PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners May 18, 2020 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Michael S. Massey, CPA, President; Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, Vice President; Gary R. Massey, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer; Bernita W. Demery, CPA; Wanda B. Taylor, Esq.; Jennifer Van Zant, Esq.; and Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA (all by phone).

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Officer; Buck Winslow; Licensing Manager (by phone); and Noel L. Allen, Esq., Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: Mark Soticheck, CPA, COO, NCACPA; and J. Scott Hughes, CPA, Board of Directors, NCACPA (both by phone).

CALL TO ORDER: President Massey called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 20, 2020, meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The April 2020 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

Mr. Nance presented the proposed 2020-2021 Board budget. After discussion and a suggestion by Ms. Demery to add staff personnel raises for the 2020-2021 year to the Budget notes, Mr. G. Massey and Ms. Taylor moved and seconded to approve the 2020-2021 budget document as amended. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes (Appendix I).

LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS: Mr. Brooks provided information on pending and passed legislation regarding occupational licensing boards and COVID-19.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Mr. Brooks provided the results of NASBA's survey of boards of accountancy regarding extensions for Uniform CPA Examination candidates' Notices to Schedule (NTS) and extensions for exam section credits that have expired or will expire soon. The Board reviewed the survey and discussed both issues. Mr. Winstead and Ms. Taylor moved and seconded to approve the extension of the CPA Exam Notices to Schedule (NTS) expiring between April 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020, to December 31, 2020. Motion passed with six (6) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes. Ms. Demery recused herself from voting on this issue. Messrs. G. Massey and Winstead moved and seconded to approve the extension for 90 days of exam section credits expiring between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020. Motion passed with six (6) affirmative votes and zero (0) negative votes. Ms. Demery recused herself from voting on this issue.

STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Mr. Brooks provided the Board members with a copy of the letter from the AICPA Peer Review Program in response to its October 16-17, 2019, review of North Carolina's administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program (Appendix II).

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

<u>Case No. C2019325 - Silicon Valley Accountancy Corporation</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix III).

Case No. C2019329 - Topel Forman, L.L.C. - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IV).

Case No. C2019332 - Kentner Sellers, LLP - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix V).

Case No. C2019337 - Forrestall CPAs, LLC - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VI).

<u>Case No. C2019340 - Seymour and Perry, LLC</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VII).

Case No. C2019341 - Cooper Williams LLC - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix VIII).

<u>Case No. C2019342 - Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix IX).

Case No. C2019302 - Close the case without prejudice

Case No. C2019314 - Close the case without prejudice.

Case No. C2020045 - Close the case without prejudice.

Case No. C2020062 - Close the case without prejudice.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. G. Massey moved, and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Stephanie Marie Cohen Alexandra Georgalas James Thomas Hair Christopher Francis Lee, III Megan Li Sorlie Diane L. Stibbard Paul Robert Wing **Temporary Permits** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following temporary permits that were approved by the Executive Director:

David Michael Boyd, T11852 Suneela Molagavalli, T11853 Sally Jane Hawkins, T11854 Alexandra Georgalas, T11855 James Thomas Hair, T11856 Andrew David Reinsel, T11857 Gregory Ryan Strunk, T11858 Timothy Lamont Krist, T11867 Emily Newsome Schoonmaker, T11868 Corey William Zogg, T11869 Cooper Jameson Shepheard, T11870

Reinstatements - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

James Thomas Massey, #13847	Stacey Byrum Virginia, #32891
Elizabeth Jones Morrow, #31004	Daphne Stafford Williams, #16557

Firm Registrations - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the professional corporation, Pamela C. Parrish, CPA, PC, that was approved by the Executive Director.

Extension Requests - The Committee recommended that the Board approve Stuart Preston Huller, #40591, for an extension for completion of CPE until June 30, 2020.

The Committee recommended that the Board disapprove the following individuals for an extension for completion of CPE:

Jennifer Lynn Acton, #33825 Jerry Wayne Hinton, Jr., #41446 Terri Lynn Whittington, #27282

Letter of Warning - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the request to rescind the Letter of Warning issued to Sara Elizabeth Keith, #41590.

Examinations – The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Deedee Agu Helen Albini Brittany Alley Stephen Anderson John Andrew Jack Archibald Sterling Atkinson Benjamin Badgley Deanna Bagwell Brittany Baker Sahr Bangai Thomas Barker Robert Barrett Carly Batchelor Natasha Battle Michael Beam Scarlett Beamon Adam Beebe Kimberly Berger Christopher Biddle Evan Birchmore Emily Black Morgan Blaisdell-Buck Daniel Bodenhamer Caroline Bower Justin Boyles

