## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners December 14, 2020 Via Videoconference 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Michael S. Massey, CPA, President; Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, Vice President; Gary R. Massey, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer; Bernita W. Demery, CPA; Wanda B. Taylor, Esq.; Jennifer Van Zant, Esq.; and Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA (all by simultaneous communication).

**STAFF ATTENDING:** Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Officer; Buck Winslow; Licensing Manager; and Noel L. Allen, Esq., Legal Counsel (all by simultaneous communication).

**GUESTS:** Sharon Bryson, CEO, NCACPA; Mark Soticheck, CPA, COO, NCACPA; and Walter C. Davenport, NCACPA Board Member.

CALL TO ORDER: President Massey called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**MINUTES:** Ms. Demery moved, Mr. G. Massey seconded the motion to approve the November 23, 2020, meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed by roll call vote of seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

**FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS:** Mr. G. Massey moved, and Mr. Baldwin seconded the motion to approve the November 2020 financial statements as submitted. Motion passed by roll call vote of seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Winstead moved, and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee with a roll call vote of seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Case Nos. C2020065 and C2020096 - Martin L. Price, CPA - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix I).

<u>Case No.C2020093</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No.C2020136</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No.C2020135</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No.C2020168</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case Nos. C2020183-1 and C2020183-2</u> - Close the cases without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mr. G. Massey moved, and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee with a roll call vote of seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Transfer of Grades Applications - Approve the following applications for transfer of grades:

Rachel Lee Faller	Tyler Marie McCoy
Zachary Brian Fram	Chase Alexander Wilson
Emily Noelle Manalo	

**Original Certificate Applications -** Approve the following applications for original CPA certification:

Sara Beth Adelson	Julia Maelyn Henderson
Alex Reid Anderson	Daniel Edward Herzberg
Rasha Bou Ghanem	Jordan Paige Kubinski
Magdalena Bowen	Dylan Alexander Lyle
Kyle Edward Carmody	Emily Noelle Manalo
Hannah Young Chae	Tyler Marie McCoy
Kayla Grant Corbett	Jeremy Gato Meganck
Richard Lee Mitchell Crandall	Jarell O'Brien Moten
Tucker Monroe Crowder	Briggs Munir Neal
Zeynep Ebru Cukro	Dennis Joseph Niesborella, Jr.
Caroline Grace DelBello	Alison Rae Perraut
Julie Rowland Dudley	Jonathan Thomas Perron
Rachel Lee Faller	Cameron Blue Robbins
Benjamin David Ferguson	Sheldon Blaise Roberts
Benjamin Matthew Fingers	Brad Tanner Rudiger
Zachary Brian Fram	Mary Margaret Smith
Alexander Antonio Fregenal	Megan Rae Smith
Ashleigh Joyner Gardner	Patrick Tyson Sugg
John Allen Gillespie	Jordan Richard Towler
James Mathew Gladue	Theodore Hendrik Van Dam
Erin Grace Grigg	Chase Alexander Wilson
Kim Jean-Yin Grigg	Megan Leigh Wimer
Andrea Jean Hale	

Approve, with a one-year probation period, the application for original certification submitted by James Wilson Tindall. Mr. Tindall failed to disclose pertinent information with his Exam application but provided it with his certificate application.

**Reciprocal Certificate Applications -** Approve the following applications for reciprocal CPA certification:

Susan M. Borkowski Charles Martin Dabney Molly Frances Davis Andrew Bowen DeVore Margaret Emily Pillars Anthony Sartor Megan Patricia Schmitt Christopher Lisle Seguin Matthew Thomas Toomey

Jack Hankins Wilson

**Temporary Permits -** Approve the following applications for temporary permit approved by the Executive Director:

Kevin Brian Garry, T12208 Rene Danielle Barcellona, T12209 Paul Ernest Neustadter ,T12210 Kelly Margaret Slattery, T12211 Angus Mathew Brown, T12212 Margaret Emily Pillars, T12213 Kristin Lee Webster, T12214 Brittany Braun Guy, T12215 Diego A. Rodriguez, T12216 Erin Elizabeth Conway, T12217 Justin Bradley Wolf, T12218 Jack Hankins Wilson, T12219 Molly Frances Davis, T12220 Natalee Katherine Wallace, T12221 John Randall Aldridge, T12222 Andrew Bowen DeVore, T12223

**Reinstatement Applications -** Approve the following applications for certificate reinstatement:

Angela Franklin Hull, #27358 Vanessa Rebecca McCall, #21981 Jennie Doss Moreno, #33292

Approve, with a one-year probation period, the reinstatement application submitted by Shari Anna Walker, #23296. Ms. Walker failed to disclose pertinent information with her Exam and certificate applications but provided it with her reinstatement application.

