



**MINNESOTA**  
**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

**APRIL 23, 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: APRIL 23, 2026, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
GOLDEN RULE BUILDING, Suite 295  
8:22 AM

The Committee met on the above-mentioned date, time and location.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER**  
Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair  
Godson Sowah, CPA, Vice Chair  
Todd Lifson, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer
  
- OTHERS:**  
Kristin Batson, Executive Director  
Matthew Linngren, Administrative Specialist
  
- 2) **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**  
**MSP: To approve the February 12, 2026, meeting minutes**
  
- 3) **CHAIR'S REPORT (C. Selcer, Board Chair)**
  - A) Chair Selcer and the Executive Director attended the MNCPA Board meeting on April 22

- 4) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (K. Batson, Executive Director)
  - A) FY26 Budget and Revenue Report – Discussed.
  - B) Report from NASBA Annual Conference for Executive Directors & Legal Counsel, March 24-26, 2026, Austin, TX – Discussed.
  - C) NASBA Western Regional Meeting – June 23-25, 2026, Park City, UT – Discussed.
  - D) Update on licensing system and website replacement projects – Discussed.
  - E) Committee Structure – Discussed.
  
- 5) ADJOURN  
**The meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM**



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**APRIL 23, 2026**

**TO:** All Board Members  
Sarah Krans, Assistant Attorney General

**FROM:** Charles Selcer, CPA, Board Chair

**SUBJECT:** **APRIL 23, 2026, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
GOLDEN RULE BUILDING, Suite 295  
**9:10 AM**

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER  
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  
Sarah Krans, Assistant Attorney General  
Holly Salmela, Investigator  
Matthew Linngren, Administrative Specialist  
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) INTRODUCTIONS

The Board welcomed new Board member Rod Axtell.

3) APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2025, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**MSP: To approve the February 12, 2026, meeting minutes**

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 Theresa Schuknecht, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

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

(3) In the matter of Thomas Woodrow, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(4) In the matter of Abigail Richards, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(5) In the matter of Mark Metzger, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(6) In the matter of Kristin Anderson, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(7) In the matter of Ben Epstein, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(8) In the matter of Michael Feriancek, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(9) In the matter of Kellen Augustine, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order and Cease and Desist Order.

(10) In the matter of Alberta Gelineau, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(11) In the matter of C.S. Thomas PLLC, the Board issued a Stipulation and Consent Order.

(12) In the matter of CJMN Ltd, 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)

A) There are 102 open files.

**MSP: To accept the Investigator's report**

- 6) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (C. Selcer, CPA, Board Chair)
  - A) Chair Selcer and the Executive Director attended the MNCPA Board meeting on April 22
  - B) The Executive Committee discussed the current committee structure.  
**MSP: To accept the Executive Committee's report**
  
- 7) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (K. Batson, Executive Director)
  - A) FY26 Budget and Revenue Report – Discussed.
  - B) Report from NASBA Annual Conference for Executive Directors & Legal Counsel, March 24-26, 2026, Austin, TX – Discussed.
  - C) NASBA Western Regional Meeting – June 23-25, 2026, Park City, UT – Request for additional funding  
**MSP: To authorize funding for four Board members and the Executive Director to attend**
  - D) June 10, 2026, Board meeting – This meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 4, 2026.
  - E) Committee Structure – The Executive Director will prepare new charge statements for each of the existing committees.
  - F) NASBA 2026 Q1 CPA Exam Report – Discussed.
  - G) Update on licensing system and website replacement projects – 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 did not meet.
  
- 10) LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE REPORT (D. Moore, Committee Chair)  
The committee did not meet.
  
- 11) NEW BUSINESS
  - A) Applications for Reinstatement
    - (1) Wayne Scheurmann  
**MSP: To approve**
    - (2) Janell Blazovich  
**MSP: To approve**
    - (3) Jacqueline Hyde  
**MSP: To approve**

- (4) Christopher Paulson  
**MSP: To approve**
- (5) Steven Larson  
**MSP: To approve**
- (6) Scott Nelson  
**MSP: To approve**
- (7) Christopher Moran  
**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. CPA Exam AUD and REG Exception Request – Applicant A  
**MSP: To deny**
    - b. CPA Exam BEC Exception Request – Applicant B  
**MSP: To approve the extension until December 31, 2026**
    - c. CPA Exam BEC and FAR Exception Request – Applicant C  
**MSP: To deny**
  - (2) Firms  
None.
- C) Applications for Firm Permit
  - (1) Minnesota Firm Permits
    - a. Track LLC  
**MSP: To deny**
    - b. Stonebridge Advisory Services, PLLC  
**MSP: To deny**
    - c. Janice Dobchuk CPA LLC  
**MSP: To approve**
    - d. Murch & Associates CPA, PC – Chair Selcer abstained from this matter  
**MSP: To deny**
    - e. Plain English CPA, LLP  
**MSP: To approve**
  - (2) Foreign Firm Permits
    - a. Donham CPA LLC  
**MSP: To approve**
    - b. Michael Coglianese CPA P.C.  
**MSP: To approve**

- c. Cashuk, Wiseman, Goldberg, Birnbaum & Salem, LLP  
**MSP: To approve**
  - d. HCVT CPAs LLP  
**MSP: To approve**
  
- D) Firm Name Change Requests
  - (1) Frey Solutions P. C. *change to* Strata CPAs PC  
**MSP: To deny**
  
- 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) Reilly, Penner & Benton LLP
  - (2) Grant, Millman & Johnson, P.C.
  - (3) JPJ CPA, LLP
  - (4) Gale E Schmitz Ltd
  - (5) Eckberg Power LLC
  - (6) Hesley Shoquist & Company, Ltd.
  - (7) Thomas J. Zachman CPA LLC
  - (8) Anderson & Baxter, Ltd.
  - (9) Lightheart, Sanders and Associates, Inc. PC
  - (10) A W Smith LLC
  - (11) Schechter Dokken Kanter Andrews & Selcer
  - (12) Henjes, Conner & William, P.C.
  - (13) Myers and Stauffer LLC
  - (14) BPM LLP

**MSP: To accept the Peer Review reports** (Chair Selcer abstained from this matter.)
  
- F) Peer Review with Other Rating
  - (1) Hansen House Company  
**MSP: To accept**
  - (2) Robert M. Murphey PA  
**MSP: To accept**
  
- G) Peer Review Extension Request  
None.

- H) Delegated Authority/Complaint Committee  
**MSP: The Board authorizes its Complaint Committee to issue and serve upon any person or firm an order requiring the person or firm to cease and desist from any act or practice constituting a violation of any statute, rule or order related to the Board's authority**
  
  - I) Letter from MNCPA on Simplified Standards  
**MSP: To accept the report**
  
  - J) New Licensee Report  
**MSP: To accept the report and extend the Board's congratulations to the new licensees**
  
  - K) Legislative Update – Discussed.
  
  - L) Discussion of AICPA PEEC Exposure Draft  
**MSP: To accept the Draft Response Letter in substance with Board members to provide suggested edits to the Chair by April 27**
- 12) PUBLIC COMMENT  
Linda Wedul of MNCPA addressed the Board on several topics of mutual interest.
- 13) ADJOURN  
**The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM**