MEMBERS ATTENDING: Michael C. Jordan, CPA, President; Jeffrey T. Barber, CPA, Vice President; Maria M. Lynch, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA; Bucky Glover, CPA; Jordan C. Harris, Jr.; and Jose R. Rodriguez, CPA.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; J. Michael Barham, CPA, Deputy Director; Lisa R. Hearne, Manager-Communications; Ann J. Hinkle, Manager-Professional Standards; Buck Winslow, Manager-Licensing; and Noel L. Allen, Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: James T. Ahler, CEO, NCACPA; Joan Pharr, CPA, Chair, NCACPA; Stephanie Thomas, CPA, NCACPA; Jack Stone, CPA, NCACPA; Walter C. Davenport, CPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, AICPA; and Curt Lee, Legislative Liaison, NCSA.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 25, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The January 2010 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS: The Board reviewed the proposed rule-making schedule as well as a list of rules proposed for rule-making.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: The Board reviewed the February 3, 2010, letter from the State Board Committee of the AICPA Board of Examiners (BOE) regarding the rationale for testing International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) on the Uniform CPA Exam (Exam).

The Board also reviewed the February 5, 2010, letter from the BOE regarding determining a new passing score or standard setting for the Exam including requests for volunteers for the standard-setting panels.

STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: The Board reviewed the AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Report of the administration of the peer review program as administered by the NCACPA. The report concluded that the NCACPA has complied
with the administrative procedures and standards in all material respects as established by the AICPA Peer Review Board.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Barber moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Case No. 2009129 - Kenneth H. Griffin - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix I).

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Ms. Lynch moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The following was approved:

Charlotte Chandler Jacobs

Original Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Katherine Leigh Anthony
Cara McCauley Applegate
Veronica Ann Beichner
Sarah Elisa Boodman
Heather Elisa Bush
Eric R. Cheek
Leah E. Coveleski
Bradley William Cox
Andrew James Eaker
Jared Prescott Edens
Laura Brooke Farren
Timothy David Gacsy
Anna Passantino Grofic
Chase Hardy Hale
Kelly Carroll Hamilton
Elizabeth Briggs Holt
Charlotte Chandler Jacobs
Robert Prial James
John Paul Jones II
Karin Langbehn-Pecaut
Ana Laura Marquez
Angelyn Kay McKeel
Terri Ashley McQueen

Elizabeth Joanne Minson
Stuart Neal Mull
John Dashrell Nelson
Michelle Nicole Nowlin
Jacob Randall Nunn
Robert Peter Pawliczek Jr.
Meridith Carson Peele
Sheryl Lynn Reese
William Lee Rogers
Daniel Jesus Ruocco
Angela Parsons Sedberry
Kaumil Kiritkumar Shah
Robert Ryan Shellenbarger
Gregory Robert Surratt
Joseph Louis Swope
Benjamin Cramer Tennant
Dustin Hardy Traylor
Nicholas Vincent Troia
Kim Uteson Tyndall
Dana Walker Weaver
Brent Whitney Young
Amy Yuen
Staff reviewed and recommended approval of the original applications submitted by the following individuals. They failed to disclose pertinent information with their Exam applications, but provided the information with the certificate application. Staff recommended approval of the applications with a one-year probationary period. The Committee approved staff recommendation:

Alexandra Lozovaya Gatti
Daniel Scott Gray
Roger Franklin Scott

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Oyin “Celeste” Omotayo Charles
Rhonda Kay Devan
Joseph James Esposito Jr.
Heather Marie Hewitt
William Stephen Hart
Susan Jane McAndrew
David Scott Showalter

Temporary Permits - The following temporary permits were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Shilpi Jain T5775
James Alan Massey T5777
Cathryn Mary Steffenhagen T5778
Whitney Evan Wheeler T5779
Tiffany Marie Pace T5780
Marilyn Veronica Bertelsen T5815
Karen Ciha Robinson T5816
William Eric Fisher T5817
Shawn Michael Hutchinson T5818
Matthew Robert Socha T5819

Reinstatements - The following were approved:

Charles Benjamin Robert Booth #15042
Anne Beal Hare #19654
Larry S. Kendrick #23883
Donna Ruth Miller #17878
Swati Keyur Parikh #21424
Jennifer Marie Piasky #26958
Rebecca Short Pruett #14519

Reissuance of New Certificate - Applications for reissuance of new certificate submitted by the following were approved.

Mark August DiGirolamo #26215
Zachary Blue Miller #29376
Thu Tran #30820
Jane Kathleen Sykes #21284

Firm Registrations - The following professional corporations and professional limited liability companies were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Rebekah Barr, CPA PC
James R. Deaton, C.P.A., P.C.
Karen J. Farley CPA PLLC
Patricia E. Govert, PA
Extension Requests - The Committee approved the following individuals for extension for completion of CPE until the dates noted:

Sidney Campbell #3118 (6/30/10)  
Alexander A. Guess #19581 (1/31/10)  
Donna L. Rogers #18182 (1/31/10)

Letters of Warning - Staff received CPE audit information from Samuel Lear Campbell (#30740). Mr. Campbell listed 2008 CPE taken between January 1 and June 30, 2009, without an approved extension. Staff recommends a letter of warning for a first offense pursuant to 21 NCAC 08G .0406(b)(1). The Committee approved staff recommendation.

Staff received and recommended approval of the request to rescind the letter of warning awarded to Elizabeth H. Funderburk (#29238). The Committee approved staff recommendation.

Staff requested that the Committee review a hypothetical situation. Two licensees have failed to respond to staff requests for additional information as part of the Letter of Warning CPE audit. The Committee recommended that staff refer these matters to the Professional Standards Committee.

Examinations – The Committee reviewed and approved the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

John Ackerson  
Shelia Adams  
Carolyn Alford  
Benjamin Allison  
David Almonte  
Donna Alston  
Gregory Alvord  
Oyebukunola Ande  
Michael Anthony  
Jason Baillargeon  
Melissa Baird  
Elizabetj Baker  
Jason Barnes  
Elisabeth Baumann  
Hirut Benalfew  
Paul Benedict  
Lamar Benton, Jr  
Tae Berg  
Audrey Blackburn  
Paul Blaylock  
Kevin Bolick  
Mark Bondo  
Steven Bondor  
Craig Bonnor, Jr  
Quanita Bowden  
Raymond Bower  
Kristi Bray  
Michele Brewer  
Caroline Brown  
Jonathan Buckner
Deborah Trout  Lynn Weiner
Mark Tull  Dorothy Wesson
Jason Twiggs  Ivonne White
Angela Tyson  Elizabeth Whitmer
Brenton Umphlett  Audrey Wilhelm
Alexandra Valier  John Williams
Joshua VanNamee  Robert Williams
William Varnedoe, Jr  Whitney Williams
Nicki Vaughn  Jennifer Wilson
Paul Wapner  Kevin Wilson
Jason Ward  Kevin Wyatt
Craig Warren  Nancy Yates
Melissa Warren

**Rescind Form of Practice Statements** – Clifford Ralph Stalter (#34869) signed a Form of Practice Statement due to his employment. However, due to a change in Mr. Stalter’s employment, staff recommended that the statement be rescinded. The Committee approved staff recommendation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** President Jordan called the Public Hearing to Order to hear Case No. C2009035 – William Avery Neaves. Mr. Neaves was not present at the Hearing nor was he represented by counsel at the Hearing. Mr. Brooks was sworn and presented testimony. Messrs. Rodriguez and Cook moved to approve a Board Order (Appendix II) permanently revoking the North Carolina CPA certificate issued to Mr. Neaves. Motion passed with seven (7) and affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes. The entire Public Hearing is a matter of public record.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** President Jordan called the Public Hearing to Order to hear Case No. C20085958 – Walter A. Skorski, CPA #28658. Mr. Skorski was not present at the Hearing nor was he represented by counsel at the Hearing. Mr. Brooks was sworn and presented testimony. Messrs. Rodriguez and Cook moved to approve a Board Order (Appendix III) permanently revoking the North Carolina CPA certificate issued to Mr. Skorski. Motion passed with seven (7) and affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes. The entire Public Hearing is a matter of public record.

**EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Walter C. Davenport, CPA, a former president of the Board, requested that the Board nominate him for the position of Chair of NASBA for 2011-2012. Mr. Barber and Ms. Lynch moved to nominate and support Mr. Davenport for the position of Chair of NASBA for 2011-2012. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.
ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Cook and Glover moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert N. Brooks
Executive Director

Attested to by:

Michael C. Jordan, CPA
President
IN THE MATTER OF:
Kenneth H. Griffin, #15985
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to NCGS 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15985 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. Respondent informed the Board on his 2008-2009 individual certificate renewal (renewal) that he had obtained thirty-eight (38) hours of continuing professional education (CPE), which included some CPE earned between January 1, 2008, and June 30, 2008, and two (2) hours of CPE carryforward to meet the 2007 CPE requirement.

3. Based on Respondent’s representation, the Board accepted his renewal.

4. Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2007 CPE requirement.

5. Respondent provided the CPE certificates of completion to the Board as requested. However, Respondent could only provide the certificate or certificates of completion needed to document thirty (30) hours of CPE of the thirty-eight (38) hours of CPE that Respondent claimed he earned between January 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008, as was reported on his renewal.

6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.
BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of NCGS 93-12(8b)a, 93-12(9)c and 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 08N .0101(b), 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), .0202(b)(4), and .0203(b)(1).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 8C, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's application for renewal is deemed insufficient and untimely under NCGS 150-B-3(a). Hence, his certificate is automatically forfeited pursuant to NCGS 93-12(8b).

2. Respondent must return his certificate to the Board with this signed Consent Order.

3. Respondent may not apply for the reissuance of his certificate for at least one (1) year from the date the Board receives Respondent's forfeited certificate and until the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order has been paid by Respondent.

4. Respondent may apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance -application which includes:
   a. Application form,
   b. Payment of the application fee,
   c. 3 moral character affidavits, and
   d. Forty eight (48) hours of CPE in 12 months preceding the application including an eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in a group or self-study format.

5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000.00) civil penalty to be remitted to the Board within six (6) months of the date this signed Order is accepted by the Board.

6. Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and consent order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his license.
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CONSENTED TO THIS THE 9th DAY OF February, 2009.

[Signature]
Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 22nd DAY OF February, 2010

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

[Signature]
President
THIS CAUSE coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the hearing on February 22, 2010, that:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The parties have been properly identified.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and this Matter.

3. Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written Notice of Hearing of this Matter by personal service, certified mail, or other approved personal delivery.

4. Venue is proper and the Noticed Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.

5. Respondent had no objection to any Board Member’s participation in the Hearing of this Matter.

6. Respondent was not present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel.

7. Respondent was the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

8. While he was licensed as a certified public accountant, Respondent practiced through a professional corporation firm that was registered with
the Board. Respondent was the sole owner of said professional corporation. The firm registration for Respondent's professional corporation was suspended by the Board on January 31, 2007, and with the North Carolina Secretary of State's office on July 2, 2007, for failure to renew the firm registration.

9. On August 13, 2007, Respondent's North Carolina CPA certificate was forfeited for failure to renew. As of the date of this Order, Respondent has failed to return his forfeited CPA certificate. Nevertheless, unless Respondent Neaves' certificate is revoked, Respondent Neaves could otherwise seek reinstatement or reissuance of his CPA certificate pursuant to the Board's Rules.

10. On March 10, 2005, Respondent was appointed as the administrator for an estate.

11. On December 22, 2008, the Surry County Clerk Superior Court entered an "Order to Remove Administrator" in which the Clerk found that Respondent had commingled estate funds with his personal funds. Based on this finding, the Surry County Clerk Superior Court removed Respondent as the estate administrator pursuant to NCGS §28A-9-1(a)(3) (removal for violation of fiduciary duty through default or misconduct), and ordered that Respondent repay certain monies to the estate and return to the Surry County Clerk Superior Court any estate records held by Respondent pursuant to NCGS §28A-23-3(e) (prohibiting payment of commission to administrator found guilty of default or misconduct). Respondent failed to comply with the order issued by the Clerk in returning assets and reimbursement of funds. Although Respondent appealed the Clerk's Removal Order, Respondent failed to appear at the appeal hearing, and the Resident Superior Court Judge thus entered an Order on March 5, 2009, dismissing the appeal.

12. Respondent has continued to use the CPA title after he had forfeited his certificate. Records filed in connection with the Estate and the Removal Hearing show that (a) on August 31, 2007, Respondent wrote, signed, and cashed an estate check he made out to "Avery Neaves, CPA" for a "final fee;" (b) on September 10, 2007, Respondent signed a final estate account under oath as "W. Avery Neaves, CPA;" and (c) Respondent subsequently endorsed the check as "Avery Neaves, CPA." A party to the Estate proceedings has provided information indicating that Respondent has made other unauthorized uses of the CPA title. As of the date of this Emergency Order, Respondent continues to be listed on various internet directories as a "CPA" doing business through his suspended CPA firm.
13. After receiving documents filed with the Surry County Clerk Superior Court which identified Respondent as a CPA, Board staff sent letters to Respondent's last known mailing addresses regarding his use of the CPA title while not licensed. Respondent failed to respond and/or claim these first-class and certified mailings.