**Reissuance of New Certificate Applications -** Approve the following application for reissuance of new certificate:

David Bruce Post, #7508

**Rescind Form of Practice Statement -** Approve the following application to rescind the form of practice statement

Clara Faye Bryant, #14556

Firm Registrations - Approve the following firm registration application approved by the Executive Director

George Moore, CPA, PLLC

**Rescind of Letters of Warning -** Approve the following applications for rescinsion of Letter of Warning:

Walter Cooper Byrd, #19484 David Owen Campbell, #25634 Randy Douglas Crump, #31677 Kelly Ann Filson, #39919 Anthony J. Gentile, Jr. #40949 Tiffany Le-Lanette Goodman, #42078 Thomas David Hill, #21729 Julianne Inozemcev, #43142 Lloyd Jordan, #17032 Rebecca Holder Karr, #16454 Donna Rader Lomax, #24818 Jimmy O. Mauldin, #14877 Marjorie Kohn McMahon, #22092 Kelly Deanna Nicholson, #22612 Keith E. Organ, 35948 Christopher Shane Rhodes, #39822 Neil Mark Smith, #39573 Martrice Lavonne Terry, #43681 Edward Lawrence Thompson, III, #38085 George Anthony Venditelli, #22929 Johannes Zonneveld, #15153

## Examinations - Approve the following application for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Jack Archibald Amanda Baltrucki LaNaria Barnes Rhett Barnett Tanner Barnett Brandon Bell Kristen Boley Ashley Bornkamp Aaron Braud Caroline Britton Kayla Brown Mary Brown **Christopher Burdick** Cameron Burns Rudy Cabral Jonathan Calcagne Robert Callaghan **Regina** Cameron Sean Cammuso Brianna Cardwell Elaina Chen Diwash Chhetri Nicholas Chilcutt Nicole Ann Ciaramella Anna Ciraco Drew Coble Tyler Coffey Jonathan Connolly Phillip Cordeiro Rose Cossuto Savannah Crawford Alea Crump **Christopher Cummings** Lauren Davis Ashlyn Day Thomas Dean Mary Dierkes Kate Downes Alex Duer Jillian Dunn Kathleen Eaton Tracie Edens

Hayden Favory Rachel Ferrara Shane Ferrero Austin Fishel Ansley Fleming Molly Foster Gabrielle Frost Karli Fulp Mary Futrell Lorena Gan Morgan Garriss Johnathon Garwood Joanna Gaynes Devin Geinosky Victoria Gervasi Sascha Gibson Bryan Gillen Kyle Gilman Steven Goldberg Jessica Grant Lauren Greene **David Grimsley** William Gross John Guemple Edwin Guest Matthew Hancock Mary Hansen Thomas Hanshaw **Ronnie Harper** Stephen Harris Jonah Hatley William Hauser Laquannis Haynes Hannah Headen Adam Herdrich Cameron Hill Kaleb Iocco Drew Isennock Anish Jagath Lawrence Jenkins Matthew Jennings Cassandra Johnson

**Kyle** Justice Jenny Kerley Ashley Kerr Philip Kirkland Amanda Knauff Nicholas Koller **Barrett Krimminger** Madison Laney Ruby Lansdell Jeffrey Larsen Camie Le Megan Leasure Crystal Lepine-Arrington Candace Locklear Zachary Lowman Tyler Maher Samuel Main Jonathan Malote Nicholas Matthews Clark Mayberry Kasey Mayfield Joseph McCann Mary McCarthy Kylie McElveen Kellee Meiners Marcos Melendez Malorie Mendoza Jack Mock Savannah Moser Natasha Murillo-Gill Alexandra Murphy **Emanuel Nasui** Marley Nelson Christopher Newman-Clifford Dylan Nguyen Connor Noonan Christian North Carol-Anne Obusek Barrett Overman Christina Palmer **Taylor Parks** Vedanti Patel Natalie Peterson Edward Pinon **Robert Piscorik Caroline Ponchock** Samantha Raburn Jana Reeve Rachel Regan

Shakila Reid Matthew Reinheimer Steven Rice Sophie Ricks Kirstee Rinto Marissa Rio Allea Roach Katelyn Roberts William Roberts Annie Ross Tyler Roten Andrew Rothfuss Steven Sasser Kyra Schemmel Masha Schmick **Trenton Seilbert** Katherine Serrell Samantha Shapcott Andrew Shelton Michael Shuster Joshua Siegal Mikayla Sindel Victoria Sloop **Brian Smith Phillip Smith** Mary Sowers Lily Spence Alicia Starnes Teresa Striblin Daniel Sullivan Kristen Sullivan Matthew Sullivan Savannah Sutton Madison Tarlton Charnice Taylor Carson Tomlinson Laura Tosti Elena Totchilova **Dominick Vaccaro** Samuel Van Heukelom Corrie VanDyke Jill Vang Alex Vazquez Matthew Wall Rusty Walser Reed Warren Katherine Way Ella Webster **Rachel Wells** 

Deborah Whaley Wesley Wilder Gary Williams Ryan Williams Nathan Wonsch James Woodall Jessica Woolfe Lawrence Workman Jessica Wyant Kabao Xiong MacKenzie Yetman Anna Zhao Liudmila Zill

**Request for Extension of Notice to Schedule -** Approve extending until 09/30/2021 a candidate's Notice to Schedule (NTS) because of COVID-19 medical concerns.

**Request for Extension of Exam Section Credits -** Approve extending until 03/31/2021 two candidates Exam section credits because of COVID-19 concerns.

Approve extending until 03/31/2021, all Exam section credits expiring 12/31/2020 through 03/30/2021. The Board previously extended until 12/31/2020 all Exam section credits expiring 04/01/2020 through 12/30/2020. Motion passed with a roll call vote of six (6) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes. Ms. Demery did not participate in the discussion, nor did she vote on this matter.

**EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** The Board reviewed the monthly operational metrics and the Executive staff report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ms. Bryson commented that the March 2021 joint Board/NCACPA dinner is canceled because of COVID. Plans are being made for the Board and the NCACPA to have a virtual breakfast meeting on March 18, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. G. Massey and Ms. Demery moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Proofes.

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director

Michael S. Massey

Michael S. Massey, CPA President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C2020065 and C2020096

## CONSENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF: Martin Lee Price, CPA, #24831 Respondent

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Martin Lee Price, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 24831 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein.
- 3. The Board received a complaint from one of the Respondent's clients, asserting that the Respondent did not timely complete her taxes and did not timely return, upon her request, the documents that she had provided him.
- 4. The Respondent confirmed the allegations in the complaint.
- 5. The complainant later stated that she finally received her records after the complaint had been filed.
- 6. Subsequently, another client of the Respondent filed a complaint that was similar in nature. The complainant asserted that the Respondent had failed to file her personal and business returns for over four years and is delinquent in preparing the tax return for her father's estate. She further asserted that the Respondent ceased to communicate with her, and refused to return her financial records or respond to a letter from her attorney. The complainant states that she is receiving correspondence from the IRS regarding the delinquent returns.
- 7. The Board staff attempted multiple times to communicate with the Respondent by letter, email, and phone regarding the second complaint. Prior to the issuance of this Notice of Hearing, the Respondent never provided a response to the allegations.
- 8. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- By virtue of the facts set forth above, the Respondent violated Rules 21 NCAC 08N .0206 (Cooperation with Board Inquiry), .0212 (Competence), and .0305 (Client Records).
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent, Martin Lee Price, is revoked for one year.
- 2. The Respondent Martin Lee Price shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other matter, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his revoked North Carolina certificate.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE	DAY OF	(Month)	<u>Quite</u> . (Year)
(Day)	the Spin	(Month)	(1641)
Respondent	•		
APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE_	14 DAY OF	December (Month)	., <u>2020</u> (Year)

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



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President