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Officers & Committee Appointments Announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2022/2023

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy recently elected **Ms. Melissa R. Ruff, CPA, Lincoln,** as Chair of the Board. Ms. Ruff is an audit managing director with Deloitte & Touche, LLP, and has over 20 years of experience providing audit services. She graduated from the University of Nebraska-Kearney with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, emphasis in accounting. She is also a graduate of Leadership Lincoln. She is the Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee and a member of the Executive and Licensing Committees. She has served previously as Secretary and Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Enforcement Committee. She has been a member of the Board since 2019.

Mr. Jeff Kanger, Lincoln was elected Vice-Chair of the Board. Mr. Kanger is President of First State Bank Nebraska in Lincoln. He is a graduate of the University Nebraska College of Law and graduated with honors from Northwest Missouri State with a major in political science. Mr. Kanger serves on the Board's Licensing and Peer Review Committees. He now joins the Executive and Legislative Committees. He has been a member of the Board since 2019.

Ms. Christi L. Olsen, CPA, Omaha, was again elected Secretary of the Board. Ms. Olsen is a member of Circle CPA, LLC and has been practicing public accounting since 1989. She has been active with the Nebraska Society of CPAs, including being a past Board Member. She was also past Chair of the Foundation of the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA). She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Ms. Olsen is Chair of the Board's CPE Committee and a member of the Executive and Education & Examination Committees and now joins the Peer Review Committee. Ms. Olsen has been a member of the Board since 2020.

At the September 9, 2022 Board meeting, Chair Ruff made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2022/2023 Board term:

Executive: Melissa Ruff, Chair, Jeff Kanger, Vice-Chair, Christi Olsen, Secretary

Legislative: Melissa Ruff, Chair, Jeff Kanger

Enforcement: Drew Blossom, Chair

Licensing: Ken Brauer, Chair, Jeff Kanger, Drew Blossom, Melissa Ruff

CPE: Christi Olsen, Chair, Mark Manning, Sarah Borchers

Education & Exam: Sarah Borchers, Chair, Ken Brauer, Christi Olsen

Peer Review: Mark Manning, Chair, Jeff Kanger, Christi Olsen

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy administers public accountancy law in Nebraska. Six of the eight Board Members are certified public accountants with active permits to practice and two are members of the public. Information about licensed CPA's can be obtained by calling the Board office at (402) 471-3595 or going to www.nbpa.ne.gov.
