# PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners July 20, 2009 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Michael C. Jordan, CPA, President; Jeffrey T. Barber, CPA, Vice President; Maria M. Lynch, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; Norwood G. Clark, Jr., CPA; Jordan C. Harris, Jr.; Jose R. Rodriguez, CPA; and Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., 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 Jack Nichols, Legal Counsel.

**GUESTS:** Sharon Bryson, COO, NCACPA; Curt Lee, Legislative Liaison, NCSA; Laurie Williams, CPA, NCACPA; Debbie Lambert, CPA, NCACPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, AICPA; and John Mabe, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 24, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS:** The June 2009 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

**LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS**: Senate Bill 647 (HB 911), "Amend CPA Laws/Practice Privileges," has passed both chambers of the General Assembly and should be signed into law by Governor Perdue before July 31, 2009.

Ms. Lambert spoke to the Board regarding the request for rule-making submitted to the Board by Joan Pharr, CPA, Chair of the NCACPA, on behalf of the NCACPA. The request for rule-making will be handled in accordance with NCGS 150B-20 and 21 NCAC 08B .0100.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS:** Messrs. Clark and Winstead moved not to submit a response to the AICPA Exposure Draft on Proposed Statements on SSARs. Motion passed with six (6) affirmative votes and one (1) negative vote.

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

C2009065 – Close the case without prejudice but with a Letter of Warning.

Case No. UT2009137 - James M. McDermott - Accept the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Demand to Cease and Desist (Appendix I).

Case No. C2009138 - Richard D. Elledge - Accept the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Demand to Cease and Desist (Appendix II).

## 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 were approved:

Saleha Beram Baksh Briant Edward Cummens II Chelsea Neale Collins Christopher Walter Smith

# **Original Certificate Applications** - The following were approved:

Christy Erin Adams Sammy Jack Fong Stephen Patrick Aldrich Ryan Durand Furr Saleha Beram Baksh Lewis McCall Garber Rebecca Lynn Barker Abigail Lin-Shan Gilley Jennifer Kelly Beasley Kimberly Ann Gunn Robert Eugene Bittner III Brandon Jared Hales Kurt Daniel Blohm Richard Dan Hardy Sandi Matthews Brinich Amanda Peele Harrell Colleen Kelly Brophy **Bradley Guy Hauss** Andrew Richard Brown Tana Mae Henault Travis Michael Carswell Kelly Dianne Henderson

Ruth Ellen Christian Emily Weeks Hill Colleen Anne Colgan Steven Robert Hodges Chelsea Neale Collins Ashley Witherspoon Hollenbeck

Heather Caulder Cosgrove Michael Alan Jakielski Jr.

Briant Edward Cummens II Soo Hyun Johnson James Berkeley D'Alton Amanda F. Johnson Catherine Jean Davis William Jennings Johnson

Meredith Harron Davis Samuel Collins Jordan Jennifer Emily Dintsch Mark J. Lake-Nestor Kathryn Amber Dodson Benjamin Wells Lassiter John Edward Donaldson Iamie Marie Lawler Jennifer Ann Duchene Jarod David Leggett Kathryn Venters Duncan Erin Marie Lentz

John Coatsworth Dutton Jr. Hannah Brook Lipstone Jason V. Emanuel Kristen Marie Lorick

Howard Leonard "Len" Lucas Patrick Keith Eudy Melissa Doran Fish

Alison Leigh McComb

Jamie MacRay Miller Walid Amin Nassar Brian Thomas Neiheisel Caleb L. Nicholson Camille Parker Matthew Pietras Megan Elizabeth Pippin Melissa Wynn Powell Daniel James Prorock Ewa Aleksandra Pszenny William Schorr Robinson Heidi Marie Rogers Jason Austin Runyon Walker Fleming Saik Katherine Jansen Senter Whitney Haven Shearin Jon Britt Sholar

