



Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Earl Blackmon



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BLACKMON SIGNING CERTIFICATES



EARL BLACKMON AND WIFE LISA

After seven years of serving as Board member of the Alabama State Board of Accountancy, Earl Blackmon will complete his tenure in September of 2023. Through his time serving on the Board Earl has enjoyed working with leaders across the state in taking proactive steps to build up the accounting profession. Specifically, he is proud of the board's efforts over the years to encourage more people to take the CPA exam. This effort has included waiving state fees and extending the testing window from 18 months to 30.

Earl is a founding member of Avizo Group, Inc. (formerly Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore). The firm was established in October 1990 to provide the Gulf Coast community with tax, assurance, and business guidance services. Earl serves his clients with a passion for enhancing their success by providing financial analysis, wealth management consulting, and business process improvement. As a Lean Six Sigma CPA Green Belt, Earl has worked with CPA firms and a variety of businesses nationwide to assist in applying the Lean Six Sigma methodology to integrate technology and improve processes.

In addition to his service to our profession, Earl is also an active member of his local community. As an alum of the University of South Alabama, he serves on the board for the USA National Alumni Association, the Accounting Advisory Board, and the Gift Planning Council. He is also committed to participating in his community through assisting his church, continuing a 40-year active membership in the Eastern Shore Sertoma Club, and volunteering for a local food shelter, Prodisee Pantry.

Earl has been married to his college sweetheart, Lisa, for 43 years and together they have four children and three grandchildren with one more coming in November. While being with their family is their favorite way to spend time, Earl and Lisa also enjoy camping, supporting University of South Alabama athletics programs, and attending Atlanta Braves baseball games.

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS UPDATED WITH THE BOARD!

The Board sends out important reminders via e-mail throughout the year, so make sure that we have your current email on file. Specifically, the Board is no longer mailing the courtesy postcard reminders for registration. If you are not getting Board correspondence, please check your spam and/or junk folders.



Nicole T. Robinson
Chief of Staff



Ashley Sides
CPE Administrator

ASBPA BOARD STAFF NEWS

After 18 years serving as the CPE Administrator for the Board, Nicole Robinson was promoted to Chief of Staff on July 1. With this promotion, the Board welcomed back Ashley Sides to the office to fill the role of CPE Administrator on August 1. Ashley started with the Board as an intern during her senior year at Faulkner University. After graduating with an accounting degree, she completed her MBA in 2020 at Faulkner University as well. Ashley brings a great deal of experience to the position, having worked as the Manager of Professional Development and Training for the Alabama Society of CPAs and as an Accounting Manager at Embrace Alabama Kids. Ashley is married to Kyle and together they have a 2-year-old son. The Board would like to extend a big congratulations to Nicole and a warm welcome to Ashley, the newest addition to our team.

ARE YOU READY TO REGISTER?

Registration Forms

The 2023-2024 paper Registration forms and online links will be available on the Registration page of the Board's website on October 1. All CPAs, PAs, NLOs and Firms must submit a 2023-2024 Registration Form no later than December 31, 2023. Forms submitted after December 31, 2023 are subject to a late renewal penalty of \$100. Forms submitted after February 29, 2024 are subject to a late renewal penalty of \$500. Disciplinary action will be taken for anyone who has not registered after March 31, 2024.

CPE Reporting

CPE reporting is completed on your annual registration form each year. Please make sure to have your CPE certificates of completion in hand when you complete the CPE reporting portion of your registration. Make sure that you have independently verifiable evidence of completion for 40 hours of CPE, including 8 hours of accounting and auditing CPE and 2 hours of ethics CPE. There is no longer a cap on self-study CPE, so you may complete all your hours through this delivery method, if you so choose.

Instructional Video

A helpful video will be available on our website to assist with any questions you may have with creating an account and/or uploading your CPE for the online registrations. The link to this video will be found on the [Registration](#) page of the Board's website on October 1.

CPE Extensions

CPE must be completed by September 30, 2023. If you find that you have not met the required hours, please email [Ashley Sides](#) to request a CPE extension. In your email, please include your name, certificate number, the date by which you plan to have your CPE completed, and the reason you need the extension.

False Attestations

The Board strongly advises licensees who have not completed their required CPE to reach out to the Board office. Do not falsely attest completion of CPE courses in order to renew your license as active. Licensees who falsely attest to completion of CPE could face disciplinary action that may include possible censure or revocation, making up the deficient CPE hours, completion of an additional ethics course and substantial fines. The Board encourages licensees to change their status and renew as inactive status rather than falsely attest CPE completion. (Please refer to Board Rules pertaining to [Inactive status](#).)

