AGENDA
UTAH BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
LICENSING BOARD
June 10, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.
Electronically
Heber M. Wells Building
160 E. 300 S. Salt Lake City, Utah

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
Call meeting to order
Sign per diem
Approve board minutes from May 6, 2020 meeting
Compliance report, Lisa Lynn
Investigative update, Pamela Bennett

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
1. Mark Springer – Peer Review Report Status
2. COVID-19 issues/updates -
   NTS/Exam credit extensions
   Deon Taylor - Exam extension
   Peer Review extensions
3. CPE Registry clarification
4. Endorsement (SB23) update
5. NASBA Regional Conference update

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: July 1, 2020

At the discretion of the board, the meeting may be closed to discuss the character and competency of an individual pursuant to 52-4-205(1)(a).

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MINUTES
UTAH BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
/licensing Board
/electronic Meeting
May 5, 2020
1:30 p.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENCED: 1:30 p.m.
ADJOURED: 3:45 p.m.

Bureau Manager:
Robyn Barkdull

Board Secretary:
Sharon Smalley

Board Members Present:
Wade Watkins
Mike Gregory
Carey Woolsey
Robert Anderson
David Young

Board Members Absent:

DOPL Staff
Mark Steinagel, Division Director
Robyn Barkdull, Bureau Manager
Sharon Smalley, Board Secretary
Lisa Lynn, Compliance Specialist
Pam Bennett, Investigations

Guests:
Mark Springer
Nate Staheli
Steven Broadhead
Zachery Veachi
Susan Spiers, UACPA
Emily Pearson

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Robert Anderson to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Wade Watkins and passed unanimously.
Ms. Lynn gave the compliance report. All licensees are compliant with the terms of their probation. She reported that Mark Springer submitted the peer review report.

Ms. Bennett reported on an investigation she did into ACU. They are a secondary online certification and training school with no accreditation. They offer five categories of certification or license. DOPL has referred this case to Consumer Protection.

Mr. Springer met with the Board to discuss his stipulation and peer review. He gave an explanation for the delay in submitting the peer review report. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Springer. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Carey Woolsey to table the decision until the peer review report has been received and to continue with the stipulation as originally written. The motion was seconded by Wade Watkins and passed unanimously.

Mr. Broadhead met with the Board to discuss the AICPA disciplinary action. Mr. Broadhead spoke to the Board about the settlement agreement he signed. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Wade Watkins to issue a citation for unlawful conduct with a fine of $500 and to place Mr. Broadhead on probation with the stipulation to mirror the AICPA’s probation of two years. Following the discussion on the motion, the motion was amended to require an additional one hour of continuing education on the Utah laws and rules. The amended motion was seconded by Rob Anderson and passed unanimously.

Carey Woolsey gave a presentation on the CPA Evolution Teleconference he attended. AICPA and NASBA are looking into technology and how it affects the CPA profession, new market place demands and the pipeline in the hiring trend. They are looking into how they can connect with the educators. They have developed some core principles. Each candidate for the uniform exam would have a core of fundamental knowledge and then they would specialize in one of three areas. They are trying to develop a plan to get the educators on board and also how to modify the educational system to support the change. The Board asked Susan Spiers to reach out to all of the educators and try to get their feedback on this issue.
COVID 19 Issues
NTS Extensions
Extension of Exam Credit
Exam Testing Sites/ Law & Rule
Exam Update

NASBA has polled all of the state boards in connection with the notice to schedule the uniform exam and credit extensions. They are suggesting that there be an extension for all testing until December 31, 2020. A motion was made by Mike Gregory to send notification to NASBA that Utah agrees to extend all expiring test windows and NTS to December 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Rob Anderson and passed unanimously.

NASBA – Continuous Testing
Announcement

Starting July 1st, NASBA will have continuous testing. Candidates will not have to wait for the next window to take the next test or retake a test that was failed.

3rd Party Engagements – Rule
clarification needed

Ms. Barkdull asked the Board to review the rules and decide if there needs to be a modification made in connection with third party engagements.