14. On September 21, 2009, the Board, based on the above serious allegations and substantial evidence, issued an Emergency Order for Revocation and Notice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of NCGS 93-3, 93-4, 93-12(9)(d)(e) and 21 NCAC 08J .0101(d), 08N .0201, .0202, .0203, .0204, .0206, .0208, and .0302(a).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 7 to 0 that:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, William Avery Neaves, is hereby permanently revoked.

2. Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

This the 22nd day of February 2010.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BY: Michael C. Jordan
President
NORTH CAROLINA     BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
WAKE COUNTY     CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
IN THE MATTER OF: Walter A. Skorski, # 28658
                  Respondent
                  
                  BOARD ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the hearing on February 22, 2010, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The parties have been properly identified.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and this Matter.

3. Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written Notice of Hearing of this Matter by personal service, certified mail, or other approved personal delivery.

4. Venue is proper and the Noticed Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.

5. Respondent had no objection to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this Matter.

6. Respondent was not present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel.

7. Respondent is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina and is therefore subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

8. In December of 2000, the NC Board staff wrote to Respondent, who was authorized by the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (NC Board) to practice as a CPA in North Carolina under a temporary permit, regarding his failure to promptly respond to an inquiry and a subpoena from the New Jersey Board of Accountancy (NJ Board). In February of
2001, the NJ Board informed the NC Board staff that the subpoena had been rescinded and Respondent’s license was in good standing with the NJ Board. The NC Board thereafter granted a reciprocal certificate to Respondent on February 19, 2001.

9. In August of 2001, Respondent failed to renew his North Carolina CPA certificate because the check he submitted for his renewal fee was returned by the bank for insufficient funds. The NC Board staff thus notified Respondent on August 17, 2001, that his North Carolina certificate was forfeited and demanded that he immediately return the certificate. However, Respondent failed to return his forfeited North Carolina CPA certificate until he applied for reinstatement in October of 2001.

10. On November 19, 2001, the NC Board approved a Consent Order allowing Respondent to reinstate his North Carolina certificate and in which Respondent agreed to pay $100.00 in administrative costs for failing to return his forfeited North Carolina CPA certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of receiving his notice of forfeiture.

11. The NC Board staff recently obtained evidence that, in June of 2003, Respondent failed to disclose, in the moral character data section of his 2003-2004 North Carolina certificate renewal, the North Carolina misdemeanor conviction of writing a worthless check. Respondent also failed to notify the Board within thirty (30) days of this criminal conviction as required by the Board’s rules.

12. In September of 2004, the NC Board staff advised Respondent that he had failed to complete his 2003 CPE by the appropriate deadline. Pursuant to a Board Order, Respondent was issued a conditional certificate for a year, but the $100.00 civil penalty was waived.

13. In July of 2006, the NC Board issued an Order to Respondent regarding his failure to register his firm by the appropriate deadline. Respondent was issued a conditional certificate for a year and required to pay a $100.00 civil penalty.

14. On November 20, 2006, the Board approved a Consent Order censuring Respondent for his failure to return client records in a timely manner upon demand.

15. The NC Board staff recently obtained evidence that, in June of 2008, Respondent failed to disclose, in the moral character section of his
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2008-2009 certificate renewal, the discipline of a $1,000.00 civil penalty imposed by the NJ Board for failing to register his CPA firm in New Jersey.

16. In October of 2008, the NC Board received a complaint from another client alleging that Respondent failed to exercise due professional care in providing personal and business accounting and tax services to the client. The client also alleged that Respondent failed to return client records upon demand.

17. During the NC Board staff’s investigation of this complaint, Respondent failed on at least three (3) occasions to timely respond to correspondence from the NC Board staff.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent’s actions as set out above may be found to constitute violations of NCGS 93-12 (9) b and e and 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0202 (b)3, .0204, .0206, .0208, .0211, .0212, and .0305.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of __7__ to __0__ that:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Walter A. Skorski, is hereby permanently revoked.

2. The practice privilege for Respondent, Walter A. Skorski, and his individual practitioner CPA firm by which Respondent might offer to perform or perform public accounting services to North Carolina clients is permanently revoked.

This the __22nd__ day of __February 2010__.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BY:  __Michael C. Jordan__
President