PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners
April 24, 2012
1101 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, NC 27605

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

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; J. Michael Barham, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; 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; Sharon Bryson, COO, NCACPA; Debbie Robinson, CPA, NCACPA; Tom Horne, CPA, NCACPA; John M. Kledis, CPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, Senior Manager, State Regulation & Legislation, AICPA; and Curt Lee, Legislative Liaison, NCSA.

CALL TO ORDER: President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 21, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The March 2012 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Messrs. Cook and Glover moved to nominate Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, for the alternate member position for the Middle Atlantic Region on the NASBA Nominating Committee. Motion passed.

Messrs. Baldwin and Jordan moved to send a letter of support for E. Kent Smoll, CPA, for re-appointment as NASBA Director-at-Large. Motion passed.

STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Messrs. Cook and Glover moved to accept the report of the AICPA Peer Review Board Oversight Task Force on the administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program by the NCAPCA and the first annual monitoring report of the NASBA Compliance Assurance Committee of the National Peer Review Committee (NPRC) of the AICPA (Appendix I). Motion passed.
REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Baldwin moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Case No. C2007469 - Geoffrey R. Chatham - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).
Case No. C2011165 - Thomas W. McDevitt - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix III).
Case No. C2009221 - Alyson M. Miller - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IV).
Case No. C2011069 - Michael G. Lieto - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix V).
Case No. C2011073 - Alison F. Monroe - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VI).
Case No. C2011181 - Teresa L. Brenan - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VII).
UT 2012071 - Paul S. Taylor - Accept the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Demand to Cease and Desist (Appendix VIII).
Case No. 200609-072 - Gerelene M. Walker - Accept the signed Consent Order (Appendix IX).
UT 2012080 - Rosalie McDevitt - Accept the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Demand to Cease and Desist (Appendix X).

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:

Christopher J. Duke
James Walter Lawrence

Original Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Lamar Herbert Benton Jr.  
Parag Bakul Bhutta  
Paul Anthony Blaylock  
Hannah Elizabeth Brown  
Chevonne Burns  
Tieneke Chelsea Geurts Carver  
Allison Taube Cashin  
Steven Thompson Cornelissen II  
Charles Lloyd Davis Jr.  
Jessica Susan Dill  
Sara Ann Domby
Christopher J. Duke  
Stephanie Jo Dunaway  
Trisha Lynn Edwards  
Brett Neil Goodman  
Ashley Michelle Haron-Poston  
Yasheria Michelle Harper  
Adam Charles Hill  
Brian Aidan Lang  
James Walter Lawrence  
James Douglas Mackintosh IV  
Carroll McKinley Mann
Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Ali Riad Ajami
Matthew Douglas Beamish
Karen Gregory Blalock
Geoffrey Jason Bremer
Candace Marie Casey
Leslie Mark Coval
Lisa Ann Davis
David Lane Fred
Anthony Michael Gagliardi
Gary Spencer Giovanini
Richard Douglas Hofrichter
Sharon Jane Howard
Rebecca Lynn Johns
Jody-Ann M. Johnson
Laura Kathleen Johnson
Paul Joseph Kenney
Ryan Mathew Levy
Susan Mary Mann
Michael James McGory
Kevin James McHugh
Paul David Musgrave

Kimberly Lynn Nenni
Adam Rafael Pakledinaz
Yogini Kara Parmar
Kari E. Patton-Motlock
John Frederick Perrott
Sherry Bennett Rae
Alexander Orestes Rodriguez
Francisco Javier Urios Rodriguez
Nicola Silura Ruth
Joseph Charles Schaff
Francis John Schmid
Sheryl Honigbaum Schuff
Lawrence Jay Slakter
Cheryl Ann Smith
Susanna Buechi Turner
Thomas Graham Turner Sr.
Peggy A. Upton
David Gray Walker Jr.
James Leland Washburn
Timothy Ulysses Zygmont

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

Nicole Silura Ruth T6786
Yogini Kara Parmar T6787
Scott Charles McLean T6788

Peter Christopher Schmutz T6789
Stephen Douglas Carey T6790
Ali Riad Ajami T6791
Brian Joseph Smith T6792
Linda Susan Lee T6796
Jane Elizabeth Scarlett T6798
David Michael Kent T6799

Peggy Anne Thompson T6800
Paul Jay Grosswald T6801
Carolann Elizabeth Berkowitz T6802
Daniel Paul Cafarella T6803

**Reinstatements** - The following were approved:

Donald Ralph Compton #18471
Adrian Lee Jarrell #20557

Elizabeth Baker Simmons #20653

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

Judson J. Abraham #17385
William Randall Burrell #10324
Randy Scott Casstevens #18291

Glen Hunter Griffin #21475
Dorinda D. Powell #27642

**Reissuance of New Certificate and Consent Agreement** - An application for reissuance of new certificate and consent agreement submitted by John Prescott Sabiston (#25603) was approved.

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

Mark H. Goodson, CPA PLLC
Eric M. Harris, CPA, PLLC
Satchel Loftis, CPA, PLLC

Sonia E. Perez, CPA, PC
John A. Pollard CPA PLLC
Michael Tomlinson, CPA, PLLC

**Retired Status Applications** - The Committee approved the request for retired status submitted by Christopher C. Smalley (#22980) because he is completely retired and does not receive any earned compensation for current personal services in any job whatsoever.

