RULE-MAKING HEARING AGENDA
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CPA EXAMINERS
MARCH 18, 2015
1:00 P.M.
1101 OBERLIN ROAD
RALEIGH, NC

I. Administrative Items
- A. Call to Order

II. Hearing Testimony

III. Written Testimony

IV. Adjournment

21 NCAC 08G .0409 is proposed to be amended as follows:

21 NCAC 08G .0409 COMPUTATION OF CPE CREDITS

(a) Group Courses: Non-College. CPE credit for a group course that is not part of a college curriculum shall be given based on contact hours. A contact hour shall be 50 minutes of ~~instruction. One-half credit~~ instruction and one-half contact hour shall be equal to 25 minutes of instruction. ~~after the first credit hour has been earned in a formal learning activity.~~ For example, a group course lasting 100 minutes shall be two contact hours equaling two CPE credits. A group course lasting 75 minutes shall be one and one-half contact hours equaling one and one-half CPE credits. A group course lasting 25 minutes shall be one-half contact hour and equal to one-half CPE credit. When individual segments of a group course are less than 50 minutes, the sum of the individual segments shall be added to determine the number of contact hours. For example, five 30-minute presentations shall be 150 minutes, which shall be three contact hours and three CPE credits. No credit shall be allowed for a segment unless the participant completes the entire segment. Internet based programs shall employ a monitoring mechanism to verify that participants are participating during the duration of the course. No credit shall be allowed for a group course having fewer than 25 minutes of course instruction.

(b) Completing a College Course. CPE credit for completing a college course in the college curriculum shall be granted based on the number of credit hours the college gives the CPA for completing the course. One semester hour of college credit shall be 15 CPE credits; one quarter hour of college credit shall be 10 CPE credits; and one continuing education unit shall be 10 CPE credits. No CPE credit shall be given to a CPA who audits a college course.

(c) Self Study. CPE credit for a self-study course shall be given based on the average number of contact hours needed to complete the course. The average completion time shall be allowed for CPE credit. A sponsor ~~must~~ shall determine on the basis of pre-tests or NASBA word count formula the average number of contact hours of course material it takes to complete a course. A contact hour shall be 50 minutes and one-half contact hour shall be 25 minutes of course material. No self-study course may contain fewer than 25 minutes of course material.

(d) Instructing a CPE Course. CPE credit for teaching or presenting a CPE course for CPAs shall be given based on the number of contact hours spent in preparing and presenting the course. No more than 50 percent of the CPE credits required for a year shall be credits for preparing for and presenting CPE courses. CPE credit for preparing or presenting a course shall be allowed only once a year for a course presented more than once in the same year by the same CPA.

(e) Authoring a Publication. CPE credit for published articles and books shall be given based on the number of contact hours the CPA spent writing the article or book. No more than 25 percent of a CPA's required CPE credits for a year shall be credits for published articles or books. An article written for a CPA's client or business newsletter shall not receive CPE credit.

(f) Instructing a Graduate Level College Course. CPE credit for instructing a graduate level college course shall be given based on the number of credit hours the college gives a student for successfully completing the course, using

1 the calculation set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule. Credit shall not be given for instructing a course in which
2 there is credit given towards an undergraduate degree.
3 (g) No more than 50 percent of the CPE credits required for a year shall be credits claimed under Paragraph (d) and
4 (f) of this Rule.
5 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 93-12(8b);*
6 *Eff. May 1, 1989;*
7 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2015; January 1, 2014; February 1, 2012; January 1, 2007; January 1,*
8 *2004; February 1, 1996; April 1, 1994; March 1, 1990.*