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Joshua Bracy Thomas Brehm Lauren Brough Donald Brown Randolph Brown Todd Brown Vanessa Brown Yi Bu Christopher Buckner **Christopher Burdick** Patricia Burggraf Jonathan Calcagne Brianna Cardwell Miranda Carrick Nicole Ann Ciaramella Marlon Clair Sharp Megan Clarke Drew Coble Eric Cogswell Derek Conlon Jonathan Connolly Amanda Corso Michelle Council Lynn Couturier Caroline Cox Corey Crabtree Colin Cramer Katherine Craven Jessica Crews Chase Crump Zeynep Cukro Keenan D'Arcy Parker Dacchille **Benjamin** Davis Virginia Dawson Julia Donajkowski Julian Drew Katie Driggers Jillian Dunn Kathleen Eaton David Edwards Elizabeth Eisenrauch Khalid Elshaikh Audrey Everett Chadwick Feeley Nicole Ferren

Kyle Fitzgerald Marissa Flood John Frechette **Rafaela** Gaines Tracettia Gaither Fernando Galindo Lorena Gan Ashleigh Gardner James Gladue Nathaniel Goodman Andrew Gosnell **Elondia Grant** Zachary Gray Nia Griffin Olivia Griffin **Rachel Grote Russell Guilfoile** Alondo Hagans Allyson Hagemann Christy Hairston Tarig Hamed Zachary Hamilton Christopher Harborth Annie Harding Marisa Harkey Robert Harper Delani Hartung Madelyn Hayes Jennifer Heinemeier Daniel Herzberg Ann Hine Claudia Holland Tristan Holleman Fredrick Hood Staci Huffman Christopher Hui Maria Ivanova Joseph Jablonski **Daniel James** Justine James Cassandra Johnson Marissa Jones Ryan Jones Nicole Justice Joseph Kermes Sarah King

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Caroline Kingham Benjamin Koenigsberg Rebecca Krizner Robert LaBelle Christopher Lambert Zachary Lane Ruby Lansdell Cilla Laurence **Richard Laurie** Andrea Lee Brittany Lee Steven Leerberg Alessia Lluka Graciela Lopez Arriaga Rafael Loza Kevin Lynn Jessica Macconnie Amanda Malkiewicz Nathan Mallonee Tamara Mamoulashvili Kassandra Mangano Robin Mangum Rachel Mann Sonja Martin Caleb Mason Peter Maxwell Derek McCann Jayce McDaniel Jorge McGriff Keely McMahon Ryan Miller Brianna Misenheimer Stenn Monson Steven Moon Harrison Moore Robert Moore Sophia Moran Abraham Moskowitz Cynthia Mosley Trenton Mosley Alexandra Murphy Kean Nguyen Amber Nolan Addysen O'Briant **Daniel Oakley** Nicole Osmera

Bi Ou Barrett Overman Laine Parker Natasha Pate **Monica** Patel Sydney Pendle **Brittany Perkins** Josie Pettit **Neil Phillips** Jody Picarella Andrea Picou Madeline Planton Noah Polayes Jason Pomerantz Paulina Powierza Zachary Pritchard Collin Raynor Rebecca Reisberg **Courtney Rhodes** Jenna Riglick Allea Roach Zachary Roddy Jasmine Rodriguez Chadwick Rollins **Reagan Rollins** Jennifer Ross Tyler Roten Kwabena Sarpong Amal Sattar Vincent Seagle Ana Sebastian Katherine Serrell Hunter Shaffer Austin Sharpe Nicholas Shives Adrienne Shoaf Mackenzie Short **Robert Short** Charquele Simien **Caleb** Simons Mikayla Sindel Jeffery Sisson Maricia Small-Smith Alexa Smith Lauren Smith Tanner Smith

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Mary Sowers Kimberley Stencel Rebecca Stevens John Strack Joseph Strange Emma Strickland Margaret Strickland Savannah Sutton Callum Tanner Abigail Thompson Matthew Thompson Christopher Thornton Stephanie Tillman Jeremy Truhel Jillian Tufo **Cameron Turner** Maria Clarette Urbina Salgado Michael Vance Jaclyn Veno Tyler Wade Lily Walston Damita Washington Rachel Wells **Deborah Whaley** Prince Williams Phillip Wood Waylon Woodall Jessica Woolfe Alexander Wooten Nicolette Works Muhan Xu William Yttre Jana Zal Yishan Zh

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Ms. Taylor reported that the Personnel Committee did not meet, but it will have a recommendation for Executive Staff at the June Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: President Massey stated he had reviewed the Board's current Strategic Plan, which had not been examined recently by the Board. He discussed several strategies that the Board and staff may want to review, study, and implement regarding the Strategic Plan.

The Executive staff provided the monthly operational metrics and the Executive Staff Report. Mr. Nance discussed how the Board staff had been and is working since the arrival of COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. G. Massey and Ms. Demery moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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Robert N. Brooks Executive Director

Attested to by:

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Michael S. Massey, CPA President

Appendix I

Notes to the Budget

Overall Budget

For 2020-2021:

The budget presentation essentially mirrors the presentation of the Board's audited financial statements. The only variation is the allocation of the nonoperating building costs (rental activity).

