

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO
ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP BY:

N [REDACTED] A [REDACTED], Applicant

AMENDED NOTICE OF REFERRAL FOR A HEARING

Pursuant to section 14 of Regulation 7-1, adopted by Council under the *Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario Act, 2017*, and the By-law governing the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (CPA Ontario), I hereby request the Admission and Registration Committee (ARC) to convene an oral hearing in respect of this application.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE REQUEST ARE:

1. The Applicant applied for membership with the CPA Ontario on July 9, 2020. Having reviewed the application for membership, I am not satisfied that the Applicant has provided evidence of good character as required under s. 3.4 of Regulation 7-1.
2. The particulars are as follows:
 - a. In his application for admission to membership, the Applicant answered “yes” to the question, “Have you ever been found guilty of a criminal offence or other similar offence for which a pardon has not been granted or are there any other charges pending against you”?
 - b. The information the Applicant provided indicated that as a result of an incident that occurred on April 2, 2017, he was charged with violating s. 253(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code* (having care and control of a motor vehicle while his ability to operate the vehicle was impaired by alcohol), and s. 253(1)(b) of the *Criminal Code* (having care and control of a motor vehicle while his blood alcohol concentration exceeded 80 mg of alcohol in 100 mL of blood).
 - c. The Applicant pleaded not guilty to the charges on February 14, 2018. After a trial, the Applicant was found guilty on February 15, 2018. He was given the following sentence:
 - i. Fine of \$1500 to be paid in twelve (12) months;
 - ii. Victim surcharge of 30% (\$450);

- iii. 12-month driving prohibition; and
 - iv. Revocation of driver's licence.
3. The Applicant was already registered as a CPA Student at the time of the conviction, having been approved for Student Registration on August 8, 2014.
 4. The CPA Student Code of Conduct was implemented on November 19, 2018. The Code required students to report to CPA Ontario if (among other things), they had been found guilty of any serious criminal offence that involved conduct of such a nature that it diminishes the good reputation of the profession or fails to serve the public interest. The Code indicates that such conduct includes offences that demonstrate a disregard for people or property.
 5. The Applicant informed CPA Ontario of the charges against him on May 11th, 2017, prior to his conviction.
 6. The Applicant disclosed the details of his conviction when he applied for membership on July 9, 2020.
 7. I have determined that the Applicant otherwise meets all the criteria for admission to membership.

Date: July 21th, 2022



Heidi Franken, CPA, CA
Registrar