Megan Theresa Simpson

Brent Lee Smith Bryce Howard Smith Christopher Walter Smith Sara Katherine Ramage Stewart William Gorman Stewart Jr. Michael Gene Stone Shirley McKinney Swanson Kelsey Meelynn Thomas Anthony Paul Traylor Tara Danielle Wagner David L. Watts Caitlin Emily Webster Stephen Lewis Wilson Rebecca M. Wolf Lauren Suggs Worley David Alsup Worth Suzanne Michelle Young Yiping Zhu

Staff reviewed and recommended approval of the original application submitted by Magdalena M. Wright. Ms. Wright failed to disclose pertinent information with her exam application but provided it with her certificate application. Staff recommended approval of the application with a one-year probationary period. The Committee approved staff recommendation.

Staff reviewed and recommended approval of the original application submitted by Mary Ann Roberson. Ms. Roberson failed to disclose pertinent information with her exam application but provided it with her certificate application. Staff recommended approval of the application with a one-year probationary period. The Committee approved staff recommendation.

# Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

James William Anderson Aaron Joseph Baker Brinda Balakumaran Lauren C. Barnet Kimberly Dawn Barnhill

Carrie Places

Carrie Bloomer

Michael Thomas Burgess

Maria Rebecca Castillo Cabigao

Donna Marie Campbell Jane Ann Chapman Dawne P. Chedraoui Gordon Lee Clark

James Montague Cochrane

Ann Marie Connell Jeanne Roberta Cormier

Douglas M. Dent John Andrew Deptula William Edward Eberbach

Todd Mason Ellis Joseph Edgar Foster

Donn Groene Joyce Ann Gunter Scott Michael Harper
Troy Gist Howell
Brandi Charles Knight
Patricia Kathryn Knutti
Caroline Reneé Krause-Iafrate
Adam William Langford
Carl Raymond Mayes Jr.
Patrick Michael McAuley
Melanie Irene Millar
James Patrick Monahan
Vicie Lynette Moran
Amanda Lorraine Needham

Robert Joseph Nolan
Casey Edward O'Keefe
David Anthony Orr

Charles Fremont Osborne Jr.
Melissa Ann Perez
Lauren Rachelle Propst-Riddick
Larry Learnce Redmond Sr.
Cindy Ellen Rosenberg
Kimberlie Blake Rudolph
Anna Lauren Saunders
Robert Francis Schafer Jr.
Jack Anthony Schmoll
Bradley Thomas Sparks
Charles Morris Taft
Jeannette Koger Team
Jessica Dianne Walkup
Kenneth Wayne Witt
John Briggs Woodward

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

Patricia Kathryn Knutti T5475
Amanda Lorraine Needham T5476
Robert Francis Schafer Jr. T5477
Charles Joseph Schrauder T5478
Jack Anthony Schmoll T5479
Scott Michael Harper T5420
Jeanne Roberta Cormier T5481
Kimberly Dawn Barnhill T5482
Michael Thomas Burgess T5483
Joseph Edgar Foster T5484
Bradley Thomas Sparks T5485
Patrick Michael McAuley T5486
Lauren Rachelle Propst-Riddick T5487

Jessica Dianne Walkup T5488
Anna Lauren Saunders T5504
David Anthony Orr T5505
Casey Edward O'Keefe T5506
Kimberlie Blake Rudolph T5507
Adam William Langford T5508
Kimberly Nicole Brown McKinney T5509

Troy Gist Howell T5510

Ashleigh Maureen Arnett T5511

Carrie Bloomer T5512

Todd Mason Ellis T5513 Robert Joseph Nolan T5514 Brandi Charles Knight T5515 Carl Raymond Mayes Jr. T5516 Charles Fremont Osborne Jr. T5517

Melissa Ann Perez T5518 Richard Alan Boris T5519 Noha Melki Tury T5520

Michael Anthony Spence T5521 Christopher Joseph Gulya T5522 Kyle Wayne Granholm T5523 David Eugene Kapka T5524 Timothy Paul Gallagher T5525 Alfredo Antonio Suarez T5526

