

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Peer Review Oversight Committee

NYS Education Department
80 Wolf Road, Albany, NY

May 14, 2024

The following members were present:

David Iles, CPA, Chair
Andy Neyman, CPA
Mitchell Mertz, CPA

Grace G. Singer, CPA, Vice Chair
David Pitcher, CPA

Others in attendance:

Jennifer Winters, CPA, Executive Secretary, NYS Education Department
Thomas Cordell, Auditor 2, NYS Education Department

Executive Session: On a motion by Ms. Singer and seconded by Mr. Mertz, the Committee voted unanimously to enter executive session at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes and Peer Review Determinations: Based on a motion made by Mr. Pitcher and seconded by Mr. Neyman, the Committee approved the February 8, 2024, executive meeting minutes and peer review determinations.

Follow up items to the prior meeting minutes. The Committee discussed its contact with PICPA regarding the administration and the issues with the technical reviewer.

PRIMA Peer Review: Firm A. - The Committee discussed the issues surrounding this firm's long outstanding peer review. The firm has been on the PROC's monitoring list since 2019 and this peer review was accepted in 2023. Therefore, the next peer review should have been conducted in 2022. However, the firm's completion letter states the next peer review is due 5/31/2024. The Committee notes this extension was given due to not being able to give retro-active due dates, but the peer review period should still be for the year ending 2022.

Dropped Firms – 19 total - Firm Registration: 8 Current, 4 Delayed Registrations and 7 Not Registered.

Terminated Firms – 3 total - Firm Registration: 2 Current, 1 Delayed Registrations and 0 Not Registered.

- a.) **Firms that require continued oversight:** 9 firms will remain on the dropped monitoring list.
- b.) **Firms that submitted a Form 6PR/6T to claim exempt that the firm is no longer performing attest services. No longer require oversight:** 3 firms will be removed from the monitoring list.
- c.) **Firms that are reenrolled and no longer require oversight:** 3 firms will be removed from the monitoring list.
- d.) **Firms that were dropped and no response was received. Referred to OPD and no longer require oversight:** 4 firms will be removed from the monitoring list.
- e.) **Firms that were dropped then subsequently terminated. Referred to OPD and no longer require oversight:** 3 firms will be removed from the monitoring list.

Report of Adverse System Reviews: The committee unanimously (except as noted abstentions) agreed to the following (please refer to the executive agenda and packet for additional information):

a.) Firms that require continued oversight: 57 firms will remain on the monitoring list.

b.) Firms that no longer require oversight: 22 firms will be removed from the monitoring list.

c.) Firms that were monitored, referred to OPD and no longer require oversight: 1 firm will be removed from the monitoring list.

2. Report of Adverse Engagement Reviews: The committee unanimously (except as noted) agreed to the following (please refer to the executive agenda and packet for additional information):

a.) Firms that require continued oversight: 12 firms will remain on the monitoring list.

b.) Firms that no longer require oversight: 5 firms will be removed from the monitoring list.

c.) Firms that were monitored, referred to OPD and no longer require oversight: 1 firm will be removed from the monitoring list.

3. NPRC Firm Determinations: The committee unanimously (except as noted) agreed to the following (please refer to the executive agenda and packet for additional information):

a.) Firms that require continued oversight: 3 firms will remain on the monitoring list.

b.) Firms that no longer require oversight: 2 firms will be removed from the monitoring list.

c.) Firms that were monitored, referred to OPD and no longer require oversight: none.

AICPA Tickets:

Firm B – The Board Staff noted this firm was “not enrolled” peer review. When the firm was contacted, the firm noted that this was not correct. PRIMA noted that the firm was marked “not enrolled” in error and has since been re-enrolled.

Firm C – The Committee discussed the discrepancy of the firm being listed as “not enrolled” but should have been listed as “terminated”. This error has since been rectified on PRIMA.

Firm D – The Committee discussed the ongoing issue of the firm being marked as “not enrolled” in peer review but should be listed as “terminated”. There have been several email communications with the AICPA. However, this issue is ongoing and will be continued to be monitored.

Firm E – The last peer review appears to have been conducted in 2002. Ms. Winters notes that there is now a RAB presentation date of 5/21/2024 on PRIMA. Ms. Winters will follow-up with this issue and Mr. Cordell will reach out to the firm for further clarification.

Firm G – The firm was listed multiple times on PRIMA. This issue has since been corrected.

Accepted Reviews for 1/1/2024 to 2/29/2024:

The Committee briefly discussed the list of peer reviews that received a pass report for the period of 1/1/2024 to 2/29/2024. It was noted that some of these firms were not in compliance with firm registration and therefore, should not have received a pass report.

New Business:

Ms. Winters shared that a firm that is currently being monitored by the PROC received a disciplinary action.

On a motion by Ms. Singer and seconded by Mr. Mertz, the Committee unanimously agreed to close executive session and end the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Winters, CPA
Executive Secretary