**Extension Requests** - The Committee approved Ted Allen Boyer (#9857) for extension for completion of CPE until June 30, 2012.

An extension request submitted by Tong Chen (#35761) was disapproved.

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

Stephen Adams
Sanjay Agarwal

Jeremiah Akinsola
Rodney Alexander
Michael Say
Elizabeth Saylor
Joy Schaub
Brittany Schell
Amy Schilling
Deanna Schmidt
Erik Schoenberger
William Scotten
Teryn Shaw
Fang Shen
Catherine Shomo
Cameron Shore
Shelly Shores
Richard Siler
Eva Simpson
Kaeli Sims
Robert Sluik
Andrew Smith
Michelle Smith
Morgan Smith
Dennis St. Martin
Heath Stafford
Kira Staggers
Kyle Stamp
Andrew Stanley
Allison Stevens
Patrick Stultz
Barbara Stutz
Kuei Fen Sun
Tomokazu Takahashi
Allison Taylor
Nicole Teibel
Genessa Tetterton
Dane Thomas

Kristen Thompson
Emily Thronson
Zachary Thurmes
Ryan Todd
Alan Toler
Jamar Turner
Heather Upham
Alexandra Valier
Graham Van Roekel
William Varneoe, Jr
Gautham Venkatasubramanian
Leigh Vogedes
Ashley Wagner
Ashley Waid
Akilah Waldron
Liping Wang
Jelissa Ward
Taylor Ward
Jason Watkins
Amanda Webb
Devin Weiss
Brittany Whitley
Patrick Wicker
Courtney Wieters
Jennifer Williams
Milton Williams
Laura Wilson
Ryan Wingerd
Stephen Winters
Lloyd Wishon
Christopher Wright
Melissa Young
Jessica Zirnheld

Staff recommended that the committee determine and accept the grades received for the January - February 2012 exams. Twenty-five (25) files with grade reports were haphazardly selected and reviewed by Board members. The Committee determined and accepted the grades.

**Letters of Warning** - Staff received a CPE audit from Jared D. Lashley (#35286) which lists 2010 CPE taken between January 1 and June 30, 2011, without an approved
extension. Staff recommended 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 letters of warning awarded to the individuals listed below. The Committee approved staff recommendation:

Ted Allen Boyer #9857
Eric Edward Butts #22006
Cassie Simmons Thompson #30001
Jeffrey Chester Yardley #28928

Firm Renewal and Peer Review Matters - The firms listed below submitted a renewal or termination notice less than 60 days after the deadline. Staff recommended referral to the Professional Standards Committee. The Committee approved staff recommendation:

Maurice W. Atkinson II CPA #35682
C. Scott Austin CPA #24305
Vadim Bogomolov CPA #29688
Robin N. Carver CPA # 32367
Douglas J. Clark CPA #13410
Alan Crawley CPA #29046
Mary Lou Daly CPA #19669
Timothy K. Eller CPA #23167
Elizabeth A. Feit, CPA, PLLC
Elizabeth Ailshie Feit # 29276
Jill C. Hobbs CPA #31239
C. D. Holland & Company PA
Claude Douglas Holland # 1334
Keith Jones CPA #26243
Shawna C. Kaylor, CPA, PLLC
Shawna Corinne Kaylor #34522
M.S. Khan CPA #15297
Warren Lowder, CPA, PLLC
Warren Gale Lowder #10065
Francine R. Noel, CPA PLLC
Francine Rochelle Noel # 26269
Margaret F. Stempley CPA #27423
CD Tedder, PLLC Certified Public Accountant
C. Diane Tedder #32986
W. Stewart Thomas, CPA, P.L.L.C.
William Stewart Thomas #21544
James R. Wright CPA #17099

CLOSED SESSION: Messrs. Cook and Glover moved to enter Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter with the Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Legal Counsel. Motion passed.

PUBLIC SESSION: The Board re-entered Public Session to continue with the agenda.

RESOLUTION: President Rodriguez read and presented a Resolution thanking Michael C. Jordan, CPA, for his service to the Board and the citizens of North Carolina. Mr. Cook and Ms. Lynch moved to make the Resolution (Appendix XI) a part of the minutes. Motion passed. President Rodriguez also presented Mr. Jordan with a plaque.

OATH OF OFFICE: John M. Kledis, CPA, was sworn the Oath of Office by President Rodriguez.
ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Kledis and Harris moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:  

[Signature]
Robert N. Brooks  
Executive Director

Attested to by:  

[Signature]
Jose R. Rodriguez, CPA  
President
February 6, 2012

Daniel G. Hayes, Peer Review Committee Chair
North Carolina Association of CPAs
PO Box 80188
Raleigh, NC 27623-0188

Dear Mr. Hayes:

On January 19, 2012, the AICPA Peer Review Board Oversight Task Force accepted the report and letter of procedures and observations on the most recent oversight visit for the North Carolina Association of CPAs, the administering entity for the AICPA Peer Review Program, and the administering entity's response thereto. A copy of this acknowledgement, the two oversight visit documents, and your response will be posted to the AICPA Peer Review Program Web site.

The next state oversight visit will be in 2013.

The AICPA Peer Review Board appreciates your cooperation and efforts in making the peer review program a success.