Jamie Leigh Scott T5527

Brandis Burdis Phillips T5528 Kevin James Monacelli T5529

Rita M. Fozdar T5530

Amy Michelle Butala T5531 Benny Joseph Buras T5532 Jessica J. Bechtold T5533 Edythe Anne Cail T5534

## **Reinstatements** - The following were approved:

Leigh Fitzgerald Agnew #17198 William Robert Dresback Jr. #29668 Sylvester Anthony Marino #22824 Hubert Phillip Moore Jr. #26773 Sharon Staton Parker #16682 Albert Eugene Partridge III #13245 Ann Elizabeth Pletcher #19604

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

Lisa Dianne Barnwell Pierce #29600 Kathryn S. Rominger #28156 Susan L. Whitlock #17293

**Reissuance of New Certificate and Consent Agreement -** Applications for reissuance of new certificates and consent agreements submitted by the following were approved:

Robert M. Pope Jr. #13297

Frank J. Sambor #30643

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

Dennis M. Bell, CPA, PLLC Boatsman Gillmore PLLC Deborah S. Clodfelter, PC Carey V. Downing, CPA, PLLC Christopher R. Fielding, CPA PC Christopher J. Gulya, C.P.A., P.A. Warren Lowder, CPA, PLLC Nuala McGee, CPA, PLLC
Nichols, Cauley & Associates, PLLC
Pittman Accounting & Tax Service PLLC
Steve Royer, CPA, PC
Yount, Hyde & Barbour, P.C.
Damon K. Yudichak, CPA, P.C.
Yan Zhang, CPA PLLC

**Retired Status Applications -** The Committee approved the following requests for retired status because the individuals are completely retired and do not receive any earned compensation for current personal services in any job whatsoever:

Alvin Maston Brown Jr. #11820 William Earl Carter Jr. #3959 Charles William Davis #19491 Marjorie Ferguson Freeman #17012 Jeffrey C. Froehle #21780 Kathleen George #25076 Sherri L. Hagar #26762 Dorsey O. Hawkins Jr. #8954 Larry Barnwell Huggins #4161 Joyce Kelly #19151 Ruth Little #15008
Harry Ray Mathis #3814
Mitchell Morlan #15309
Joseph Horace Murray Jr. #2995
Gary Thomas Pope #14517
Carl Hampton Queen Jr. #3514
William Gray Riggs #15113
Howard Clifton Sessoms #3281
Thomas H. Smith Jr. #9283
Olive Squires Thomas #11523

**CPE Matters -** Robert Wayne McEwan (#31872) did not comply with the 2007 CPE requirements. Staff recommended referral to the Professional Standards Committee. The Committee approved staff recommendation.

Extension Requests - The Committee approved Patrick A. Smyth (#26065) for extension for completion of CPE until June 30, 2009.

The following extension requests were disapproved:

Jenniver Alcon Blevins #21953

Andy Hudson #26813

Letters of Warning - Staff received and recommended approval of the requests to rescind the letters of warning awarded to Joseph Patrick Hanlon (#32471). The Committee approved staff recommendation.

**Firm Renewal and Peer Review Matters** - The firm listed below submitted a renewal or termination notice more than 120 days after the deadline. Staff recommended referral to the Professional Standards Committee. The Committee approved staff recommendation:

Antoine D. Beck CPA # 27664 Robert L. Blyth, Jr., CPA, P.A. Robert Leslie Blyth Jr. # 22245 L. Kelly Denton Brann #16719, CPA Jennifer Buller, CPA, P.A.

