

MINNESOTA
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

BOARD MEMORANDUM

JUNE 4, 2026

TO: **Executive Committee**
Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair
Godson Sowah, CPA, Vice Chair
Todd Lifson, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer

FROM: Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair

SUBJECT: **JUNE 4, 2026, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**
GOLDEN RULE BUILDING, Suite 295
8:17 AM

- 1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair
Godson Sowah, CPA, Vice Chair
Todd Lifson, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS:
Kristin Batson, Executive Director
Matthew Linngren, Administrative Specialist

GUESTS:
Zach Feese, Minnesota Association of Professional Accountants (MAPA)
Geno Fragnito, Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA)
Linda Wedul, Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA)

- 2) APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2026, MEETING MINUTES
MSP: To approve the April 23, 2026, meeting minutes
- 3) CHAIR'S REPORT (C. Selcer, Board Chair)

- 4) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (K. Batson, Executive Director)
 - A) Current budget and revenue reports – Discussed.
 - B) FARB Summit on Regulatory Excellence, July 23-25, 2026, in Minneapolis – Discussed.
 - C) Licensing System replacement – Discussed.
 - D) Website update – Discussed.
 - E) Office space lease expiration – Discussed.
- 5) Focus on Fraud – Todd Lifson requested that either a special task force, or the Lawes and Rules Committee, be charged with looking into the broad topic of fraud and what efforts the Board can take to combat it.
- 6) ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 8:57 AM



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JUNE 4, 2026

TO: All Board Members
Christopher Kaisershot, Assistant Attorney General

FROM: Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair

SUBJECT: **JUNE 4, 2026, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
GOLDEN RULE BUILDING, Suite 295
9:02 AM

The Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on the above-mentioned date, time, and location.

1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

BOARD MEMBERS:

Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair
Godson Sowah, CPA, Vice Chair
Todd Lifson, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer
Rod Axtell, CPA
Andrea Chung, CPA
Amanda Guanzini, CPA
Douglas Moore
Lance Radziej, CPA
Diane Rosenwald

OTHERS:

Kristin Batson, Executive Director
Christopher Kaisershot, Assistant Attorney General
Holly Salmela, Investigator
Matthew Linngren, Administrative Specialist
Leama Sather, CPE Coordinator
Daniel Stephens, Complaint Specialist
Gaolie Xiong, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS:

Zach Feese, Minnesota Association of Professional Accountants (MAPA)

Geno Fragnito, Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA)

Linda Wedul, Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA)

2) APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2026, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MSP: To approve the April 23, 2026, meeting minutes.

3) REINSTATEMENT CONFERENCE

MSP: To approve the reinstatement request of Dexi Zheng with the conditions that they continue their restitution payments, remain law abiding, and notify the Board within 30 days if they are unable to meet these requirements.

MSP: To empower staff to craft the reinstatement order and delegate the Chair to review and approve said order.

4) COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT (L. Radziej, CPA, Committee Chair)

A) The Complaint Committee requested a closed session to deal with enforcement matters.

MP: To go into closed session to address enforcement actions under Minnesota Statutes 214 (2024).

MP: To reopen the meeting.

B) The Board issued the following orders:

(1) In the matter of Carter Moser, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(2) In the matter of Joseph Fenwick, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(3) In the matter of Michael J. McCullough, Ltd, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(4) In the matter of Olufemi B Ijadimbola CPA Ltd, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(5) In the matter of Whitewater Tax & Consulting, Inc., the Board issued a Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order.

(6) In the matter of Robert Engelbrecht, the Board issued a Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order.

MSP: To accept the Complaint Committee report.

5) INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT (H. Salmela, Investigator)

There are 77 open files.

MSP: To accept the Investigator's report.

- 6) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (C. Selcer, CPA, Board Chair)
A) FARB Summit on Regulatory Excellence, July 23-25, 2026, in Minneapolis
MSP: To authorize the Investigator to attend.
MSP: To accept the Executive Committee's report.
- 7) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (K. Batson, Executive Director)
A) FY26 Budget and Revenue Report (April) – Discussed.
B) FY26 Budget and Revenue Report (May) – Discussed.
MSP: To accept the Budget and Revenue reports.
C) Committee Assignments and Purpose – Discussed.
MSP: To accept the report.
D) Office Space Lease Expiration – Discussed.
E) Licensing System RFP – Discussed.
F) Website update – Discussed.
MSP: To accept the Executive Director's report.
- 8) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (L. Radziej, CPA, Committee Chair)
The committee did not meet.
- 9) FIRM CREDENTIALING and PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT (A. Guanzini, CPA, Committee Chair)
The committee will be meeting on June 20 at 2:00 PM.
- 10) LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE REPORT (D. Moore, Committee Chair)
The committee did not meet.
- 11) NEW BUSINESS
A) Applications for Reinstatement
(1) Dawn Lamm
MSP: To approve
(2) Megan O'Hara
MSP: To approve
B) Requests for Exception
(1) Applicants and Licensees
"The board may in particular cases make exceptions to the requirements in parts 1105.3000, item A, and 1105.3100, subpart 1 [CPE requirements], for reasons of individual hardship including health, military service, foreign residence, or other good cause."
– Minnesota Rules, part 1105.3300, item B (2025)

- a. Experience Exception Request – Applicant A
MSP: To approve
- b. CPE Exemption Request – Licensee A
MSP: To approve
- c. CPE Exemption Request – Licensee B
MSP: To approve
- d. CPE Exemption Request – License 23716 (**HANDOUT 11B1d**)
MSP: To deny
- e. CPE Exemption Request – Licensee C (**HANDOUT 11B1e**)
MSP: To approve

(2) Firms
None.

C) Applications for Firm Permit

- (1) Minnesota Firm Permits
 - a. Aaron Searl, CPA LLC
MSP: To approve
 - b. Gartner Tax & Accounting LLC (**HANDOUT 11C1b**)
MSP: To approve
- (2) Foreign Firm Permits
 - a. Blankenship CPA Group PLLC
MSP: To approve
 - b. Tronconi Segarra & Associates LLP
MSP: To approve

D) Firm Name Change Requests

- (1) Perron & Ewald, Ltd. *change to* Geoffrey A. Ewald, Ltd.
MSP: To approve
- (2) MEG CPA LLC *change to* MEG CPA Tax & Advisory, LLC
MSP: To approve

- E) Peer Review with “Pass” Rating
In Compliance with Minnesota Rules, part 1105.4600-1105.5500 (2025) the following firms submitted a report with a finding of “pass” and pursuant to the Delegation of Authority, the Executive Director accepted the reports:
(1) Susan K Patten CPA Ltd
(2) EisnerAmper LLP
(3) Tostrud & Temp, S.C.
(4) Doeren Mayhew & Co., P.C.
MSP: To accept the Peer Review reports. (Todd Lifson abstained from this matter.)
- F) Peer Review with Other Rating
None.
- G) Peer Review Extension Request
None.
- H) NASBA Annual Meeting, October 25-28, 2026, Litchfield Park, AZ – Request for authorization to attend
MSP: To authorize up to four (4) Board members and the Executive Director to attend.
- I) Legislative Update – Discussed.
- J) New Licensee Report – Discussed.
MSP: To accept the report and extend the Board’s congratulations to the new licensees
- 12) PUBLIC COMMENT
Geno Fragnito from MNCPA provided the Board with a recap of the legislative session.
Linda Wedul from MNCPA provided the Board with updates on issues facing the profession both locally and nationally.
- 13) ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.