

**SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:**

*Subject to Change*

**JANUARY 17, 2025**

**APRIL 25, 2025**

**JUNE 20, 2025**

**JULY 24, 2025**

**AUGUST 22, 2025**

**OCTOBER 23, 2025**

**DECEMBER 5, 2025**

**Board Members**

M. Aron Dunn, CPA Chair

James R. Gillespie, CPA Vice-Chair

S. Lucky DeFries, Esq. Public Member

Trina M. Harmon, CPA

Stephen Herron, Public Member

Marshal Q. Hull, CPA

Julie M. Wondra, CPA

*Please direct all communications to Board members to the KSBOA office.*

**Board Staff**

Mindy Speck, Executive Director

Taylor Thimesch, Administrative Officer

Delores Healey, Administrative Specialist

You are required to notify the Board within 30 days of any change in name, home address, Employer/business name, business/ employer address or email address.

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## FROM THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR... **GOODBYE!**

It is with a grateful and happy heart that I leave the Board of Accountancy as it's Executive Director. I have had the privilege and honor to serve the public, and the profession, along with working with the best Board members anyone could ever ask for, over these past 28 years.

The Board members' mentorship and guidance are greatly appreciated, and their dedication to serve on the Board is exhibited by their long tenures and hard work to maintain and uphold the Accountancy Laws and Regulations to maintain the self-regulation of the profession.

The help and support of the accounting professors across the State greatly contribute to the success of the Board's role in crafting the education requirements and ensuring that our candidates receive the highest quality of education for those who choose the pathway to CPA.

Our legal team and our administrative staff keep the agency's mission and excellent customer service on track for CPA applicants and the public alike, resulting in timely responses and processing of applications--a proud feat!

The valuable collaboration with the Executive Directors from other State Boards of Accountancy over the years has been of tremendous assistance to this Board, along with NASBA, our National Organization, led and staffed by dedicated and committed individuals, who go above and beyond in assisting the Boards in their quest to carry out their missions and preserve the profession.

To all of you, I say thank you for the best years and memories of my life, and for the lifelong friendships that have evolved out of our working relationships.

I leave this office in the good hands of Mindy Speck, who you will meet on the following page. She has the passion and desire to meet the challenges that present themselves every day. She will carry on the commitment to excellence that the Board has placed in her hands. Please join me in welcoming her as the new Executive Director of the Board of Accountancy!

Fondly,

*Susan Somers*



Susan Somers



# TICKS & TIES

## *Greetings and Happy New Year* **FROM YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!**

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve in the role as your new Executive Director for the Kansas Board of Accountancy replacing long-time Director, Susan Somers.

I look forward to working with the Board Members of the KSBOA and continuing to preserve and protect the integrity of the accounting industry for the CPAs and working members throughout the state of Kansas and beyond.

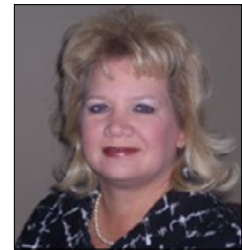
It is my philosophy that for professional organizations to best serve the public in an honest and trustworthy capacity, there must be a solid foundation of checks and balances in place with clear regulations and guidelines applied equally to all. In addition, a structured governing board that provides the most up-to-date resources, tools and guidance is vital for accounting firms and individuals to render reliable services to the public. Working collaboratively with these accounting firms and individuals allows the State of Kansas to ensure our residents receive compliant and quality audit, attest, review and related CPA services.

Notwithstanding state work collaborations by the KSBOA, additionally our efforts involve diligent work with organizations nationwide via a team of Executive Directors throughout the United States. This dedicated taskforce works collectively to review, monitor and assess the need for change relevant to accounting standards and regulations to best represent and serve the needs of our surrounding communities.

The State of Kansas is very fortunate to have such an active team of Board Members, legal and general counsel who make up the Kansas Board of Accountancy and I am truly humbled to be a part of this team. Thank you all for the opportunity presented before us in the coming year of 2025. Now let's get to work and continue to make a difference for our local and far-reaching students, accountants, CPAs, and firms in the accounting profession!

*Mindy Speck*

Executive Director  
Kansas Board of Accountancy



Mindy Speck

