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Officers & Committee Appointments announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2020/2021

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy recently elected **Dr. Thomas Purcell, III, CPA, Omaha**, as Chair of the Board. Dr. Purcell is currently a Professor of Accounting in the Department of Accounting and Business Intelligence and Analytics in the Heider College of Business at Creighton University. He has taught tax, accounting and law at Creighton for more than 40 years. He currently serves the NASBA/AICPA Evolution Project as a member of the Tax Compliance & Planning Task Force, as well as the AICPA SSTS Revision Task Force. He previously has served in numerous leadership roles for both the AICPA and the Nebraska Society of CPAs, including chairing the AICPA Tax Executive Committee and the NSCPA Board of Directors. Dr. Purcell has authored numerous articles on tax responsibilities and tax policy and taught many CPE courses in Nebraska and other states. In 2010, he received the AICPA's Arthur Dixon Award, the highest award in taxation awarded by the AICPA, recognizing his excellence and longstanding service to the taxation profession. He has previously been recognized for his service by the Nebraska Society of CPAs and the Beta Alpha Psi Accounting National Honorary Society. He twice graduated from Creighton University (in both accounting and law), from the University of Missouri-Columbia with an MA in accounting and also the University of Nebraska, with a doctorate in accounting & taxation. He currently serves as Chair of the Board's Executive Committee, the Continuing Professional Education and Legislative Committee, and is a member the Education & Examination Committee. He has served as Vice Chair of the Board for the last three years and has been a member of the Board since 2014.

Ms. Marcy J. Luth, CPA, Grand Island, was elected Vice Chair of the Board. Ms. Luth is a shareholder with the CPA firm AMGL, P.C., located in Grand Island. She is a graduate of Hastings College and earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Ms. Luth has served on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Society of CPAs and as chair of the NSCPA State and Local Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee. She is currently Chair of the Board's Education & Examination Committee and is a member of the Executive and Licensing

Committees. She has served as Secretary for the last five years and has been a member of the Board since 2013.

Ms. Melissa Ruff, CPA, Lincoln, was elected Secretary of the Board. Ms. Ruff is an audit managing director with Deloitte & Touche, 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 Enforcement Committee and a member of the Executive and CPE Committees. She has been a member of the Board since 2019.

At the September 18, 2020 Board meeting, Chair Purcell made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2020/2021 Board term:

- Executive: Thomas Purcell, Chair, Marcy Luth, Vice Chair, Melissa Ruff, Secretary
- Legislative: Thomas Purcell, Chair, Marcy Luth
- Enforcement: Melissa Ruff, Chair
- Licensing: Ken Brauer, Chair, Marcy Luth, Glen Waltemath, Jeff Kanger
- CPE: Thomas Purcell, Chair, Melissa Ruff, Jeff Kanger
- Education & Exam: Marcy Luth, Chair, Thomas Purcell, Ken Brauer
- Peer Review: Glen Waltemath, Chair, Jeff Kanger

 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.
