# STATE OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

In the Matter of the CPA Firm Permit of

DTN Accounting and Tax Services Inc DBA Dao T Nguyen CPA CPA Firm Permit No. F2306 STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

Board File No. 2024-057

#### **STIPULATION**

DTN Accounting and Tax Services Inc DBA Dao T Nguyen CPA ("Respondent") and the Minnesota Board of Accountancy's Complaint Committee stipulate that, subject to Board's review and discretionary approval, the Board may issue a consent order that imposes the following sanctions:

A. Respondent's CPA Firm Permit, No. F2306, is CENSURED and REPRIMANDED pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326A.08 (2022).

B. Respondent shall pay to the Board a CIVIL PENALTY of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000). Respondent shall submit the civil penalty by check to the Board within sixty (60) days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

C. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and rules within the Board's jurisdiction. *See* Minn. Stat. ch. 326A (2022) and Minn. R. ch. 1105 (2023).

D. Respondent shall report in writing within ten days any violations of this stipulation and consent order to the Board's Executive Director.

Respondent and the Committee enter into this stipulation based on the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and other stipulated provisions:

#### **Findings of Fact**

1. The Board issued Respondent a CPA firm permit on October 10, 2018.

Respondent received a peer review rating of "pass with deficiency" on November
7, 2023, for the period under review ended December 31, 2022.

3. This was the firm's second consecutive "pass with deficiency" rating with similar deficiencies between both peer reviews that involved not-for-profit compilations.

4. Respondent was required by its Report Acceptance Body to complete three remedial actions as a result of the "pass with deficiency" peer review rating and the significant deficiencies found by the Reviewer. These included:

- a. Hiring an outside party to perform a pre-issuance review of the reports, financial statements, and working papers for the next compilation with disclosures engagement.
- b. Having the Respondent's Owner participate in at least 16 hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") in not-for-profit accounting.
- c. Having the Respondent's Owner participate in at least five hours of CPE in notfor-profit accounting report and analysis.

5. In the response to its Report Acceptance Body, Respondent's Owner stated that: "Until I have proper education and training in this area, I will no longer provide Non-Profit compilation engagements."

- 6. Respondent's Owner reiterated the same in the response to the Board.
- 7. Respondent will continue to offer and perform other attest work.

#### **Conclusion of Law**

1. The Board has authority to license and regulate certified public accountants and to take disciplinary action as appropriate. Minn. Stat. ch. 326A (2022).

2. Respondent violated Minn. Stat. § 326A.10(b) (2022) and Minn. R. 1105.5600, subp. 1(C)(6) and 1105.7800(A) and (I) (2023).

3. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 326A.08, subd. 5(a)(1) and (3) (2022).

4. This stipulation and consent order is in the public interest.

### **Other Stipulated Provisions**

1. This stipulation and consent order must be approved by the Board to become effective.

2. Respondent agrees that the Committee may move the Board *ex parte*, with or without advance notice to the Respondent, to approve this stipulation and consent order. Respondent understands that the Board may either approve the stipulation and consent order or not approve it. This stipulation and the files, records, and proceedings associated with this matter may be reviewed by the Board in its consideration of the Committee's motion.

3. If approved by the Board, this stipulation and consent order shall be classified as public data. Minn. Stat. § 13.41, subd. 5 (2022).

4. If the Board does not approve this stipulation and consent order, then the matter remains unresolved and the Committee may either seek to negotiate a revised stipulation and consent order with Respondent to present to the Board or issue an order commencing a

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contested-case hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 14.57–.62, 214.10, subd. 2 (2022) (describing administrative hearing process).

5. Respondent agrees that if this case comes before the Board again after it reviews and discusses this stipulation and consent order, Respondent waives any claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation and consent order and any records relating to it.

6. Respondent acknowledges that they were advised by the Committee of their right to a contested-case hearing in this matter before an Administrative Law Judge, to file exceptions and make argument to the Board after the hearing, and to seek judicial review from any adverse decision rendered by the Board. Respondent hereby expressly waives those rights. Respondent was further advised by the Committee of their right to be represented by counsel and that they knowingly waive that right.

7. Respondent has read, understands, and agrees to this stipulation and has voluntarily signed it. It is expressly understood that this stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise. If approved by the Board, a copy of the final stipulation and consent order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The Board's order shall be effective when it is signed by the Chair of the Board or the Chair's designee.

8. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2022), any civil penalty imposed by this stipulation and consent order shall begin to accrue simple interest in accordance with that section thirty days after the civil penalty is due. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.17 (2022), thirty

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days after any civil penalty imposed by this stipulation and consent order is due, the Board may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the civil penalty as a judgment against Respondent in district court without further notice or additional proceedings.

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on 3221 by Dao Nguyen.

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(Signature of notary officer)

My commission expires: Jan 31, 2026



#### COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

ANN ETTER, CPA

Chair

Dated: 2024

## **CONSENT ORDER**

Upon consideration of this stipulation and consent order, and based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein, all terms of the stipulation and consent order are approved. Accordingly, the Board hereby ADOPTS the stipulation and issues the ORDER described above.

STATE OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

GODSON SOWALL SECRETARY

Dated: 1002, 2024

CHARLES SELCER, CPA Board Chair