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CBA PANEL TACKLES NEW ETHICS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CPA LICENSE

Ethics Curriculum Committee to hold first meeting September 21, 2010

(Sacramento, CA) – The California Board of Accountancy's (CBA) newlyestablished Ethics Curriculum Committee (ECC) will be holding its inaugural public meeting at the CBA office, 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The ECC is tasked with addressing one of the most significant changes in education requirements for licensure as a California Certified Public Accountant in nearly a decade. The committee is the result of legislation which took effect January 1, 2010 and will impact all individuals applying for a CPA license after January 1, 2014.

The below individuals/organizations have made the following appointments to the Ethics Curriculum Committee:

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
 - Michael Ueltzen, Partner, Ueltzen and Company
- Senate Rules Committee
 - Michael Shames, Executive Director, Utilities Consumer Action
 Network (UCAN)
- CalPERs
 - Dave Cornejo, Assistant Chief, Fiscal Services Division
- California State University Board of Trustees

- Gary McBride, Professor, Department of Accounting and Finance at California State University, East Bay
- Dr. Steven M. Mintz, Professor of Accounting, California Polytechnic State University
- University of California's Regents
 - o Robert Yetman, Professor, University of California, Davis
 - Gonzalo Freixes, Associate Dean, University of California, Los Angeles
- Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges
 - Gary Pieroni, Professor of Accounting, Diablo Valley College
 - Jon Mikkelsen, Business Instructor, Monterey Peninsula College
- California Board of Accountancy
 - o Donald A. Driftmier, CPA, CBA Member

The CBA anticipates the ECC's work will serve as an important step towards enhancing the minimum educational standards for entry into the CPA profession, with a focus towards increased ethical awareness.

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