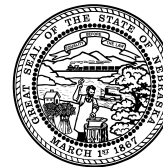


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## **Members appointed to State Board**

**Mr. Donald Neal Jr. - Omaha** was recently appointed to the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy (Board) by Governor Jim Pillen to serve a four-year term as a public member. Mr. Neal is the Chief Financial Strategist for University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is also the Senior Tax Director for the University of Nebraska System and Nebraska Medicine. Previously, he was employed as a Senior Tax Manager within the Omaha office of KPMG. Mr. Neal holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business/Accounting from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a MBA from Bellevue University. He is also licensed as an Enrolled Agent for the IRS.

**Ms. Melissa Ruff, CPA - Lincoln** was additionally appointed to serve a second four-year term on the Board by Governor Pillen. Ms. Ruff is the current Board Chair and serves on the Executive, Legislative, and Licensing Committees. She is a Managing Director with Deloitte & Touche, LLP. Ms. Ruff is also a current member of NASBA's Administration & Finance Committee.

Mr. Neal replaces **Mr. Ken Brauer, Lincoln**, who served two four-year terms on the Board. Mr. Brauer was honored at the Board's September 2023 meeting for his service.

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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 CPAs can be obtained by calling the Board office at (402) 471-3595 or going to [www.nbpa.nebraska.gov](http://www.nbpa.nebraska.gov).  
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