, 2022

My Commission Expires

License #	Last Name	First Name	Approval Date	Expiration Date
CPA038556	Franklin	Lesley	2021-05-21	2021-12-31
CPA038557	Brauer	David	2021-05-21	2021-12-31
CPA038558	Alvarado Sanchez	Edgar	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038559	Anderson	Wesley	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038560	Bailey	Dane	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038561	Bates	Joseph	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038562	BLACK	MIKALE	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038563	Blocksidge	Lanie	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038564	Broadway	Reed	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038565	Brookshire	Savannah	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038566	Brown	Jeremy	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038567	Cerqueda	Allison	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038568	Chen	Sarah	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038569	Howard	Rachael	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038570	Dallas	Jacqueline	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038571	DeMann	Ryan	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038572	Dodson	Darren	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038573	Easterlin Jr	Edward	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038574	Funston	Monique	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038575	Gerrits	Kathleen	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038576	HAJI	ALBASHIR	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038577	Han	Seungyeob	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038578	Ibrahim	Momina	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038579	Kim	Minjung	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038580	Langston	James	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038581	Li	Hei Yin Andrew	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038582	Lowery	Thomas	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
CPA038583	Page	Scott	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
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CPA038673	McDowell	Catherine	2021-07-26	2021-12-31
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CPA038675	Yap	Jamaema	2021-07-26	2021-12-31
CPA038676	Whelen	Patrick	2021-07-26	2021-12-31

CPA038677	Robinson	Chad	2021-07-26	2021-12-31
CPA038678	REDMON	LAURA	2021-07-26	2021-12-31
CPA038679	Murphy	Alaina	2021-07-26	2021-12-31

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License #	Firm Name	Date	Date
ACF007036	Taynas Taxes, LLC	2021-04-05	2022-06-30
ACF007037	Aligned CPA Advisors	2021-06-06	2022-06-30
ACF007038	EJLH LLC	2021-06-06	2022-06-30
ACF007039	Georgia Reporting Services, LLC	2021-06-06	2022-06-30
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ACF007042	Michael Johnson CPA LLC	2021-06-06	2022-06-30
ACF007043	Reservoir Investments	2021-06-06	2022-06-30
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ACF007053	James Marshall McComb II	2021-06-25	2022-06-30
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ACF007055	Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico, LLP	2021-06-25	2022-06-30
ACF007056	Wolf & Company, P.C.	2021-06-25	2022-06-30