- Overall revenue is budgeted with a decrease of \$282,150 (-10.00%) with overall expenditures decreasing by \$279,450 (-9.98%).
- Salary and employee benefit expenses are budgeted at a decrease of \$23,083 (-1.86%).
- Examination expenses are budgeted at a decrease of \$225,000 (-22.50%).
- Office expenses are budgeted at a decrease of \$400 (-0.36%).
- Postage and printing expenses are budgeted at a decrease of \$2,600 (-3.44%).
- Travel expenses are budgeted at a decrease of \$31,385 (-29.02%).
- Maintenance and computer support are budgeted at a decrease of \$400 (-0.54%).
- Depreciation expense is budgeted at the same amount as the prior year.
- Legal and investigative expenses are budgeted at the same amount as the prior year.
- Insurance expenses are budgeted at the same amount as the prior year.
- Dues and subscriptions expenses are budgeted at an increase of \$3,000 (26.09%).
- Building expenses are budgeted at an increase of \$418 (0.86%).
- Other information is provided related to probable capital project costs. The capital budget includes an estimated cost of continuance of the foundation stabilization project for the Board building. This should include engineering costs and other costs to stabilize back area of building. Equipment costs shown relate to the rotational replacement of staff computers (\$6,000) and possible equipment costs to allow the Board to function in a more virtual environment as necessary (\$14,000).

Revenue Budget

- Examination fees are budgeted to be reduced for the upcoming year (~\$280k). Exam sites have been closed all of April and limited seating is available in May. Although the CPA exam has been identified as essential, it will take some time for exam candidates to be able to test at previous levels. The budget may have to be revisited after the Board has further data related to exam candidates.
- Certificate fees are budgeted to decrease by \$3,000, mainly in the area of initial certificate fees. Budget reflects an increase of over 400 licensees (active CPAs 22,174).
- Examination fees (39%) and certificate fees (57%) represent (96%) of the total revenue budget for the 2020-2021 year.
- Rental income shows a slight increase of \$1,328 based on cost-of-living rent increase per the lease terms.
- The interest income budget for 2020-2021 is based on an expectation that rates will be cut in half for the Board's CDs expected to be renewed this year. Only 2 CDs go beyond the fiscal year.

Salaries and Employees Benefits Expense

- Staff salaries and the related personnel costs are in accordance with the Board's previously approved Personnel recommendations. Base salary adjustment was calculated at 2.3%. Increase for 13 employees approximately \$28,000.
- Part time personnel costs include amounts for (2) college interns (\$6,000).
- Health insurance budget reflects the anticipated costs for employee insurance plans, which has been stable or slightly lower for the Board over the past three years.

Examination Expense

• Exam sitting and grading fees are budgeted at a decrease of \$225,000. Exam expenditures tend to mirror expectations for exam revenue. The Board receives payment at the time of application with the candidate getting a 6-month window to sit for the exam. The Board pays the exam fees at the time the candidate sits within that 6-month timeframe. As exam sites were closed all of April and functioning on limited capacity for May, there is an expectation for significantly lower volumes of candidates sitting for the exam, especially for the next three months. As actual exam volume is measured during the fiscal year, this item may need to be revisited as there is not much information to base an assessment on.

Office Expenses

- Office expense budget is very similar to the prior year.
- The office expense budget closely mirrors the budget from the prior year with adjustments made to several line items to more align with actual costs from the prior year. The prior year consulting expenses were not budgeted as they relate to the contracts necessary for the Board to address the data security issue.

Postage and Printing Expenses

- Postage and printing expense budget closely align to the prior year.
- The Board has been conducting its business using more electronic media over the past couple of years. This has resulted in significant cost reductions in this area and the majority of reductions have been obtained over the last two years.

Travel Expenses

- Travel expense budget has been reduced by \$31,385 due to cancelled meetings related to the pandemic. The NASBA regional meeting has been converted to an online event. The budget currently includes funding for the annual meeting in November.
- Board travel budget and per diem budget is based on anticipated travel costs for current year NASBA meeting locations and the allowance for each Board member's attendance at planned events.

Maintenance and Computer Support Expenses

- Maintenance and computer support budget closely align to the prior year.
- These costs address most of the Board's monthly costs for its software and backup systems. The current contract expires in December; however, it is not anticipated that costs would increase substantially. Any reviews of the Board's operational software would probably make it necessary to review this budget line item and make any necessary revisions to address potential costs. This budget could also be impacted by any changes made by the Board to address any virtual operating processes.

Depreciation Expense

• The Board includes a budgeted depreciation expense amount to provide for a more accurate presentation of the anticipated financial results for the Board. The amount is adjusted to actual through the year-end process. There is no change in the budgeted amount as the capital assets for the Board remains fairly stable.