Jennifer Lynn Buller #30171

John W. Groseclose, Jr., CPA # 32221

Zesheen Jyang, CPA # 33193 Scott T. Mathis, CPA # 26726 OWEN W. PIRKLE, CPA, PA Owen William Pirkle # 30522

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

Holly Adams
Leticia Adams
Oluwaseyi Adu
Mohamed Younus Ahmed
Amanda Aiken
Rehan Ali
Rodney Allison
Donna Alston
Gregory Alvord
Robert Ambrose
Oyebukunola Ande
Scott Anstrom
Anne Asplin
Karen Atkins

Stacey Aubee
Jaylan Autry
Mark Bailey
Megan Bailey
Jason Baillargeon
Andrew Baker, Jr
Cecil Baldwin, III
Norma Barnes
Rachel Barnes
Adam Barth
Hona Basnight
Jessica Bastedo
Amanda Beam
Jason Benoit

Brett Bernhardt William Biney Anthonio Black Jordan Bloodworth

Ryan Boggs
David Bolick
Bonnie Bond
Harry Bond
Jonathan Boone
Deborah Boose
Stephanie Boothe

Jennilee Botts Judith Boyce

Margaret Bradshaw
Sandra Breitschwerdt
Andrea Broadhurst
Mairin Brooket
Mallory Brown
Melvin Brown
Ana Brugh
Kreig Brugler
John Bruschi
Joseph Buckland

Jessica Bullard Megan Bullin Dara Burke

Christina Burnett Tenita Burton Kimberly Byrd Tiffany Byrd Lori Caddell William Call

Mona Campbell-Wilks

Clifford Carroll
Amy Carter
Christy Carter
Kevin Casady
Simion Cerchez
Hong Chen
Mao Chen
Tzu-Lien Chu
Daniel Chun
Kenneth Cibik

Scott Clifton Peter Close Alicia Coates Tres Cobb

Zannoth Coffee Kevin Cole Brian Coleman Daisy Colmer

Christopher Colomb Kristy Coltrain David Comer Chas Cook

Charlene Cook Controne

Sierra Cooley
Derrick Cooper
Matthew Corey
Ashley Corkery
Jillian Cosentino
Christina Cox
Emily Cox
Krystina Cox
William Craig
Stephen Craver
David Crawford
Thomas Crawford, Jr

Jason Creel

Kevin Cresimore
Matthew Cronmiller
Amy Crowder
Natalie Crumpler
Frank Crutchfield
Amanda Cuthbertson
Christopher Cutter
Jessica Cyprus

Emily Daniel
Marina Daniel
Laura Dantoni
Amanda Davis
Bradley Davis
Carolyn Davis
Jessica Daymude
Andrew Deal
Jonathan Dean

Kent Dehart
Tejbir Dhillon
Felicia Diggs
William Dillon
Sara Domby
Sara Dorman
Gooffrey Dornba

Geoffrey Dornback

Rene Dorton Eric Dowd Joshua Downs

Zuo Du Scott DuBois Rafael Duque Sarah Dwyer Andrew Eaker

Catherine Eastwood

Ilene Eisenrod Amanda Elder Sarah Elder

Frances Ellington

Erica Elliott
Jonathan Elson
Jennifer Enholm
Ethan Epstein
Enajevwe Eruotor
Aynalem Eshete
Emily Etter

Emily Etter
Amanda Evans
Andrew Evans
Stefanie Faith
Amanda Fannin
Laronda Farland
Kelvin Farmer
Bryan Faulkner
Jonathan Ferguson

Gregory Fister
Catherine FitzGerald
David Fleming, Jr
Benjamin Flink
Evelyn Forbes
Nicole Frank
Kristen Freeman

David Furr

Daniel Fusaiotti Rachel Gable Ethan Gallagher Charles Gallop Casey Gardner Kathleen Gardner Alexandra Gatti Robert Gentry Mark Gettig Joshua Glienke Mya Gonder Salvatore Gough Casey Graft

Hannah Grantham Rebecca Gregory Jonathan Grice Olivia Grieser Amber Groesser Camille Gruesbeck Stephanie Hairston Katherine Hale

Duane Hall
Natasha Hall
Nicholas Hallman
Benjamin Hamilton
Crystal Hamilton
Elizabeth Hamilton
Melanie Hamilton
Elizabeth Hanlon
Lewis Hannah
Garrett Hansen
Ashley Hardy
Andrew Harmon
Debbie Harper
Eric Harris