Sincerely,

Randy Watson

Randy Watson, Chair
Oversight Task Force
AICPA Peer Review Board

cc: James T. Ahler, Executive Director
    Mary Kelly, Peer Review Coordinator
    Lisa Joseph, AICPA Peer Review Program Technical Manager
Oversight Visit Report

October 20, 2011

To the Peer Review Committee
North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the North Carolina Association of CPAs' administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program as part of our oversight program. Our procedures were conducted in conformity with the guidance established by the AICPA Peer Review Board (the "Board") as contained in the AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Handbook. The administering entity is responsible for administering the AICPA Peer Review Program in compliance with the AICPA Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews (the "Standards"), interpretations, and other guidance established by the Board. Our responsibility is to determine whether (1) administering entities are complying with the administrative procedures established by the Board as set forth in the AICPA Peer Review Administrative Manual, (2) the reviews are being conducted and reported upon in accordance with the Standards, (3) the results of the reviews are being evaluated on a consistent basis by all administering entity peer review committees, and (4) information disseminated by administering entities is accurate and timely.

Based on the results of the procedures performed, we have concluded that the North Carolina Association of CPAs has complied with the administrative procedures and Standards in all material respects as established by the Board.

As is customary, we have issued a letter of oversight visit procedures and observations that details the oversight procedures performed and sets forth recommendations that were not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect the conclusions expressed in this report.

J. Phillip Coley, Member, Oversight Task Force
AICPA Peer Review Program
October 20, 2011

To the Peer Review Committee
North Carolina Association of
Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the North Carolina Association of CPAs' administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program (the "Program") as part of our oversight program and have issued our report thereon dated October 20, 2011. That report should be read in conjunction with the observations in this letter, which were considered in determining our conclusions. The observations described as follows were not considered to be of sufficient significance to affect the conclusions expressed in that report.

The oversight visit was conducted according to the procedures in the AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Handbook. An oversight program is designed to improve the administering entity's administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program through feedback on its policies and procedures, and to provide resource assistance from an AICPA Peer Review Board Oversight Task Force member on both technical and administrative matters.

In conjunction with the oversight visit of the North Carolina Association of CPAs, an administering entity for the Program, conducted on October 19 and 20, 2011, the following observations are being communicated:

Administrative Procedures

On the morning of October 19, 2011, Lisa Joseph, AICPA Technical Manager, and I met with the Peer Review Coordinator to review the Program's administration. We believe the administrative processes were being handled in a manner consistent with peer review standards.

We reviewed the files which were still open due to follow-up actions and which had not yet been completed. We found that the follow-up actions were being effectively monitored for completion by the administrative staff and the North Carolina Association of CPAs' Peer Review Committee ("Committee").

We also reviewed the policies and procedures for the granting of extensions. We found that the Peer Review Coordinator handles short-term extension requests with discussion from the Committee when the circumstances warrant.

We also reviewed the timeliness of the scheduling process, technical reviews, and the preparation of acceptance and follow-up letters. We found no problems in these areas.

The North Carolina Association of CPAs has developed a back-up plan to support the Peer Review Coordinator if she becomes unable to serve in her designated capacity. Because the North Carolina Association of CPAs has numerous technical reviewers, there is adequate back-up in the event one or more technical reviewers become unable to fulfill their responsibilities.
**Web Site and Other Media Information**

Ms. Joseph and I met with the Peer Review Coordinator to review the administering entity's procedures to determine if the information disseminated regarding the Program by the administering entity on their web site and via other media is accurate and timely.

After the AICPA staff's review of the web site material and our review of other media information, we noted that the administering entity maintains and disseminates current information as it relates to the Program. In addition, the administering entity has an individual who is responsible for maintaining the web site and monitors the web site to ensure peer review information is accurate and timely.

**Working Paper Retention**

We reviewed the completed working papers for several reviews and found compliance with the working paper retention policies. We also reviewed the retention policies and procedures regarding reviewer feedback forms and noted that these forms are being retained for the appropriate period of time.

**Technical Review Procedures and Review Presentation**

On the afternoon of October 19, 2011, Ms. Joseph and I met with two of the North Carolina Association of CPAs' technical reviewers to discuss procedures. They are experienced reviewers and, along with nineteen (19) other technical reviewers, perform all technical reviews.

Ms. Joseph and I reviewed the reports, working papers and, if applicable, letters of response for eighteen (18), or approximately 40%, of the reviews scheduled for consideration on October 20, 2011. As noted in the prior oversight, there appeared to be some review issues that could have been addressed and cleared by the technical reviewer prior to presentation to and consideration by the Report Acceptance Body ("RAB"). However, and also as noted in the prior oversight, the Committee has made a conscientious decision not to have the technical reviewer resolve these issues in order to obtain a better level of consistency on RAB decisions. This appears appropriate considering the number of technical reviewers that the North Carolina Association of CPAs currently utilizes. We did not note any significant delays in the acceptance and/or completion of reviews as a result of this process. It should further be noted that the Committee is moving in the direction of having its technical reviewers resolve more minor issues prior to RAB presentation.