Legal Expenses

- Legal expense budget closely aligns with the prior year.
- The Board's legal costs have remained fairly stable over the past several years, fluctuating only when the need for outside counsel is encountered. Expenses were down last year due to limited litigation and investigative costs. This budget maintains the same contract fees currently in place for outside legal counsel.

Insurance Expense

- Insurance expense budget closely aligns with the prior year.
- The Board purchases commercial liability policies to address the various business risks encountered in performing its regulatory activities. The budget addresses estimated costs based on prior year actual expenses.

Dues and Subscription Expense

- Dues and Subscription expense budget was increased by \$3,000 from the prior year.
- The increase in budget was to bring it more in line with the actual costs incurred for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The Board has moved to more subscription-based software solutions that are included in the cost. Additional costs include the upgraded Citrix license to allow for encrypted email communications by Board staff.

Building Expense

- Building expense budget closely aligns with the prior year.
- The prior year increase was related most specifically to janitorial maintenance. The current budget maintains the current contractual relationship for janitorial services along with minor inflationary increases for utility amounts.

	Prior Year Budget		Prior Year Actual		Approved Budget	
Operating Budget	2019-2020		2019-2020		2020-2021	Ref
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OPERATING REVENUES						
Examination Fees	1,311,125		1,271,047		1,032,875	
Licensing Fees	1,504,400		1,483,265		1,501,500	
Miscellaneous	 7,000	_	6,876		 6,000	
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 2,822,525	\$	2,761,188		\$ 2,540,375	А
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,240,026		1,216,465		1,216,943	В
Examination	1,000,000		862,190		775,000	С
Office	110,450		113,777		110,050	D
Postage and Printing	75,600		69,537		73,000	E
Travel	108,139		78,577		76,754	F
Maintenance and Computer Support	74,400		67,867		74,000	G
Depreciation	45,000		40,543	1	45,000	
Legal and Investigative Costs	63,000		51,092		63,000	н
Insurance	23,500		21,108	1	23,500	L
Dues and Subscriptions	11,500		14,325		14,500	
Building	 48,382		33,105	1.	 48,800	J
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,799,997	\$	2,568,584		\$ 2,520,547	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 22,528	\$	192,603		\$ 19,828	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)						
Rental Income	44,265		44,265		45,593	
Interest Income	54,000		66,935		33,000	
Gain on Sale of Assets	0		135		0	
Nonoperating Building Expenses	0		(21,921)	1	(22,000)	
Miscellaneous	 0		0		 0	
Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$ 98,265	\$	89,414		\$ 56,593	А
Estimated Change in Net Assets	\$ 120,793	\$	282,018		\$ 76,421	
Capital Budget						
Equipment	\$ 20,000		6,918		\$ 20,000	
Building Improvements	50,000		31,550		25,000	
Software	 0		0		 0	
Total	\$ 70,000	\$	38,468		\$ 45,000	

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1 Actual expenditures are allocated between operating and non-operating for presentation

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	Prior Year Budget 2019-2020			rior Year Actual 019-2020		Approved Budget 2020-2021	
Examination Fees Initial Admin Fees Re-Exam Fees Exam Fees Revenue Exam Coupon Exam Review Fees Equivalency Exam Fees Grade Transfer Fees	\$ 195,500 150,000 1,000,000 (34,375) 0 0 0 0	(850*230) (2000*75)	\$	187,450 151,800 962,067 (30,271) 0 0 0	(815*230) (2024*75)	\$ 161,000 131,250 775,000 (34,375) 0 0 0	(700*230) (1750*75)
Total Exam Fees	1,311,125			1,271,047		1,032,875	
Certificate Fees Initial Reciprocal Renewals Reinstatements Total Certificate Fees	60,000 35,000 1,317,000 9,000 1,421,000	(600/100) (370/100) (21950/60) (90/100)	<u> </u>	56,900 35,200 1,294,740 7,525 1,394,365	(569/100) (352/100) (21579/60) (75/100)	 55,000 35,000 1,320,000 7,500 1,417,500	(550/100) (350/100) (22000/60) (75/100)
Firm Registrations Partnership Renewal PC Initial PC Renewal Partnership Registration	37,500 5,400 40,000 500			40,070 4,050 41,400 3,380		 37,500 4,500 40,000 2,000	
Total Firm Registrations	83,400			88,900		 84,000	
Miscellaneous Income	2,000			876		1,000	
Rental Income	44,265			44,265		45,593	
Gain on Fixed Assets	0			135		0	
Interest Gift Cards Other	54,000 5,000 0			66,935 6,000 0		33,000 5,000 0	
Total Revenues	\$ 2,920,790		\$	2,872,523		\$ 2,618,968	

	 Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	 Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Ref
Full Time Staff Part Time Staff Taxes - FICA Taxes - State Unemployment Retirement Contributions Retirement - NCLB Admin Fee Insurance - Health	\$ 947,713 16,560 72,500 0 56,863 1,700 144,690	\$ 939,042 8,788 69,431 0 56,272 2,453 140,479	\$ 920,567 13,800 71,500 0 55,234 2,000 153,842	
Total Salaries and Employees Benefits	\$ 1,240,026	\$ 1,216,465	\$ 1,216,943	

