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September 28, 2021

Mr Ronald Terry Bates Jr  
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RE: Bates, Ronald Terry, Jr., CPA  
Certificate No. 5754  
Case No. 21-10

Dear Mr. Bates,

Attached is an Order by the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy ("the Board") dated September 16, 2021. The Order revokes your Alabama CPA Certificate No. 5754, fines you, and requires the return of the revoked CPA Certificate to the Board for engaging in the practice of public accountancy while in inactive status and not possessing a permit to practice with the State Board, and for failing to satisfy Peer Review requirements of the Board.

This Board action requires that you cease holding yourself out as a Certified Public Accountant and discontinue any practice of public accounting in the State of Alabama. The Board Order also requires the return of the revoked CPA Certificate to this office. We respectfully request that you make a diligent search for the CPA Certificate and return it to the Board office by close of business on October 16, 2021. The administrative fine of \$10,000.00 is now due and your cashier's check or money order should be made payable to the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy and mailed to the Board at the address shown above.

Section 34-1-15 of the [Code of Alabama 1975](#) does provide for reinstatement of the CPA Certificate. This section states that upon application to the Board in writing after hearing, pursuant to notice, the Board may reinstate the revoked CPA Certificate. Section 34-1-11(d) of the [Code of Alabama 1975](#) complements Section 34-1-15 by providing monetary requirements of registrants who have been revoked and are seeking reinstatement. This section states that the Board may impose a reinstatement fee not to exceed \$100.00, plus the annual registration fee for the fiscal year of requested reinstatement. The Board will not consider reinstatement requests until all fines and penalties have been paid and the completion of the NASBA Center for the Public Trust (CPT) Ethical Leadership Training course.

If you want to be considered for reinstatement or have other questions please, contact me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

D. Boyd Busby, CPA  
Executive Director

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Attachment

BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
COMPLAINT AGAINST: )  
RONALD TERRY BATES, JR., CPA ) CASE NO. 21-10  
CERTIFICATE NO. 5754 )  
RESPONDENT. )

ORDER

COMES NOW the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy ("the Board"), and, following a full and fair hearing before the Board on September 16, 2021, in Montgomery, in the matter of the complaint against RONALD TERRY BATES, JR., CPA, Certificate No. 5754 makes the following Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law in support of this Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Ronald Terry Bates, Jr., is an Inactive Certified Public Accountant in the State of Alabama and was so always registered relevant to this complaint.
2. The Respondent undertook to prepare twenty (20) compilation reports with year ends from 2011 through 2020 for submission to the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors (ALBGC) in compliance with the ALBGC reporting requirements. Respondent subsequently prepared and submitted to the ALBGC documents comprising compilation reports intended to be considered as in compliance with the ALBGC reporting requirements. The Respondent also undertook the complete tax returns to be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for various corporate entities for the same period.
3. The Respondent has been in Inactive status since January 6, 2011.
4. The Respondent is not enrolled in the peer review program.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds that the facts as established at the hearing and as outlined above constitute a violation of Sections 34-1-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as follows:

1. Code of Alabama 1975, § 34-1-11(b)(1), Notwithstanding subsection (a), a certified public accountant or public accountant registered under this chapter who is not engaged in the practice of public accounting may request the board, in writing, to place his or her name on the board's inactive roll, thereby granting him or her inactive status and protecting his or her right to obtain a permit to practice pursuant to subsection (a) at a later time as he or she wishes to become actively engaged in the practice of public accounting.
2. Board Rule 30-X-1-.01(f)(1) Defines the practice of public accountancy as  
“Performing services as one skilled in the knowledge and practice of Public Accounting including, but not limited to, kinds of services involving the use of accounting or auditing skills, including issuance of reports on financial statements or of one of more kinds of management advisory, financial advisory or consulting services, of the preparation of tax returns or the furnishing of advice on tax matters.”
3. Board Rule 30-X-1-.01(f)(3) Defines the practice of public accountancy as  
“Providing a service of any compilation engagement performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS).”
4. Code of Alabama 1975, § 34-1-16(13), No individual licensee shall issue a report in standard form upon compilation of financial information through any form of business that does not hold a valid permit issued under Section 34-1-11 unless the report discloses the name of the business through which the individual is issuing the report and he individual: (b) Undergoes no less frequently that every three years, a peer review conducted in such manner as the board shall by rule specify.
5. The Respondent is engaged in the practice of public accountancy while in inactive status and not possessing a permit to practice with the State Board.
6. Board Rules 30-X-8-.01, et seq., establishes the Board’s Peer Review Program. The purpose of this program is “to ensure quality work, to monitor compliance with applicable accounting

and auditing standards generally recognized in the profession, and to facilitate enforcement of State law and Board rules.”

7. Board Rule 30-X-8-.03(5), provides that each firm duly registered with a current permit shall notify the board that a Peer Review has been completed not less than each third fiscal year. According to this provision, any firm which has not obtained a Peer Review by December 31 following the end of the third fiscal year since the last submission shall not be renewed for the current fiscal year and shall otherwise be subject to disciplinary action.

8. Respondent has failed to satisfy Peer Review requirements set forth in Board Rule 30-X-8-.04(2) by failing to have a review within eighteen (18) months of the date the Compilation was first provided, 30-X-8-.03(5) by failing to notify the Board that a Peer Review was completed not less than each third fiscal year, and/or by failing to obtain a Peer Review by December 31 following the end of the third fiscal year since the last submission.

9. The act charged above constitutes a failure to satisfy the Peer Review Program requirements of the Board as set forth in Board Rule 30-X-8-.03 and constitutes grounds for disciplinary action as provided in Section 34-1-12(a)(13), Code of Alabama 1975.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by this Board that the license, registration, certificate and/or permit to practice of the Respondent be REVOKED, that Respondent complete the following and provide proof completion within thirty (30) days of this Order: fined five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per count totaling ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and return the revoked Certified Public Accountant Certificate (wall certificate).

DONE this 16th day of September 2021.

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

CONCUR:

MMES. PRINCE and SHEPPARD-HARRIS AND  
MESSRS. BLACKMON, GRICE, KINTZ, and  
MADISON

ATTEST:



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D. Boyd Busby, CPA  
Executive Director  
September 28, 2021