Legislative Update – Licensure by
Endorsement

During the last legislative session SB23 passed. The passage of this bill will allow applicants who are coming by endorsement to apply for a license with one year of licensed experience. There needs to be a similar scope of practice and qualifications for licensure. Mr. Watkins pointed out that the CPA profession already has the mobility act.

The next meeting will be held on June 10th at 2:00.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.
January 31, 2019

To the Owner of Springer & Company, Inc.
and the Peer Review Committee of the
Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Springer & Company, Inc. (the “Firm”) in effect for the year ended September 30, 2018. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm’s Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remEDIATE engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm’s compliance therewith based on our review.
Required Selections and Considerations

The engagement selected for review was an employee benefit plan compliance audit.

As part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Significant Deficiencies Identified in the Firm’s System of Quality Control

We noted the following deficiencies during our review:

1. The firm’s quality control policies and procedures regarding engagement performance have not been suitably designed or complied with to provide reasonable assurance that employee benefit plan audit engagements are consistently performed in accordance with professional standards. The firm’s audit workpapers lacked adequate documentation to support testing of participant eligibility, proper authorization and calculation of benefit payments, and required communications with those charged with governance. In our opinion, the significant deficiencies described previously contributed to an employee benefit plan audit engagement that did not conform to professional standards in all material respects.

2. The firm’s quality control policies and procedures addressing continuing professional education (CPE) are not suitably designed or complied with to provide reasonable assurance that personnel will have adequate training necessary to perform audits of employee benefit plans. During our review, we noted that personnel obtained the minimum hours of CPE necessary to comply with CPE requirements of the applicable external bodies, but lacked CPE specific to audits of employee benefit plans. Furthermore, an engagement quality control review was not performed by a qualified external individual as required by the firm’s quality control document. In our opinion, the significant deficiencies described previously contributed to an employee benefit plan audit engagement that did not conform to professional standards in all material respects.

Opinion

In our opinion, as a result of the significant deficiencies previously described, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Springer & Company, Inc. in effect for the year ended September 30, 2018, was not suitably designed or complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing or reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency(ies), or fail. Springer & Company, Inc. has received a peer review rating of fail.

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To all whom it may concern,

I am writing this email today to address the lack of seats available to take the CPA exam. I have been scheduled to take the FAR section of the CPA exam at the University of Utah Prometric testing center 3 different times (5/1, 5/8, and 5/19), all of which has been cancelled due to the CoronaVirus outbreak. My most recent exam cancellation email came through this morning (5/13), and when I went on the Prometric website to reschedule, there isn't a seat open for testing in my local area until October 5,2020. While I realize that the safety of all test takers of the exam is the priority of Prometric, not being able to sit for the FAR section of the exam until October given that I have my AUD credit expiring on 3/31/2021, despite continuous testing and factoring in the possibility of the need for potential retakes, I feel that under the circumstances it makes it virtually impossible in my situation to pass all exams by 3/31/2021. I am prepared to take the FAR exam now. Wasting this much time between exams is not only impractical, but unfair to me as a candidate, in my opinion. With this in mind, I am respectfully requesting a 6 month extension on the 3/31/2021 expiration date of my AUD credit to 9/30/2021. Given the circumstances out of my control, I feel that this will give me adequate time to complete all of my exams for licensure. I look forward to your response to my request in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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Welcome, Deon Brandon Taylor

Your Exams

- **Auditing and Attestation**
  - Code: AUD
  - Score: 75
  - Status: Credit
  - Received: 2019-09-19
  - Expire: 2021-03-31

- **Business Environment and Concepts**
  - Code: BEC
  - Score: n/a
  - Status: Received
  - Expire:

- **Financial Accounting and Reporting**
  - Code: FAR
  - Score: 58
  - Status: Failed
  - Received: 2020-02-04
  - Expire:

- **Regulation**
  - Code: REG
  - Score: 56
  - Status: Failed
  - Received: 2018-12-19
  - Expire:

CPA Central Application Status

- **Exam Sections: FAR**
  - Status: NTISISSUED
  - Date: 2020-02-04

- **Exam Sections: FAR**
  - Status: CLOSED
  - Date: 2019-09-23