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	 Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021
Exam Sitting & Grading	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 862,190	\$ 775,000
Total Examination	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 862,190	\$ 775,000

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North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners Approved Office Budget

	Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	rior Year Actual 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021		
Office Decorations Equipment Rental Supplies Telephone Repairs & Maintenance Clipping Service Miscellaneous Personnel Audit Fees Credit Card Fees Banking Fees Payroll Service Continuing Education Bad Debt Expense	\$ 350 200 11,000 8,200 4,000 3,750 3,000 10,150 60,000 2,500 1,800 2,500 1,000	\$ 301 0 8,726 8,758 3,413 2,969 5,201 10,150 59,039 1,861 1,736 1,622 0	\$ 350 200 9,500 3,500 3,200 4,500 12,000 60,000 2,000 1,800 2,000 0		
Consulting Fees	 2,000	 10,000	 2,000		
Total Office	\$ 110,450	\$ 113,777	\$ 110,050		

	 Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	rior Year Actual 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021		
Exam Postage	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,432	\$	1,500	
Postage - UPS	19,500	19,000		19,500	
Postage - Other	9,000	6,848		7,000	
Postage - Newsletter	7,000	6,500		7,000	
Postage - Business Reply	3,500	4,165		4,200	
Postage - Renewal	2,800	2,387		2,500	
Printing - Other	6,000	4,444		4,800	
Printing - Newsletter	22,000	22,056		23,500	
Printing - Certificates	 4,000	 2,705		3,000	
Total Postage and Printing	\$ 75,600	\$ 69,537	\$	73,000	

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		Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	2	Ref	
Staff Travel Board Travel Per Diem	\$	28,065 54,974 25,100	\$ 14,044 43,233 21,300	\$	17,250 35,304 24,200	F1 F2 F2
Total Travel	\$	108,139	\$ 78,577	\$	76,754	

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			Budg		Budge		Approved Budget 2020-2021	Ref		
	Mtgs	Staff	Days		Ra	ate				
NASBA Meetings Annual Regional (Virtual) Executive Director/Legal	1 1 1	2 3 5	4 2 3	<u>Air</u> 500 0 350	Reg 750 0 695	Hotel 325 0 300	<u>Meal</u> 50 0 50	\$	5,500 0 10,475	
Other Meetings Professional									1,275	
Total Staff Meeting Expense								\$	17,250	F

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Board Travel						Approved Budget 2020-2021	Ref
Board Haver	Mtgs	Members	Days	Rate			
Regular Board Meetings							
Hotel	7	3	1	160	\$	3,360	
Meals	7	3	1	40		840	
Travel	7	7	1	146		7,154	
						11,354	
NASBA Annual Meeting							
Hotel	1	7	4	325		9,100	
Meals	1	7	4	50		1,400	
Travel	1	7	1	500		3,500	
Registration	1	7	1	750		5,250	
						19,250	
NASBA Regional Meeting (Virtual)							
Hotel	1	7	1	0		-	
Meals	1	7	1	0		-	
Travel	1	7	1	0		-	
Registration	1	7	1	0		-	
						-	
AICPA Council Meetings							
Hotel	1	1	3	350		1,050	
Meals	1	1	3	50		150	
Travel	1	1	1	500		500	
						1,700	
Professional Meetings						3,000	
Total Board Meeting Expense					\$	35,304	F
Deered Dee Diem							
Board Per Diem							
Regular Meeting	12	7	2	100	\$	16,800	
Professional Meetings	25	1	1	100		2,500	
NASBA						2	
Annual Meeting	1	7	5	100		3,500	
Regional Meeting	1	7	2	100		1,400	
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Total Board Per Diem Expense					\$	24,200	F

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		Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021		
Internet & Website Computer Program/Assistance Computer Software Maintenance	\$	4,400 5,000 65,000	\$ 3,880 2,797 61,190	\$	4,000 5,000 65,000	
Total Maintenance and Computer Support	\$	74,400	\$ 67,867	\$	74,000	

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners Approved Maintenance and Computer Support Budget

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	Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	rior Year Actual 019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021		
Legal Counsel Fees - Admin/Prof Stds	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	\$	48,000	
Legal Counsel Fees - Litigation	10,000	0		10,000	
Investigation Cost	10,000	4,933		10,000	
Hearing Cost	5,000	2,442		5,000	
Reimbursements - Net	 (10,000)	 (4,283)	_	(10,000)	
Total Board Legal	\$ 63,000	\$ 51,092	\$	63,000	

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners Approved Board Legal Budget

	Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	rior Year Actual 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021			
Insurance Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 23,500 11,500	\$ 22,230 14,325	\$	23,500 14,500		
Total Other	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,555	\$	38,000		