Stephanie Haynes Stephen Helms Stephen Hensley Elizabeth Herndon Laura Hickman Denise Higgs

Lawrence Hillebrand, III

John Hillhouse

Lynn Hoechstetter Tanya Hoffa Laura Holland Sandra Holley Tameka Holmes Tracey Holmes

Jenna Hoover Carmen Houston

Elizabeth Holt

David Hoxie Ya-Chen Hsieh Matthew Hughes Sally Hughes

Graham Hunt

Harrison Hunt David Hutchinson Carol Iacovelli Kingsley Ikharo

Kia Ikpe Sherry Inman David Isgett Ashley Ivey

Artanzia Jackson Yates

Lars Jarkko Ryan Jennings David Jernigan Garrett Jernigan

Jon Jessie
David Jewell
Bradford Johnson
James Johnson
Jan Johnson
Lori Johnson
Ronnie Johnson
James Jones
Robyn Jones
Catherine Joo
Natasha Jordan
Claire Joyce
Sarah Joyce

Janet Kahl

Carolyn Kee

Nancy Kissane

Krystle Knight Jacquelin Knize Larry Knop, Jr Julie Koehler

Christina Kmetz

Adrienne Kralick
Jody Krueger
Jiyoun Kyung
Michael Lail
Anna Lamback
Jared Lashley
Jon Lassiter
Jonathan Leak

Michael Leclerc
Joan Lee
Thomas Lee
Jacob Lemberg
Rene Leondiris
Daniel Lewis
Kristen Lewis
Ashley Little
Julie Logan
Zachary Lose

Madalina Lulciuc

Lovette Love

Ian Luhrs

Mary Lynch
Michael Maalik-Ul-Mulk
Amanda Magruder
Matthew Manna
Shalyn Marion
Jesse Marsh
Michael Martin
Jeffery Mason
Brandon Massey

Alan Mattes
Brian Maxwell
Ashley May
Katie Mazzeo
Matthew McClain
Jeffery McClendon
Megan McCormack
Charles McCoy

Ebonee Oliver Raymond McKinney Thersa Owens Adam McLain Grant McMasters Morgan Pace Brian McNeil William Palmer Joseph Pancamo Debra McNeill Mark McPherson Stephanie Park Lynsey Parker Mary McRae **Justin Parks** Nashica McRath Michael Parks Michael Means Scott Mears Tara Parks **Jennifer Parsons** Amanda Melton Dianna Melvin Rupal Patel Shilpa Patel Ashley Middleton Mark Mielke Sharla Payton Andrew Peterson Cynthia Miller Shelley Phelps **Justin Miller** Brian Philbeck Lane Miller Lyle Phipps Cydni Mitchell Eric Plunkett Jenneth Mitchell Ryan Portal Neal Mitchell **James Porter** Valerie Mitchell **Jennifer Prescott** Nicole Morch Samantha Pressley Katherine Morgan Seth Prevette Trevor Morgan Kenatha Primus Azita Movahed Michael Muffo Sarah Proctor Sarah Putnam Heather Muldowney Paul Quast Matthew Mullen Lee Musselwhite Adam Quattlebaum

Joanna Muster Ellen Quinby
Blessed Muzondiwa Kelly Quinn
Barbara Natella Dipthi Ramakrishnan
Casey Neal Mark Ramirez

Lisa Nelson Robbin Ramseur Robert Newby Emily Ransom Matthew Rector Yuni Nguyen Adam Nicholson Ashley Reddick Matthew Reeder Audrea Norris Ian Reifkind Russell Norris David O'Dirling **Jason Resch** Robert Oakes Julia Ridley Kevin Roach Monica Odom Michelle Roberts Robert Olich

Michael Rockholt
Donna Rogers
Susi Rojas
Stacey Rotondo
Brianne Roundtree
James Rountree
Ashley Royall

Daniel Ruocco Gonzalez

Joan Rushing Bartosz Ryba Charles Safley Amanda Salerno Kathryn Sasser Alison Scalvini