Reviews are presented to the RABs by a Committee member who is not the technical reviewer. Feedback is issued to the technical reviewers when deemed appropriate by the RABs.
Committee and RAB Procedures

On October 19, 2011, Ms. Joseph and I met with the Committee chair and, along with other subjects, discussed their procedures for disseminating the comments resulting from the AICPA working paper oversights to the appropriate individuals. It was determined that the Committee issued reviewer feedback related to these comments when appropriate.

Ms. Joseph and I attended the full Committee meeting on October 20, 2011. Prior to its full meeting, the Committee divided into three (3) separate RABs to consider those reviews scheduled for consideration. We observed each RAB’s acceptance process and offered our comments at the close of discussions.

The RAB meetings were very orderly and it was apparent that the RAB members had reviewed the reports and working papers thoroughly prior to the meeting and had a good understanding of the Program to reach an appropriate decision for each review.

Appropriate decisions were made in the acceptance process, appropriate follow-up actions were assigned, and reviewers were being appropriately monitored including the issuance of reviewer feedback when warranted. Reviews were being presented to the RABs on a timely basis.

Oversight Program

The Committee has adopted a formal oversight program that is well documented. We reviewed the document and procedures performed and found it to be comprehensive.

Summary

There are no further observations to be communicated to the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

J. Phillip Coley, Member, Oversight Task Force
AICPA Peer Review Program
December 16, 2011

Randy S. Watson, CPA
Chair
AICPA Peer Review Board
Oversight Task Force
Palladian I Corporate Center
220 Leigh Farm Road
Durham, NC 27707-8110

Re: Oversight Visit to North Carolina Association of CPAs

Dear Mr. Watson:

This letter represents our response to the report and letter of procedures and observations issued in connection with the review of North Carolina’s administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program on October 19-20, 2011. The oversight visit documents have been disseminated to all NCACPA Peer Review Committee members, administrative staff, and technical reviewers. We are pleased to note there were no specific deficiencies or observations included in the oversight documents on which a written response was required. This letter represents our acknowledgement of the oversight visit.

We appreciate the review Phill Coley and AICPA Technical Manager Lisa Joseph performed of our administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Hayes, CPA
Chair
NCACPA Peer Review Committee

cc: James T. Ahler, CAE, NCACPA CEO
    Mary C. Kelly, NCACPA Peer Review Coordinator
    Lisa Joseph, CPA, AICPA Technical Manager
February 23, 2012

Dear Members of the 55 State Boards of Accountancy and the respective Peer Review Oversight Committees:

Enclosed is the first annual monitoring report of the National Peer Review Committee (NPRC) of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) by the NASBA Compliance Assurance Committee (CAC).

In 2009, an agreement was reached between NASBA and the AICPA to provide a mechanism by which the operations of the NPRC could be monitored and reported on by the CAC. We are pleased to provide you with our first report.

For more information about the NPRC, refer to the NPRC website at http://www.aicpa.org/INTERESTAREAS/PEERREVIEW/COMMUNITY/NATIONALPRC/Pages/NationalPeerReviewCommittee.aspx. This site includes the 2010 Oversight Report, which was approved by the NPRC in September 2011.

I am happy to discuss this matter further with you. I can be reached at (405) 360-5533.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Gray, CPA, CVA, CFF
Chair, NASBA Compliance Assurance Committee
NASBA Compliance Assurance Committee Report
on the AICPA National Peer Review Committee

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) National Peer Review Committee (NPRC) administers peer reviews for (i) all firms who serve SEC issuer clients and, accordingly, are required to be registered with and inspected by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and (ii) other firms who elect to have their peer review administered by the NPRC. The NPRC has firms that are located in every state. These are firms that provide audit services and assurance services. To provide transparency in the operations of the NPRC such that individual state boards of accountancy and their peer review oversight committees (PROCs) may rely on the effectiveness of the NPRC, NASBA and the AICPA developed a process by which the activities of the NPRC may be monitored and reports issued.

By agreement, two spots on the NPRC are designated to be filled by NASBA representatives. Currently two former state board members sit in these positions on the NPRC. The members are selected from a list of qualified individuals recommended by NASBA. The individuals serve on the NPRC as fully-participating members with full voting rights and the same responsibilities as other NPRC members.

Those NPRC members representing NASBA report periodically to NASBA’s Compliance Assurance Committee (CAC) as to whether:

- The NPRC is complying with the AICPA Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews (Standards) and other Guidance issued by the AICPA Peer Review Board and the NPRC;
- The NPRC has an appropriate oversight process in place for the reviews it administers and its peer reviewers;
- Results of the oversight process are transparent;
- Reviews are being conducted and reported upon in accordance with the Standards;
- Results of reviews are being evaluated on a consistent basis;
- The AICPA Peer Review Program is achieving its objectives based on the administration by the NPRC; and
- Comments, suggestions and other input from these two members are given full consideration as other such matters would be from any NPRC members.

Based on our discussions with our representatives on the NPRC, as well as reviewing the comprehensive oversight report prepared by the NPRC and the administrative oversight report issued by a third party, we are satisfied and can report that the NPRC has operated appropriately for the period of November 1, 2010 – October 31, 2011.

Janice L. Gray, CPA, CVA, CFF
Chair, NASBA Compliance Assurance Committee
February 25, 2012
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
CASE #: C2007469

IN THE MATTER OF:
Geoffrey R. Chatham, #20958
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (Board) at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Geoffrey R. Chatham (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 20958 as a Certified Public Accountant ("Certificate"). In December of 2011, Respondent’s request that his Certificate be placed on “Retired” status was granted by the Board.