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners Approved Other Budget

	 Prior Year Budget 2019-2020	_	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	 Approved Budget 2020-2021
Building Maintenance Electricity Grounds Maintenance Heat & Air Maintenance Improvements Janitorial Maintenance Trash Collection Water & Sewer Security Pest Control	\$ 2,500 15,000 6,500 2,800 0 16,682 1,000 1,400 2,100 400	\$	7,251 12,281 6,046 2,901 2,270 15,565 (159) 1,348 2,236 387	\$ 2,500 14,000 6,200 3,000 2,000 16,000 1,000 1,400 2,300 400
Total Building	\$ 48,382	\$	50,126	\$ 48,800

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners Approved Building Budget

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5	Account #		Amount	Budget
6	4110	Certificates - Initial	56,900.00	60,000.00
7	4120	Certificates - Reciprocal	35,200.00	35,000.00
8	4121	Certificates - Recip/Temp	0.00	0.00
9	4130	Certificates - Temporary	0.00	0.00
10	4131	Certificates - Temp Renewal	0.00	0.00
11	4140	Certificates - Renewal Fees	1,294,740.00	1,317,000.00
12	4150	Certificates - Reinstate/Revoked	3,700.00	0.00
13	4151	Certificates - Reinstate/Surrender	3,825.00	9,000.00
14	4152	Certificates - Reinstate/Retired	0.00	0.00
15	4160	Certificates - Notification	0.00	0.00
16	4161	Certificates - Notification Renewal	0.00	0.00
17	4001	Initial Adm Fees	187,450.00	195,500.00
18	4002	Re-Exam Adm Fees	151,800.00	150,000.00
19	4004	Exam Fees Revenue	962,067.48	1,000,000.00
20	4060	Equivalency Exam Fees	0.00	0.00
21	4070	Transfer Exam Grade Credit	0.00	0.00
22	4071	Exam Review Fees	0.00	0.00
23	4072	Exam Scholarship Coupon	(30,270.65)	(34,375.00)
24	4910	Educational Program Fees	0.00	0.00
25	4970	Duplicate Certificates	525.00	0.00
26	4980	Copies	0.00	0.00
27	4990	Miscellaneous	351.00	2,000.00
28	4260	Partnership Registration Fees	3,380.00	500.00
29	4261	Partnership Renewal Fees	40,070.00	37,500.00
30	4250	PC Registration Fees	4,050.00	5,400.00
31	4251	PC Renewal Fees	41,400.00	40,000.00
32	4252	PC Renewal less W/Penalties	0.00	0.00
33	6900	Bad Debt Expense	0.00	1,000.00
34	6690	Over/Short	0.00	0.00
35	5031	Retirement - NCLB Contribution	56,272.38	56,863.00
36	5033	Retirement - NCLB Administrator	2,452.88	1,700.00
37	5035	Health Ins Premium	112,834.90	105,690.00
38	5036	Medical Reimbursement Plan	27,644.04	39,000.00
39	5038	Unemployment Claims	0.00	0.00
40	5120	Board Travel - Board Mtgs	12,457.27	20,000.00
41	5121	Board Travel - Prof Mtgs	240.16	3,000.00
42	5122	Board Travel - NASBA Annual	15,506.46	18,550.00
43	5123	Board Travel - NASBA Regional	7,927.77	8,360.00
44	5124	Board Travel - NASBA Committees	0.00	0.00
45	5125	Board Travel - AICPA Council	0.00	0.00
46	5126	Board Travel - NCACPA Annual	0.00	0.00
47	5127	Board Travel - NCACPA Board	286.24	2,064.00
48	5128	Board Travel - AICPA Committees	0.00	0.00
49	5129	Miscellaneous Board Costs	6,814.97	3,000.00
50	5133	Board Travel - NASBA CPE	0.00	0.00