Amanda Scarborough

Matthew Schanz
Thomas Schauder
Amy Schilling
Erika Scholl
Adam Schuett
Robert Schwarz
Margaret Schweiger

Allison Scott Daniel Sembler Jeffrey Seremak Octainous Seymore

Mitali Shah
Kavita Shankar
Ashlie Shepard
Katie Shimshock
Roopa Shivaprasad
John Shoemaker
Steven Shook
Michael Siler
Deidra Simmons

Gurmeet Singh Rene' Singleton Amber Smith Ashley Smith

Billie Smith Carolyn Smith

Cynthia Smith
Ionathan Smith

Mary Smith Jennifer Smyla

Tina Soutthanirasay Elizabeth Sparks Lezlie Spencer

Robert Spencer Taylor Spong Arthur Springer

Amy Stafford Kira Staggers Michael Staton William Staton LaTisha Steele Timothy Steele

Valentina Stepanova

William Storrs
Terry Strickland
Brian Stringfellow
William Stroud
Christina Synn
Giedre Taylor
Andrew Teague
Benjamin Tennant
Candice Tew

Mark Thompson
Ryan Thompson
Erin Tillinghast
Alexander Tiset
Lauren Toole
Leighann Travis
Dustin Traylor
Keith Trinkner, Jr
Nicholas Troia
Caleb Truitt
Peter Tyler, II
Alison Upton
James Upton
Nicholas Vail
William Varnedoe

William Varnedoe, Jr Amelia Varner Terri Vaught David Vess Gayathri Vijayagopalan

Christopher Vogel
Andrew Volz
Amy Walker
Ashley Walker
Matthew Walker
Jennifer Walls
Jimin Wang
Pingdao Wang

Paul Wapner
Cassmer Ward
Christian Ward
Desmond Ward
John Ward, Jr
Kari Warlick
Dana Weaver

Jennifer Weaver George Webb Courtney Wells Dorothy Wesson Keith Westcott Lisa Wheeler

Charlie White Holley White Carrie Whitley

Elizabeth Whitmer

John Wiles

William Wilkinson Daryl Williams James Williams Jay Williams

Margaret Williams
Terri Williamson
Samantha Wilson
Barbara Wing
Sara Wise
Sarah Work
Kevin Wyatt
Cuiqiong Xie
Nancy Yang
Hussien Yassin
Li-Wen Yen
Ping Kuen Yeung
Kevin Yoder

Fing Kuen Yeun Kevin Yoder Milen Yordanov Brent Young Jacalyn Zaleski Yaqin Zhao Wei Zhou Zijuan Zhuge

Rosa Zurita Vasquez

Yuri Zwick

Miscellaneous – The Committee reviewed an Independent Assessment Report for the course, "What's New for Your Firm in Peer Review."

Rescind Form of Practice Statements –Peter R. Cabrera (#23015) signed a Form of Practice Statement due to his employment. However, due to a change in his 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. C2007719 – Israel W. Rwejuna. Mr. Rwejuna was not present for the Hearing and was not represented by counsel at the Hearing. Mr. Brooks was sworn and presented testimony. Mr. Winstead and Mr. Harris moved to approve a Board Order (Appendix III) permanently revoking the North Carolina CPA certificate issued to Israel W. Rwejuna. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes. The entire Public Hearing is a matter of public record.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Messrs. Winstead and Harris moved to enter Closed Session with Executive Staff and Legal Counsel to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Messrs. Jordan and Barber moved to re-enter Public Session to continue with the Agenda. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Lynch and Mr. Barber moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director Michael C. Jordan, Cl

President

# THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: James M. McDermott Respondent NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION
AND DEMAND TO CEASE AND DESIST

#### TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (Board) is authorized by N.C.G.S. §93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act (Act) through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §93-1, "A 'certified public accountant' is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued to him under the provisions of this Chapter."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §93-3 "It shall be unlawful for any person who has not received a certificate of qualification admitting him to practice as a certified public accountant to assume or use such a title, or to use any words, letters, abbreviations, symbols or other means of identification to indicate that the person using same has been admitted to practice as a certified public accountant."