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact the Board office.

NEW CERTIFICATES

Certified Date	Certificate#	New CPA			
27-Apr-23	14852	Jessica Rene Keith	20-Jun-23	14888	David Grant Fielding
27-Apr-23	14853	Madison Nicole Maddox	20-Jun-23	14889	Maggie Terese Finn
27-Apr-23	14854	William Tyler Martin	20-Jun-23	14890	Janiah Yolanda Fryer
27-Apr-23	14855	Bethany Melinda Quinn	20-Jun-23	14891	Taylor Ann Hall
27-Apr-23	14856	William Gunning Tubbs	20-Jun-23	14892	Morgan Rose Hill
27-Apr-23	14857-R	Felicia Celeste Farra	20-Jun-23	14893	Andrew Colin Kilgore
18-May-23	14858	Morgan Edward Clayton	20-Jun-23	14894	Carson Raines Plan
18-May-23	14859	Emily Sears Stockard	20-Jun-23	14895	Benjamin Gregory Stocks
18-May-23	14860-R	Michael Andrew Callahan	20-Jun-23	14896	William Dow Hodges
18-May-23	14861-R	Tae Young Choi	20-Jun-23	14897	William Wood Jinright
18-May-23	14862-R	Meghan Elizabeth Custer	20-Jun-23	14898	Ryan Thomas Lambert
18-May-23	14863-R	Joe Walter Mellette Jr	20-Jun-23	14899	Keeley Mitchell Leisure
18-May-23	14864-R	Katelyn Janice Poole	20-Jun-23	14900	William Anthony Levant IV
18-May-23	14865-R	Lauren Nuwayhid Sanders	20-Jun-23	14901	Margaret Marie Livaudais
7-Jun-23	14866	Brandon Alan Bishop	20-Jun-23	14902	William Thomas Lowe
7-Jun-23	14867	Rachel Katherine Brinkley	20-Jun-23	14903-R	John Thomas Landers
7-Jun-23	14868	Lucas Allen Brunson	28-Jun-23	14904	Katie Vicktoria Atchison
7-Jun-23	14869	Jessica Rose Fair	28-Jun-23	14905	Lauren Grace Hawley
7-Jun-23	14870	Parker Lynn Grogan	28-Jun-23	14906	Cole Ingram Hunt
7-Jun-23	14871	Nicholas Len Hayes	28-Jun-23	14907	Margaret Claire Mince
7-Jun-23	14872	Courtnei Jamise Johnson	28-Jun-23	14908	Walter Fowlkes Morris III
7-Jun-23	14873	Anna Nicole MacDonald	28-Jun-23	14909	James Louis Newman
7-Jun-23	14874	John Paul Noland	28-Jun-23	14910	Michael Roderick Taylor
7-Jun-23	14875	Ryan Keller Shamblin	28-Jun-23	14911	Katherine Wang Wahlers
7-Jun-23	14876	Damien Ferris Stephens	28-Jun-23	14912	Stewart Allen Wilson
7-Jun-23	14877	Campbelle Elise Wilkinson	28-Jun-23	14913	Wai Lam Wong
7-Jun-23	14878-R	Heather Danielle Jackson	28-Jun-23	14914	John Whitlow Wyatt IV
7-Jun-23	14879-R	Emily Anne Klinefelter	28-Jun-23	14915	David Pierce Yancey
20-Jun-23	14880	Rachel Elizabeth Almond	28-Jun-23	14916-R	Merrill Isaac Bennett
20-Jun-23	14881	Madison Ann Armstrong	28-Jun-23	14917-R	Amy Lee Bober
20-Jun-23	14882	Allison Alena Bean	28-Jun-23	14918-R	Terry Michael Hensley
20-Jun-23	14883	Lauryn Durham Beckham	28-Jun-23	14919-R	Christian Dawoon Lee
20-Jun-23	14884	Daniel Phillips Bethea	28-Jun-23	14920-R	Ludmila Boykova MacGinnis
20-Jun-23	14885	LaTorius DeAngello Bonner	28-Jun-23	14921-R	Lauren Nicole Mardis
20-Jun-23	14886	Coleman Marcus Dewberry	28-Jun-23	14922-R	Kanako Okazaki
20-Jun-23	14887	Jacob Andrew Feenker	28-Jun-23	14923-R	Katelyn LeAnna Smith



DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

For a complete listing of disciplinary actions from 2002 to the present, please visit the [Board's website](#).

The facts of each case vary greatly and the Board's ruling is based on the merit of each case.