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5	Account #			Amount	Budget
51	5800	Building Maintenance		7,250.86	2,500.00
52	5801	Electricity		12,281.12	15,000.00
53	5802	Grounds Maintenance		6,046.00	6,500.00
54	5803	Heat & Air Maintenance		2,901.49	2,800.00
55	5804	Improvements		2,269.90	0.00
56	5805	Insurance		4,490.00	5,000.00
57	5807	Janitorial Maintenance		15,565.10	16,682.00
58	5808	Pets Control Service		387.00	400.00
59	5809	Security & Fire Alarm		2,236.12	2,100.00
60	5810	Trash Collection		(158.85)	1,000.00
61	5811	Water & Sewer		1,347.67	1,400.00
62	5050	Continuing Education - Staff		1,622.18	2,500.00
63	5051	Continuing Education - RNB		0.00	0.00
64	5052	Continuing Education - Computer		0.00	0.00
65	5531	Exam Postage		1,431.65	1,800.00
66	5533	Exam Printing		0.00	0.00
67	5538	Exam Vendor Expense		861,571.19	990,000.00
68	5539	Exam Vendor Accomodations		618.50	10,000.00
69	5532	Exam Supplies		0.00	0.00
70	5530-10	Temp Employees - May		0.00	0.00
71	5530-20	Temp Employees - Nov		0.00	0.00
72	5220	Investigator Fees		0.00	0.00
73	5221	Staff Investigation Costs		0.00	0.00
74	5222	Investigation Materials		4,932.92	10,000.00
75	5230	Hearing Costs		1,546.30	5,000.00
76	5231	Rule-Making Hearing Costs		895.75	0.00
77	5232	Legal Advertising		0.00	0.00
78	5250	Adminstrative Costs Assessed		(2,750.00)	(2,500.00)
79	5260	Civil Penalties Assessed		(17,900.00)	(7,500.00)
80	5261	Civil Penalties Remitted		16,366.70	0.00
81	5140	Legal Counsel - Administrative		48,000.00	48,000.00
82	5141	Legal Counsel - Special Projects		0.00	0.00
83	5210	Legal Counsel - Prof Standards		0.00	0.00
84	5211	Legal Counsel - Litigation		0.00	10,000.00
85	5034	Misc Payroll Deduction		0.00	0.00
86	5037	HSA Deduction		0.00	0.00
87	5090	Flowers, Gifts, Etc.		76.82	200.00
88	5091	Staff Recruiting		400.14	0.00
89	5092	Misc Personnel Costs		3,035.00	1,800.00
90	5301	Equipment Rent		0.00	200.00
91	5310	Decorations		301.04	350.00
92	5320	Payroll Service		1,736.04	1,800.00
93	5360	Telephone		8,757.94	8,200.00
94	5361	Internet & Website		3,880.48	4,400.00
95	5390	Clipping Service		2,969.36	3,750.00

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L	1	Trial Balance			
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Γ	96	5400	Computer Program/Assistance	2,796.75	5,000.00
Г	97	5405	Computer Software Maintenance	61,190.19	65,000.00
Γ	98	5410	Dues	8,251.00	7,500.00
Γ	99	5420	Insurance	17,740.00	18,500.00
Γ	100	5430	Audit Fees	10,150.00	10,150.00
	101	5435	Consulting Fees	10,000.00	2,000.00
	102	5436	Contracted Copy Service	0.00	0.00
-	103	5440	Misc Office Expense	1,689.14	1,000.00
	104		Banking Fees	1,861.23	2,500.00
	105	5450	Credit Card Fees	59,038.96	60,000.00
	106	5110	Per Diem - Board Meetings	13,300.00	15,000.00
	107	5111	Per Diem - Prof Meetings	300.00	3,500.00
	108	5112	Per Diem - NASBA Annual	3,100.00	3,500.00
	109	5113	Per Diem - NASBA Regional	 2,300.00	800.00
	110	And her call building the second s	Per Diem - NASBA Committee	 950.00	500.00
_	111	5115	Per Diem - AICPA/NASBA	 300.00	200.00
	112	5116	Per Diem - NCACPA Annual	0.00	600.00
	113		Per Diem - NCACPA/Board	 1,000.00	500.00
	114	a hadde out of the second s	Per Diem - AICPA Committees	50.00	0.00
	115	5119	Per Diem - Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00
	116		Clerical Reimbursement	0.00	0.00
	117	5135	Per Diem - NASBA CPE	 0.00	0.00
- E	118		Postage - UPS	19,000.00	19,500.00
	119		Postage - Other	 6,848.34	9,000.00
	120		Postage - Newsletter	 6,500.00	7,000.00
	121	5342	Postage - Business Reply	 4,164.55	3,500.00
	122	5343	Postage - Renewal	 2,387.46	2,800.00
	123		Postage - Rulebook	0.00	0.00
- F	123		Printing - Other	 4,443.75	6,000.00
	124		Printing - Newsletter	 22,056.01	22,000.00
	125		Printing - Certificates	 2,704.97	4,000.00
	120		Printing - Renewal	 0.00	0.00
	127		Printing - Rulebook	 0.00	0.00
			Mailing Label Printing	 0.00	0.00
	129		Repairs - Misc	 0.00	0.00
	130			 2,203.71	1,500.00
	131		Maintenance - Copiers	 0.00	1,500.00
	132		Maintenance - Computer	 1,209.00	1,000.00
	133		Maintenance - Postage	 939,041.67	947,713.00
	134		Staff Salaries	 8,788.13	16,560.00
	135		Part-Time Staff Salaries	 and the second se	0.00
	136		Temporary Contractors	 0.00	72,500.00
	137		FICA Taxes	 69,430.69	0.00
	138		State Unemployment Tax	 0.00	0.00
	139 140		Scholarships Staff Travel - Local	 0.00 463.65	0.00

