

NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
1526 K Street, Suite 410, Lincoln, NE

Minutes
October 20, 2023

Draft Minutes. Minutes are not approved until the next Board meeting on November 17, 2023.

Friday, October 20, 2023

1. General

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call.** The Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy (Board) was called to order at 1:40 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2023 with Chair Melissa Ruff presiding. The roll was called with the following members present: Melissa Ruff, Jeff Kanger, Christi Olsen, Ken Brauer, Mark Manning, Drew Blossom, and Amy Holzworth. Member Sarah Borchers was absent. Also present were Executive Director Dan Sweetwood, and staff member Kristen VanWinkle. The meeting was conducted virtually as allowed per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2). Staff was available at the Board Office, 1526 K Street, Ste. 410, Lincoln, Nebraska for anyone who wanted to participate in person. Chair Ruff noted the location of the notebook containing the Public Open Meeting Act and asked if anyone present needed an agenda or had any questions regarding the law. Also present was Joni Sundquist, Nebraska Society of CPAs, Dan Dustin, NASBA, Aaron Knape, UNO, Tom Purcell, Creighton University, and Tag Herbek, NE Retirement Systems.
- B. Approval of Meeting Agenda for October 20, 2023.** Moved by Olsen, seconded by Blossom, approve the agenda for the October 20, 2023 meeting. On a roll call vote, Members Ruff, Kanger, Olsen, Brauer, Manning, Blossom, and Holzworth voted aye. Member Borchers was absent. Motion #1 carried.

2. Public Comment Period (15-minute period)

A. Policy-making Hearing

Hearing Officer Melissa Ruff opened the rules hearing at 1:47 p.m. The rules hearing closed at 2:16 p.m. This hearing was recorded.

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Published Notice of Meeting.** Moved by Kanger, seconded by Olsen, to approve the consent agenda. On a roll call vote, Members Ruff, Kanger, Olsen, Brauer, Manning, Blossom, and Holzworth voted aye. Member Borchers was absent. Motion #2 carried.
- B. Published Notice of Policy-making Hearing.**

4. Report of the Legislative Committee

- A. Report on Proposed Legislation:** ED Sweetwood gave the report.

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1. **Public Accountancy Act Draft – Amendments regarding hours to sit for the CPA Exam.** A final version of the bill has been drafted and reviewed by Board Staff and Ms. Sundquist. The Society will move forward in carrying the bill before the Legislature in 2024.
- B. **Compliance with LB867 (Index Updates/Policy Changes)**
- C. **Discussion and Vote of Proposed Regulation Changes.** Moved by Kanger, seconded by Olsen to adopt the proposed regulations within Chapter 4, Chapter 6, and Chapter 13 and send the amendments to the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Policy Research Office for approval. On a roll call vote, Members Ruff, Kanger, Olsen, Brauer, Manning, Blossom, and Holzworth voted aye. Member Borchers was absent. Motion #3 carried.
 1. **Chapter 4 – Removal of Quality Enhancement Program language**
 2. **Chapter 6 – Adopt Uniform Accountancy Act language on extended exam window**
 3. **Chapter 13 – Amend language regarding when a Peer Review Oversight Committee is needed**

5. Adjournment

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Brauer, to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. on October 20, 2023. On a roll call vote, Members Ruff, Kanger, Olsen, Brauer, Manning, Blossom, and Holzworth voted aye. Member Borchers was absent. Motion #4 carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Board Secretary
Christi Olsen