2. In 2004, Respondent received at least two (2) criminal summonses for failure to file unemployment insurance tax forms. The charges were later dismissed.

3. Despite the aforementioned criminal summonses, when Respondent renewed his Certificate in June of 2004 and June of 2005, he failed to respond in the affirmative to the question: “Have you been charged, arrested ... or pleaded ... to any criminal offense, excluding criminal traffic infractions, since filing your last renewal?”

4. In 2004, Respondent was named in a civil complaint alleging Fraud, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Embezzlement, Conversion, Unfair, and Deceptive Trade Acts, and Civil Conspiracy. Respondent settled this complaint with no admission of guilt.

5. Despite the aforementioned civil suit, when Respondent renewed his Certificate in June of 2004 and June of 2005, he failed to respond in the affirmative to the question: “Have you been party to a civil suit, bankruptcy action, administrative proceeding, or binding arbitration the basis of which is an allegation of negligence, dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation, or incompetence, since filing your last renewal?”
6. Respondent never informed the Board of the 2004 civil suit and criminal summonses, and the Board only discovered those actions at a much later date from other sources. The late discovery of those actions has severely hampered the Board's ability to conduct its own investigation of the allegations. A failure to file unemployment taxes, in and of itself, has been held to be grounds for revocation in other matters. Similarly, the blatant conflict of interest and other allegations made in the 2004 civil suit, if investigated and proven at the time, could have led to discipline of Respondent's Certificate.

7. In 2007, Respondent was named in a civil complaint alleging Breach of Contract, Fraud, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Embezzlement, Conversion, Unfair and Deceptive Trade Acts, and Civil Conspiracy. Respondent settled this complaint with no admission of guilt. However, Respondent did not comply with the terms of his settlement agreement.

8. 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 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 21 NCAC 08N .0201 and .0208.

3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of Respondent’s consent to this order, Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Geoffrey Chatham, is suspended for five (5) years from the date this Order is approved by the Board.
2. Respondent must return his suspended certificate to the Board with this signed Consent Order.

3. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after five (5) years from the date the Board approves the Consent.

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. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
   d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including the eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in a self-study or group study format.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 21st DAY OF MARCH 2012.

[Signature]
Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 24th DAY OF APRIL 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

[Signature]
President
NORTH CAROLINA  BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
WAKE COUNTY  CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
IN THE MATTER OF:  CASE #: C2011165
Thomas W. McDevitt, #15009  CONSENT ORDER
Respondent

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (Board) at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following Findings of Fact:

1. Thomas W. McDevitt (Respondent) is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15009 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. On or about August 23, 1984, Respondent signed an application to become a member of the North Carolina Local Government Employees’ Retirement System (Retirement System). On the application, Respondent and his employer affirmed that Respondent’s start date was August 15, 1984.

3. In an experience affidavit filed with the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners in November of 1984, and in numerous other documents, Respondent’s employment start date was listed as August 15, 1984.

4. As a result of the North Carolina Supreme Court's decision in Bailey v. State of North Carolina, 348 N.C. 130, 500 S.E.2d 54 (1998), the Retirement System published the following information regarding the taxation of retirement benefits:


5. In 2006, Respondent requested that his employer change his employment start date from August 15, 1984, to August 1, 1984, to reflect what Respondent maintained was his actual first day on the job. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of his employer concurred with the requested change of start date.
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6. The Board has alleged that Respondent, by requesting that his employer change his employment date, sought to gain monetarily by avoiding taxes that he thought would otherwise be owed on his retirement benefit. However, as the Bailey decision was and continues to be interpreted by the State Treasurer, Respondent’s future retirement benefits were not in fact subject to N.C. income tax regardless of when he started employment during the month of August, 1984. Respondent categorically denies the Board’s allegations and maintains that he was well aware that the Bailey decision exempted his future retirement benefits from the N.C. income tax as far back as 2004, which was approximately two years prior to Respondent’s request to correct his hire date. In 2004, Respondent researched the applicability of the Bailey decision in detail for a client who was also a member of the Retirement System. Respondent has provided an affidavit from the client corroborating Respondent’s familiarity at that time with the Bailey decision and how it applied to his own employment. Respondent maintains that the request to his employer in 2006 was related to his concerns about the rapid changes affecting his employer required by the reform of the N.C. mental health system in 2006 and his expectation of future, additional changes to that system.

7. 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. Respondent further understands that if this proposal is not accepted by the Board, neither Respondent nor the Board shall be bound by any term or condition contained herein.

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 and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (“Board Rules”), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

2. If proven, Respondent’s motivation and actions, as alleged by the Board, would constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0202, .0203(b)(1) and .0206.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of discipline or further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders his certificate on a permanent basis.

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.
3. Respondent cannot avail himself of any the procedures set forth in subchapters 08I or 08J of the Board Rules in an effort to regain his surrendered certificate.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 16 DAY OF March, 2012.

[Signature]
Respondent, Thomas McDevitt

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 21 DAY OF April, 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

[Signature]
President
IN THE MATTER OF:  
Alyson M. Miller, #27754  
Respondent  

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (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. Alyson M. Miller (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 27754 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. Respondent was engaged to prepare a client’s 2007 individual tax returns and filed an extension allowing the returns to be filed on or before October 15, 2008.