WHEREAS, Respondent James M. McDermott (hereinafter "Respondent McDermott") is not currently licensed or otherwise authorized by the Board as a certified public accountant in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Respondent McDermott is not currently actively licensed or otherwise authorized by the Louisiana State Board of CPAs to identify himself as a certified public accountant; and

WHEREAS, Respondent McDermott, while working in North Carolina, identified himself as a "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" to a North Carolina license applicant (applicant). Subsequently, Respondent McDermott signed and had notarized an "Experience Affidavit" in which he indicated that the applicant had received experience "under the direct supervision of a CPA." On the form, Respondent indicated that he had an inactive license in Louisiana. However, the Louisiana Board has confirmed to this Board that under Louisiana accountancy laws and rules, inactive licensees cannot use the title "CPA." Respondent McDermott's use of the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" conveys the impression that he is authorized to use a title other than 'accountant' when, in fact, he is not lawfully authorized to use the title "certified public accountant" or "CPA" in this State. Such a representation is misleading and contrary to N.C.G.S. §93-1 and §93-3.

THEREFORE, Respondent James M. McDermott is hereby notified and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners demands that he immediately cease and desist from offering or using in any manner the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" in North Carolina unless and until Respondent McDermott has been licensed as a CPA by the Board.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

BY:

Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director

DATE

July 10, 2009

In lieu of civil proceedings authorized by N.C.G.S. §93-12(16), the Board will accept Respondent's consent to this Demand.

Consented to:
BY: James M. McDermott DATE: June 19, 2009
State
Machian County
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me the subscribed before me this day by James M. Modern to the subscribed before me the subsc
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principals' identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principals' photograph in the form of a \( \lambda \). \( \lambda \) \( \lambda \). \( \lambda \) \( \lambda
identity of the principals NA II N. I.
Notary Public Signature ARITA CAUTA
Notary Public Printed Name  0 0 19 2009
Date Date
My Commission Expires

\*ATTENTION NOTARY: NCGS 10B-24(a) states, "Near the notary's official signature on the notarial certificate of a paper record, the notary shall place a sharp, legible, permanent, and photographically reproducible image of the official seal."

# THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: Richard D. Elledge Respondent NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND DEMAND TO CEASE AND DESIST

#### TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (Board) is authorized by N.C.G.S. §93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act (Act) through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter; and.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §93-1, "A 'certified public accountant' is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued to him under the provisions of this Chapter."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §93-6, "It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the public practice of accountancy in this State who is not a holder of a certificate as a certified public accountant issued by the Board, unless such person uses the term 'accountant' and only the term 'accountant' in connection with his name on all reports, letters of transmittal, or advice, and on all stationery and documents used in connection with his services as an accountant, and refrains from the use in any manner of any other title or designation in such practice."

WHEREAS, Respondent Richard D. Elledge (hereinafter "Respondent Elledge") is not actively licensed or otherwise authorized by the Board as a certified public accountant in North Carolina. Respondent Elledge was actively licensed in this state until 2002 at which time he requested and received inactive status. The applicable North Carolina accountancy laws and rules provide that an individual holding an inactive license shall not hold himself out as a "certified public accountant" in any manner, and

WHEREAS, Respondent Elledge, while providing audit services in North Carolina, identified himself as a "Public Accountant." Respondent Elledge's use of the designation "Public Accountant" conveys the impression that he is authorized to use a designation other than 'accountant' when, in fact, he is not lawfully authorized to use the title "Certified Public Accountant," the title "CPA," or the designation "Public Accountant" in this State. Such a representation is misleading and contrary to N.C.G.S. §93-1 and §93-6.