July 14, 2023

NAMED CPA HILL, BOBBY ALAN
CERT NO. 9469
CASE # 22-14
ACTION CENSURED
FINE \$7,500
DESCRIPTION Consent Agreement - Failed to enroll in Peer Review; Inadequate compilations that reflected a lack of due professional care; Compilations does not support Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services AR-C Section 80; Shall not issue any reports subject to Peer Review without receiving express written approval from the Board.

NAMED CPA JOHNSON, LLOYD A JR
CERT NO. 9625
CASE # 22-8
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$4,000
DESCRIPTION Failed to enroll in Peer Review; Inadequate reviews and compilations that reflected a lack of due professional care; Compilations does not support Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services AR-C Section 80; Reviews does not support Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services AR-C Section 90;

NAMED CPA CANNON, ROBERT MARION
CERT NO. 14398-R
CASE # 23D-9
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA CLEVELAND, DAVID GROVER
CERT NO. 2120
CASE # 23D-11
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA COLESON, SCOTT BRYANT
CERT NO. 12519-R
CASE # 23D-49
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA DANSBY, JUSTIN CURTIS
CERT NO. 12755
CASE # 23D-13
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA HIGGINBOTHAM, JAMES TRAFFORD II
CERT NO. 10024
CASE # 23D-55
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice

NAMED CPA HIGHTOWER, WILSON PRICE IV
CERT NO. 13235
CASE # 23D-56
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

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NAMED CPA KING, COREY RAYNARD
CERT NO. 13069-R
CASE # 23D-24
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA MINOR, JERRI SEELEY
CERT NO. 5207
CASE # 23D-60
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA NEEL, PRESTON HUNTER
CERT NO. 9709
CASE # 23D-61
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA OTULANA, MARY FOUAD
CERT NO. 11302
CASE # 23D-63
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA PRUETT, EDDIE WILSEY JR
CERT NO. 8555
CASE # 23D-67
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA SEAMAN, CHRISTOPHER DON
CERT NO. 13031-R
CASE # 23D-35
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA SPEYRER, ABBIE JOHNSON
CERT NO. 9972
CASE # 23D-76
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA TALLEY, CARRIE ARLENE
CERT NO. 5898
CASE # 23D-78
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA THOMPSON, MOLLY GRACE
CERT NO. 13640
CASE # 23D-41
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA THORNTON, WESLEY C
CERT NO. 2750
CASE # 23D-42
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

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NAMED CPA TOWNES, MATTHEW KEITH
CERT NO. 11748
CASE # 23D-79
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

NAMED CPA YOUNG, LARRY L
CERT NO. 3214
CASE # 23D-45
ACTION REVOKED
FINE \$500
DESCRIPTION Failed to register and/or apply for an annual permit to practice.

KEY DATES FOR EXAM CANDIDATES

November 1, 2023	Begin taking discipline applications (BAR,ISC,TCP)
November 1, 2023	Last day for INITIAL BEC applications
November 12, 2023	Last day for REEXAM BEC applications
December 16, 2023 - January 9, 2024	NO Sections will be scheduled for conversion of the new system

- On December 15, 2023, any candidate with Uniform CPA Examination credit(s) will have that credit(s) date changed to the grade release date and 12 months will be added, bringing the total credit expiration period to 30 months. This applies to candidates with a score release date between February 2023 and beyond.
- On January 1, 2024, candidates with a grade release date between July 2022 and January 2023, will have a credit extension through 6/30/2025.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

September 19, 2023 – University of South Alabama

November 7, 2023 – University of Alabama*

January 23, 2024 – Troy University*

May 3, 2024 – Board Office*

July 19, 2024 – Board Office*

September 17, 2024 – Auburn University*

*Dates subject to Board approval at the September 19, 2023 Board meeting



INCREASE IN EXAM FEES/WAIVER OF APPLICATION FEES

Effective August 5, 2023, NASBA and Prometric increased the fees to sit for the CPA exam from \$238.15 per section to \$254.80 per section. Please note that for candidates testing through Alabama, the Board has agreed to waive the application fees to help keep costs down for candidates. This waiver of application fees is reviewed annually by the Board and is currently in effect through December 31, 2023.

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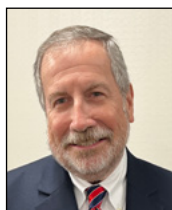
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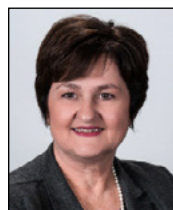
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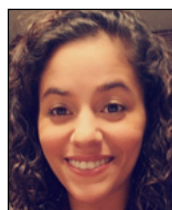
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