3. Respondent claims that she prepared the client’s tax returns on October 15, 2008, and mailed the returns to the client to be filed.

4. When the client advised Respondent that the client had not received the completed returns on or before October 15, 2008, Respondent provided the client with copies of the completed returns along with envelopes metered with postage for the October 15, 2008, deadline.

5. The client subsequently filed a complaint with the Board regarding Respondent’s failures to correct mistakes in the tax returns and to return client records.

6. Respondent failed to timely respond to Board inquiries regarding the client’s complaint.

7. 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 08 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 (9) e and 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, .0206, .0207, .0211, and .0212.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings under 21 NCAC Chapter 08C, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent’s CPA certificate shall be suspended for one (1) year from the date this Order is approved by the Board.

2. Respondent’s firm’s registration shall be suspended for one (1) year from the date this Order is approved by the Board.

3. Prior to filing her application for the reissuance of her CPA certificate, Respondent must complete and provide verification of her completion of the North Carolina Accountancy Law-Ethics Principles and Professional Responsibilities course in group study format as offered by the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. Said course may not be used to meet Respondent’s continuing professional education requirement needed for the reissuance of her CPA certificate.

4. Respondent may apply to return her 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. 40 hours of CPE in the 12 months preceding the application.

5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000.00) civil penalty.
Consent Order - 3
Alyson Miller

6. Respondent shall reimburse the Board for its administrative costs incurred as a result of the Board's investigation of this matter.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 9th DAY OF December 2011.

[Signature]

Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 24th DAY OF April 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

[Signature]

President
IN THE MATTER OF:
Michael Lieto, # 32810
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
CASE #: C2011069

_THIS CAUSE_, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Respondent was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 32810 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. Respondent informed the Board on his 2009-2010 individual certificate renewal (renewal) that he had obtained forty (40) hours of continuing professional education (CPE), had completed an annual Board-approved North Carolina ethics CPE course, and had completed at least eight (8) hours of non-self-study CPE to meet the 2008 year’s CPE requirement. Respondent chose not to renew his certificate for the 2010-2011 renewal period.

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 2008 year’s CPE requirement.

5. Respondent did not provide any CPE certificates of completion for 2008 as the Board requested.

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 and Title 21, Chapter 08 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 21 NCAC 08J .0101(b), 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), .0202(b)(4), and .0203(b)(1).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further contested case proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following:

1. By virtue of Respondent’s failure to provide CPE documentation for 2008 and also due to his failure to renew his certificate for the 2010-2011 renewal period, Respondent’s certificate is automatically forfeited pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(8b).

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

3. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves the Consent Order if Respondent’s certificate and the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order have been received by the Board.

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. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
   d. Eighty (80) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application. Forty (40) hours of those hours of CPE must be in a group-study format.

5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000.00) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting any reissuance application.

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.
Consent Order - 3
Michael Lieto

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 16th DAY OF March, 2012.

[Signature]
Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 24th DAY OF APRIL 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

[Signature]
President
NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS  
CASE #: C2011073

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Alison Monroe, # 24083  
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 N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Respondent was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 24083 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. Respondent informed the Board on her 2009-2010 individual certificate renewal (renewal) that she had obtained forty (40) hours of continuing professional education (CPE), had completed an annual Board-approved North Carolina ethics CPE course, and had completed at least eight (8) hours of non-self-study CPE to meet the 2008 year’s CPE requirement. Respondent chose not to renew her certificate for the 2010-2011 renewal period.

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

4. Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet her 2008 year’s CPE requirement.

5. Respondent did not provide any CPE certificates of completion for 2008 as the Board requested.

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 and Title 21, Chapter 08 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 21 NCAC 08J .0101(b), 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), .0202(b)(4), and .0203(b)(1).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further contested case proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following:

1. By virtue of Respondent's failure to provide CPE documentation for 2008 and also due to her failure to renew her certificate for the 2010-2011 renewal period, Respondent's certificate is automatically forfeited pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(8b).

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

3. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of her certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves the Consent Order if Respondent's certificate and the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order have been received by the Board.

4. Respondent may apply to return her certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:

   a. Application form,
   b. Payment of the application fee,
   c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
   d. Eighty (80) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application. Forty (40) hours of those hours of CPE must be in a group-study format, including the eight-hour Accountancy Law course conducted by the NCACPA.

5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000.00) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting any reissuance application.

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 her license.
Consent Order - 3
Alison Monroe

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 1 DAY OF March, 2012.

Alison Monroe
Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 24 DAY OF April, 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BY: ______________
President
NORTH CAROLINA  BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF  WAKE COUNTY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS  CASE #: C2011181

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Teresa L. Brennan, #34187  
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (Board) at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following Findings:

1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 34187 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. In June 2010, Respondent informed the Board on her 2010-2011 individual certificate renewal (renewal) that she had obtained forty (40) hours of continuing professional education (CPE), had completed the annual ethics CPE course, and had completed at least eight (8) hours of non-self-study CPE to meet the 2009 CPE requirement.

3. Prior to submitting her renewal, Respondent requested an extension to complete her 2009 CPE requirements in 2010 without penalty. The Board disapproved that request by letter dated April 27, 2010.

