



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

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State Board of CPA Examiners Welcomes New Members

RALEIGH--The North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examiners is pleased to announce that Bernita W. Demery, CPA, of Greenville, and Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, of Mount Olive, have been appointed to the Board. Governor Roy Cooper announced the appointments in mid-July, and the new members were sworn the Oath of Office at the Board's July 22, 2019, meeting. Their terms expire June 30, 2022.

Bernita W. Demery, CPA, recently retired from her position as Director of Financial Services for the City of Greenville, a position she held for 29 years. She was licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1995.

Demery is a member of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), and the NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA). A past member of the NCACPA Board of Directors, she has been active on the Audit Committee, the Diversity Action Committee, and the Governmental Accounting & Auditing Committee. Demery has also been a member of the Financial Literacy Council.

Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, previously served on the Board 1994-2002 and 2009-2012. He is Managing Partner at Baldwin & Hodge, LLP, a CPA firm with offices in Mount Olive, Clinton, and Raleigh. Baldwin was licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1978.

Baldwin has extensive service with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA); the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA); the National Society of Accountants (NSA); and the NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA). He has served as Chair of NASBA; President of the NCACPA; and a Governing Council Member of the AICPA.

About the Board

Established by Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the State Board of CPA Examiners is an occupational licensing board that grants certificates of qualification as CPAs to those individuals who meet the statutory requirements. The Board also adopts and enforces the rules of professional ethics and conduct to be observed by CPAs in North Carolina. An independent State agency, the Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor. Five members must be holders of valid and unrevoked NC CPA certificates as issued by the Board in accordance with the NC General Statutes. The other two members, who are not CPAs, represent the interests of the public-at-large.