THEREFORE, Respondent Richard D. Elledge is hereby notified and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners demands that he immediately cease and desist from offering or using in any manner the title "Certified Public Accountant," the title "CPA," or the designation "Public Accountant" in North Carolina unless and until Respondent Elledge has been licensed as a CPA by the Board.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

BY:

Robert N. Brooks Executive Director

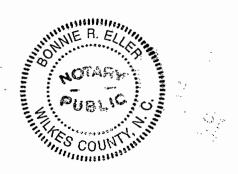
DATE:

In lieu of civil proceedings authorized by N.C.G.S. §93-12(16), the Board will accept Respondent's consent to this Demand.

Consented to:	
BY: Richard D. Elledge	DATE: 6/15/09
Michaid D. Eneuge	
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North Carolina State	
Wilkes County	
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Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before m	ie this day by Richard D. Killedge.
[I have personal knowledge of the identity of	the principals] [I have seen satisfactory evidence of the
	l identification with the principals' photograph in the form
of a <u>Drivers</u> License	[a credible witness has sworn to the
identity of the principals	.]
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Notary	Public Signature
	onnie R. Eller
	Public Printed Name
·	-15-09
Date	
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\*ATTENTION NOTARY: NCGS 10B-24(a) states, "Near the notary's official signature on the notarial certificate of a paper record, the notary shall place a sharp, legible, permanent, and photographically reproducible image of the official seal."



NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2007719

IN THE MATTER OF: Israel W. Rwejuna, #17275 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 July 20, 2009, 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. In July of 2007, Respondent applied for and was granted inactive status.

#### Count 1

- 9. Sometime in August of 2000, the United States Department of the Treasury (US Treasury) obtained a tax lien against Respondent's professional corporation for failure to timely file and pay 941s for the quarters ending September 30, 1998; December 31, 1998; March 31, 1999; June 30, 1999; September 30, 1999; and December 31, 1999, with the "Unpaid Balance of Assessment" totaling \$75,405.82. This lien was released sometime in March of 2001.
- 10. Sometime in December of 2005, the US Treasury obtained a second tax lien against Respondent's professional corporation for failure to timely file and pay 941s for the quarters ending December 31, 2003, March 31, 2004; June 30, 2004; September 30, 2004; and December 31, 2004, with the "Unpaid Balance of Assessment" totaling \$43,827.92.
- 11. Sometime in November of 2006, the US Treasury obtained a third tax lien against Respondent's professional corporation for failure to timely file and pay 941s for the quarter ending September 30, 2005, with the "Unpaid Balance of Assessment" totaling \$1,874.20.
- 12. Sometime in February of 2007, the US Treasury obtained a fourth tax lien against Respondent's professional corporation for failure to timely file and pay 941s for the quarter ending June 30, 2006, with the "Unpaid Balance of Assessment" totaling \$2,543.75.
- 13. Sometime in April of 2007, the US Treasury obtained a fifth tax lien against the Respondent's professional corporation for failure to timely file and pay 941s for the quarter ending September 30, 2006, with the "Unpaid Balance of Assessment" totaling \$2,037.37.
- 14. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was either the sole or the majority shareholder in his professional corporation and at no time did Respondent or anyone else on behalf of Respondent's professional corporation advise the Board of the tax liens.

#### Count 2

15. On April 22, 2004, the Board sent Respondent a letter stating he needed to admit another CPA owner to his firm, Rwejuna & Associates, CPAs, PA, because it implies more than one owner or change the name of his CPA firm to his name only.

- 16. On May 3, 2004, the Board received a "Notification of New Owner in a Professional Corporation" form from Respondent indicating that Brenda T. Watkins, CPA, (Ms. Watkins) had been admitted as a five (5) percent owner of Rwejuna & Associates, CPAs, PA.
- 17. The Board received a letter from Ms. Watkins dated October 1, 2007, stating that she had never been admitted as an owner in Rwejuna & Associates, CPAs, PA, and had terminated her employment with the firm on June 30, 2000.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of NCGS 93-12 (9)e and 21 NCAC 8N .0203 (b)(1), .0204 (a) and (c), .0207, .0208, and .0307 (b).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of \_\_\_7 to \_\_0 that:

- 1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Israel W. Rwejuna, 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.

This the 20th day of July 2009.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

President