

BEFORE THE ACCOUNTANCY EXAMINING BOARD
OF THE STATE OF IOWA

<p>IN THE MATTER OF:</p> <p>Bruce Willey CPA Certificate #O08931</p> <p>Respondent.</p>	<p>Case No. 20-18</p> <p>COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ORDER</p>
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A. Statement of Charges

1. The Iowa Accountancy Examining Board ("Board") has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 542.

2. Respondent Bruce Willey was issued Iowa CPA Certificate number O08931 on August 1, 1994. Respondent's certificate is currently active and will next expire the 30th day of June, 2021.

3. By correspondence dated August 21, 2020, the Board learned that the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board suspended Respondent's license to practice law by decision issued October 15, 2021. Respondent did not timely notify the Board of this action against Respondent's law license.

4. Based on the foregoing, the Board charges Respondent with failing to timely report suspension of a professional license. Iowa Code 542.6(5); Iowa Admin. Code rr. 193A-4.1(2)(b); 193A-5.8; 193A-18.2(1).

5. The Board and Respondent have agreed to fully resolve these charges through the following Settlement Agreement and Final Order, rather than proceed to contested case hearing.

B. Settlement Agreement and Final Order

1. Respondent admits the above-referenced allegations as set forth in the Statement of Charges.

2. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges, but waives Respondent's right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes discipline against Respondent, and is the final agency order in the contested case, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and Iowa Admin. Code r. 193-7.4. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent had an opportunity to review this Agreement with legal counsel before signing it.

3. This Agreement shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.

4. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.3(2)(a). However, no action may be taken against Respondent for violations of these provisions without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

5. This Agreement shall not preclude the Board from taking appropriate action in the event the Board receives any further complaints or information against Respondent.

6. This Agreement is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22.

7. Respondent agrees the State's counsel may present this Agreement to the Board and may have ex parte communications with the Board while presenting it.

8. This Agreement is subject to approval of the Board:

a. If the Board fails to approve this Agreement, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter;

b. If the Board approves this Agreement, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

A. Reprimand. Respondent is reprimanded for failing to report suspension of his license to practice law in the state of Iowa in violation of Iowa Code section 272C.9(3), Iowa Code 542.6(5), and Iowa Admin. Code rr. 193A-4.1(2)(b); 193A-5.8; 193A-13.2, 193A-18.2(1) and (2), and 193A-18.3.

B. Civil Penalty. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 within thirty (30) days from the Effective Date this Agreement. See Iowa Admin. Code r. 193A-16.3(1)(g).

C. Additional Terms. Respondent shall provide the Board with access to its records as is necessary for the Board to verify compliance with this Settlement Agreement.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Respondent



12/20/21

Date

Iowa Accountancy Examining Board

Michelle O'Neill

By: ~~James Smith, CPA~~, Chair

Michelle O'Neill

5-26-2022

Date (the "Effective Date")