4. Based on Respondent’s representation, the Board accepted her renewal.

5. In January 2011, Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet her 2009 CPE requirement.

6. Respondent provided the CPE certificates of completion to the Board as requested. Respondent acknowledged that she had only completed two (2) hours of CPE during the period between January 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, which was inconsistent with her 2010-2011 renewal.

7. Respondent was first issued her certificate in 2009. Accordingly, the 2009 year was the first one in which Respondent was required to complete mandatory CPE requirements. Similarly, 2010-2011 was the first time that
Respondent had to report the mandatory CPE requirements to renew her certificate.

8. When Respondent received the Board's disapproval of her extension request in April 2010, the letter also included notification that she likely would be subject to a letter of warning for her failure to timely complete the 2009 CPE requirements. Because of her inexperience with mandatory CPE and the corresponding reporting requirement at renewal, Respondent mistakenly believed at the time that the letter of warning resolved her 2009 CPE credit deficit and that she was no longer required to complete those hours.

9. Upon receipt of the Board's letter that her 2009 and 2010 CPE credits were being audited, Respondent promptly contacted the Board, realized her inadvertent mistake on the renewal form, explained it to the Board representative and acknowledged that she had not completed the required CPE credits for 2009 during that initial conversation. Respondent also subsequently inquired and received confirmation from the Board that she could continue using her CPA designation during the pendency of the Board's audit of her CPE credits.

10. Respondent was not actively working or practicing as a certified public accountant in 2009 and 2010, including after her renewal in June 2010 through December 2010.

11. 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 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. When submitting her 2010-2011 renewal, Respondent reasonably should have known that she was still required to complete the 2009 CPE requirements and the renewal related to those credits, notwithstanding the anticipated letter of
warning. By submitting this renewal, she violated 21 NCAC 08N.0202(b)(3) & (4), which prohibit, among other things, representations that the CPA should have known had the capacity to deceive in regard to maintaining certification or reporting CPE credits.

3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of Respondent’s consent to this order, Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent’s application for renewal is deemed insufficient and untimely under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-3(a). Hence, her certificate is automatically forfeited pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(8b).

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

3. Respondent may not apply for the reissuance of her certificate for at least one 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 her certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reinstatement application which includes:
   a. Application form,
   b. Payment of the application fee,
   c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
   d. Seventy-eight (78) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application, thirty-eight (38) hours of which must be in a group study format, including an eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

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 her license.
CONSENTED TO THIS THE 7 DAY OF March, 2011.

[Signature]
Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 21 DAY OF April, 2011.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

[Signature]
President
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:
Paul S. Taylor, Case #UT2012071
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. Gen. Stat. § 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, in March 2010, Respondent Paul S. Taylor ("Respondent Taylor") and his company Capital Advisory Group and Tax Planners of Lake Norman ("Capital Advisory Group"), were advised that they were in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-4 by placing advertisements offering to provide tax returns that were "CPA prepared and signed."

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2010, Respondent Taylor, through his attorney, "agreed to discontinue the use of the phrase 'CPA prepared and signed,' and any reference to 'CPA'...."


WHEREAS, Respondent Taylor has already agreed in prior correspondence to refrain from making the representations that are the subject matter of this demand and notice.

THEREFORE, Respondent Taylor is hereby notified and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners demands that he immediately cease and desist from advertising "CPA prepared" tax returns or otherwise referencing CPAs in the advertising for Capital Advisory Group.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

BY:          DATE: 3-26-12

Frank X. Trainor, III, Staff Attorney
In lieu of civil proceedings authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(16), the Board will accept Respondent’s consent to this Demand.

Consented to:

BY: [Signature]
PAUL S. TAYLOR

DATE: 3-29-2012

North Carolina State
Cabarrus County

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by [Signature] Paul S. Taylor.

[I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal(s)] [I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal’s identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal’s photograph in the form of a NC Drivers License] [a credible witness has sworn to the identity of the principal(s) [Signature] Paul S. Taylor]

Valeria Fassman
Notary Public Signature

Valeria Fassman
Notary Public Printed Name

March 29, 2012
Date

November 15, 2014
My Commission Expires

[Stamp: NC Board of CPA Examiners]

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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
CASE #: 200609-072

IN THE MATTER OF:
Gerrelene M. Walker, #7714
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (Board) at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate the following Findings:

1. Gerrelene M. Walker (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 7714 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. In April of 2010, the Board approved a Consent Order ("Order") with Respondent requiring her to obtain pre-issuance reviews, from a Board-approved reviewer, of all audits of government units and component units of government units until such time as the Board would determine that pre-issuance review is no longer necessary.

3. In a cover letter sent to Respondent with the approved Order, Board staff reminded Respondent that she must obtain pre-issuance reviews and that she must obtain Board approval of the pre-issuance reviewer.

4. In July of 2010, Respondent was informed, by a representative of the Local Government Commission (LGC) of the North Carolina State Treasurer’s office, that the person indicated in Respondent’s submissions to the LGC as Respondent’s firm’s pre-issuance reviewer had not, according to Board records, been approved by the Board to perform such reviews.

5. In October of 2010, Respondent contacted Board staff and was provided with a list of names for approved pre-issuance reviewers.

