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## New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS DIVISION

### New Mexico Public Accountancy Board

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### Regular Board Meeting

New Mexico Public Accountancy Board

Cisco Webex Teleconferencing Meeting

June 30, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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Meeting number (access code): 963 554 741

### MINUTES

#### I. CONVENE AND ROLL CALL

Chair C. Jack Emmons called the New Mexico Public Accountancy Board Regular meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Board Executive Director, Jeanette Contreras, took roll call and it was determined a quorum was present.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. Jack Emmons, CPA, Chairman  
Patrick Stewart, Vice Chair, Public Member  
Dennis Houston, CMA, Secretary, Public Member  
Maria Cassimus, CPA, Treasurer  
William R. Golden, CPA  
Farley Vener, CPA

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Jeanette Contreras, Executive Director  
Ernest Santucci, Investigator  
Noel Davis, Licensing Manager  
Alexa Martinez, Licensing and Financial Administrator  
Delilah Tenorio, AAG, Board Counsel  
Valerie Joe, AAG, Board Counsel

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Jesse Jiron  
Robert R. Widmann  
Rich Brody  
Thomas Thompson  
Kelcy Flanagan  
Rebecca Kemp  
Chris Noyes

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Stewart made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda as written. Member Vener **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**February 18, 2020, Meeting**

Vice-Chair Stewart made a **MOTION** to approve the February 18, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes as written. Member Golden **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

**IV. CHAIRMAN REPORT**

Chairman Emmons stated that his decisions would be ratified at the next meeting. He spoke at the Governmental Conference. As a moderator at the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), Prometric testing and exams expiring by December have currently been extended. Members of the Board were encouraged to apply for NASBA membership.

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Jeanette Contreras reported that the Board staff are able to keep up with their duties during the pandemic. Also, Regulation and Licensing Department will have a new database and statistics will be more readily available to report.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Approved Covid-19 related CPE Extensions (90 days) – *Chairman Emmons & Jeanette Contreras*
1. Kirstie Kump
  2. Christopher Daniel
  3. John Burst

Member Golden made a **MOTION** to ratify three 90-day CPE extensions for Kirstie Kump, Christopher Daniel, and John Burst that were previously approved by the Chairman during the Covid-19 pandemic. Member Vener **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

- b) Approved Extension of Exam Scores during Covid-19 pandemic for Rebecca Stamp (BEC & AUD) – *Chairman Emmons & Jeanette Contreras*

Vice-Chair Stewart made a **MOTION** to ratify the CPA exam score extension for Rebecca Stamp that was previously approved by the Chairman during the Covid-19 pandemic. Member Houston **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

- c) Approved reinstatement Application during Covid-19 pandemic for Donald Rogers – *Chairman Emmons & Jeanette Contreras*

Member Golden made a **MOTION** to ratify the Reinstatement Application for Donald Rogers that was previously approved by the Chairman during the Covid-19 pandemic. Member Houston **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

- d) Request for Extension of CPA Exam Score (BEC) by Jesse Jiron – *Noel Davis*

Member Golden made a **MOTION** to approve the CPA exam score extension (BEC) for Jesse Jiron. Member Cassimus **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

- e) Request for a six month CPE extension by Deborah Kapp – *Noel Davis*

Member Golden made a **MOTION** to approve the request for a six-month extension for Deborah Kapp. Member Houston **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Open Floor

Mr. Rich Brody thanked the Board for their “hard work”.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Emmons made a **MOTION** that the New Mexico Public Accountancy Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda, pursuant to Section 10-15-1-H(1) of the Open Meetings Act authorizing closed session for matters related to issuance, suspension, renewal, or revocation of a license. Vice-Chair Stewart **SECONDED** the motion.

The Board Executive Director, Jeanette Contreras, took a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session.

<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
C. Jack Emmons, Chairman	YES
Patrick Stewart, Vice-Chair	YES
Dennis Houston, Secretary	YES
Maria Cassimus, Treasurer	YES
William Golden, Member	YES
Farley Vener, Member	YES

The motion PASSED by UNANIMOUS APPROVAL through roll call vote. The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m., and the recorder was turned off.

**Back in Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 10:04 a.m. The matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to the items listed on the agenda.

a) Complaints

1. Case No. 2019-34 Issue NCA
2. Case No. 2020-06 Issue NCA; but defer issuance pending acceptance of a Pre-NCA Stipulated Agreement: and the payment of a \$350.00 fine (\$250.00 for CPE shortage, \$100.00 for the Ethic hours violation); and the completion of 4 Ethic hours of coursework by August 7, 2020.
3. Case No. 2020-07 Issue NCA; but defer issuance pending acceptance of a Pre-NCA Stipulated Agreement: and the payment of a \$200.00 (\$100.00 for CPE shortage, \$100.00 for the Ethic hours violation); and the completion of 2 CPE Ethic hours of coursework by August 7, 2020.
4. Case No. 2020-08 Grant request to relinquish license.
5. Case No. 2020-09 Issue NCA; but defer issuance pending acceptance of a Pre-NCA Stipulated Agreement: The payment of a \$250.00 fine (\$50.00 for CPE shortage, \$100.00 for the Technical hours violation, and \$100.00 for the 20 hour minimum per year CPE violation); and the completion of 1 CPE technical hour of coursework by August 7, 2020.
6. Case No. 2020-10 Issue NCA; but defer issuance pending acceptance of a Pre-NCA Stipulated Agreement: The payment of a \$350.00 fine (\$250.00 for CPE shortage, \$100.00 for Ethic hours violation); and the completion of 4 CPE Ethic hours of coursework by August 7, 2020.

Vice-Chair Stewart made a **MOTION** to approve the Complaint Committee's recommendations for Case No. 2019-34. Member Golden **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

Vice-Chair Stewart made a **MOTION** to approve the Complaint Committee's recommendations for the cases listed, Case No. 2020-06 through 2020-10. Member Golden **SECONDED** the motion. Member Vener and Member Cassimus, members of the Complaint Committee, **ABSTAINED**. Motion **PASSED** through roll call vote .

b) Case Closures

1. Case No. 2019-33 Close Case
2. Case No. 2019-49 Close Case
3. Case No. 2020-01 Close Case
4. Case No. 2020-03 Close Case
5. Case No. 2020-04 Close Case

Vice-Chair Stewart made a **MOTION** to approve the Complaint Committee's recommendations for the cases listed. Member Golden **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.


**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

Regular Board Meeting and Rule Hearing is scheduled for August 25, 2020. The meeting and hearing will be held via Cisco Webex Meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Golden made a **MOTION** to adjourn the New Mexico Public Accountancy Board meeting. Member Houston **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED** by **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** through roll call vote.

There being no further Board business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

  
C. Jack Emmons, CPA, Chairman

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Dennis Houston, CMA, Secretary