6. Ms. Walker presented, from October of 2010 through January of 2011, at least seven (7) June 30, 2010, audits to governmental units and component units of government units prior to obtaining a pre-issuance review.
7. The LGC issued "White Letter" findings on each of the seven (7) audits which indicated that Respondent issued audits with unqualified opinions that contained financial statements with material errors and inconsistencies that were not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

8. In December of 2010 and January of 2011, Board staff sent letters to Respondent regarding the status of her pre-issuance reviews.

9. Respondent responded in January of 2011, after the audits had been reviewed and perfected by the LGC, that she had engaged a pre-issuance reviewer and expected the reviews to be completed by the end of January 2011.

10. The pre-issuance reviewer’s reports were provided to the LGC and to the Board at the end of January and the beginning of February of 2011.

11. In responding to questions from Board staff regarding her compliance with the April 2010 Order, Respondent stated that she thought, in making the changes as noted by the LGC in its "White Letters" and then having a pre-issuance review, she was complying with the terms of the Order.

12. Since Respondent had failed to obtain reviews prior to issuing the audit reports, Board staff advised Respondent as to the identity of the pre-issuance reviewer approved by the Board to prepare reviews for her firm prior to issuing the audits.

13. On January 12, 2012, Board staff received information from the LGC that Respondent had provided the LGC with a June 30, 2011, audit for the Town of Spring Hope without the required pre-issuance review.

14. On January 26, 2012, Respondent’s pre-issuance reviewer emailed his review comments to Respondent regarding his review of the June 30, 2011, audit for the Town of Spring Hope. The pre-issuance reviewer copied Board staff on the email, including his review comments.

15. 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.
BASING 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 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 repeated failures to comply with the Board’s April 2010 Order are violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0203 (b)(3).

3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9) and also by virtue of Respondent’s consent to this order, Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Gerrelene Walker, is suspended for at least two (2) years from the date this Order is approved by the Board.

2. The firm registration for Respondent’s CPA firm is hereby suspended.

3. Respondent must return her suspended certificate and firm registration to the Board with this signed Consent Order.

4. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of her certificate after two (2) years from the date the Board approves the Consent.

5. Respondent may apply to return her certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:

   a. Application form,
   b. Payment of the application fee,
   c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
   d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application, including the eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in group-study format.

6. After the reissuance of Respondent’s CPA certificate and the registration of her firm, Respondent shall be required to obtain pre-issuance reviews of all audits until such time as the Board determines that pre-issuance review is no...
Consent Order - 4
Gerrelene M. Walker

longer necessary. The pre-issuance reviewer shall be approved by the Board prior to performing said reviews. Respondent shall authorize and cause the pre-issuance reviewer to provide the Board with a copy of each pre-issuance review report upon its issuance.

7. Respondent shall reimburse the Board for its administrative costs incurred as a result of monitoring Respondent’s compliance with the pre-issuance reviews as required in #6 above.

8. Respondent agrees that failure to comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of her license.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 12TH DAY OF April, 2012.

[Signature]
Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 24TH DAY OF July 2012.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

[Signature]
President
THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:
Roselie McDevitt
Respondent, UT2012080

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. Gen. Stat. § 93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter;

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3, "It shall be unlawful for any person who has not received a certificate of qualification or not been granted a practice privilege under GS 93-10 admitting the person 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 Roselie McDevitt (hereinafter "Respondent McDevitt") is not now, nor has she ever been, licensed as a certified public accountant in North Carolina or otherwise authorized by the Board to use the CPA title in this state;

WHEREAS, Respondent McDevitt is not actively licensed as a certified public accountant in any other known jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Respondent McDevitt, while living and working in North Carolina, has held herself out as a certified public accountant as evinced in a letter dated March 19, 2012, and signed by Respondent McDevitt as "Roselie McDevitt, Sc.D., CPA" and by the Mount Olive College website, which identifies her as a "Certified Public Accountant."
THEREFORE, Respondent McDevitt is hereby notified and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners demands that she 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 McDevitt has been licensed as a CPA by the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

BY: ___________________________ DATE: 4-2-12
Frank X. Trainor, III
Board Staff Attorney

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

Consented to:

BY: ___________________________ DATE: 4/12/2012
Roselie McDevitt

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by Roselie McDevitt

I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal(s) [I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a NADL 38351633] [a credible witness has sworn to the identity of the principals]

Notary Public Signature: Arlene F. Philippi
Notary Public Printed Name: Arlene F. Philippi
Date: 4-12-12
My Commission Expires: 5-12-13
WHEREAS, Michael C. Jordan, CPA, has served as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners since 2004;

WHEREAS, during his tenure he served as President of the Board 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 and as Vice President of the Board 2008-2009;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he served on the Executive Committee 2009-2010 and 2010-2011; the Audit Committee 2011-2012; the Personnel Committee 2009-2010 and 2011-2012; and the Communications Committee 2009-2010 and 2010-2011;


WHEREAS, during his tenure he served on the Joint Task Force on Mobility;

WHEREAS, during his tenure he has faithfully and tirelessly served as a leader in the profession and is an eloquent spokesman for the best interests of the public and the profession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners thank Michael C. Jordan, CPA, for his dedicated service, his personal sacrifice to serve the public interest, and his leadership to the Board.

This the 24th day of April 2012.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

Jose R. Rodriguez, CPA, President