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5	Account #			Amount	Budget					
141	5061	Staff Travel - Prof Mtgs		551.71	600.00					
142	5062	Staff Travel - NASBA CPE		0.00	0.00					
143	5063	063 Staff Travel - NASBA Ethics 0.00								
144	5070	Staff Travel - NASBA Annual		5,566.36	7,950.00					
145	5071	Staff Travel - NASBA Regional		6,056.76	6,270.00					
146	5072	Staff Travel - NASBA Adminstration		690.93	12,570.00					
147	5073	Staff Travel - NASBA Committee		0.00	0.00					
148	5074	Staff Travel - AICPA Committee		0.00	0.00					
149	5075	Staff Travel - NCACPA Annual		399.41	175.00					
150	5076	Staff Travel - NCACPA Board		315.44	500.00					
151	5077	Staff Travel - Clear Conference		0.00	0.00					
152	5078	Staff Travel - Vehicle		0.00	0.00					
153	5080	Staff Travel - Univ Dialogue		0.00	0.00					
154	5370	Subcriptions/References		6,073.52	4,000.00					
155	5350	Supplies - Office	6,000.00							
156	5351	Supplies - Copier								
157	5352	Supplies - Computer		1,467.06	3,000.00					
158	5353	Supplies - Special Projects		0.00	0.00					
159	5920	Depreciation Expense		48,635.58	45,000.00					
160	6999	Uncategorized Expense		0.00	0.00					
161	9999	Suspense		0.00	0.00					
162	8250	Gift Card Revenue		6,000.00	5,000.00					
163	8500	Interest Income - MMAs		12,992.69	6,000.00					
164	8505	Interest Income - BB&T Bus IDA		0.00	0.00					
165	8510	Interest Income - CDs		53,942.18	48,000.00					
166	8520	Interest Income - Prudential TB		0.00	0.00					
167	8530	Interest Income - Wachovia MM		0.00	0.00					
168	8200	Rental Income		44,265.18	44,265.00					
169	8920	Gain on Sale of Assets		135.00	0.00					
170	8921	Loss on Sale of Assets		0.00	0.00					
171	7000	Leasing Commission		174.32	0.00					
172					- Province distance					
173		Revenues		2,872,523	2,920,790					
174		2,594,995	2,799,997							
175		277,527.71	120,793.00							
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Non-operating Expense Breakout CPA Board

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Non-operation expenses:	Actual 19-20	Actual 18-19	Actual 17-18	Actual 16-17	Actual 15-16	
Depreciation	8,092	8,092	7,554	7,554	6,063	A
Utilities	3,407	3,839	3,273	3,232	3,228	D
Maintenance	9,124	5,336	4,615	4,101	4,548	С
Insurance	1,123	1,070	1,018	1,176	1,115	В
Leasing Commission	174	2,092	2,092	1,917		ATB #7000
Total Non-Operating - Building	21,921	20,428	18,551	17,980	14,953	

Note: Total depreciation expense is broken out on the financial statements between operating and non-operating, based on square footage of rented real estate which is considered non-operating. The following shows the calculation:

on square housing of rented real estate which is considered non-operating. The following shows the calculation.

Total depreciation Non-operating	48,636 8,092	48,593 8.092	47,786	46,792 7,554	44,261 6,063 A	
Ton-operating	40,543	40,501	40,232	39,238	38,198	
Residential real estate depreciation	32,369	32,369	30,216	30,216	24,251 Per Ass	
Non-operating depreciation	8,092 25%	8,092 25%	7,554 25%	7,55 4 25%	6,063 PY fina 25%	ncials
Insurance	22,230	22,765	21,400	21,313	20,560	
Non-operating	1,123	1,070 21,696	1,018 20,382	1,176 20,137	<u>1,115</u> B 19,445	
Building insurance 5805	4,490	4,278	4,073	4,704	4,459	
	1,123 25%	1,070 25%	1,018 25%	1,176 25%	1,115 25%	
Building Maintenance (5800, 5802, 5803, 5804, 5807, 5808, 5809, 5810)	36,498	21,342	18,458	16,404	18,190	
Non-operating	9,124 25%	5,336 25%	4,615 25%	4,101 25%	4,548 C 25%	
Utilities (5801, 5811)	13,629	15,355	13,090	12,928	12,911	
Non-operating	3,407 25%	3,839 25%	3,273 25%	3,232 25%	3,228 D 25%	
Building 58XX less 5805	45,636	36,698	31,548	29,332		
Less: Non-operating maintenance Less: Non-operating utilities	(9,124) (3,407)	(5,336) (3,839)	(4,615) (3,273)	(4,101) (3,232)		
	33,105	27,524	23,661	21,999		

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners Operating Budget History

Operating Budget		Approved Budget 2020-2021	 Approved Budget 2019-2020		Approved Budget 2018-2019	Approved Budget 2017-2018			Approved Budget 2016-2017
Revenues	\$	2,540,375	\$ 2,822,525	\$	2,784,075	\$	3,021,840	\$	3,021,760
Expenses:									
Salaries and Employee Benefits		1,216,943	1,240,026		1,244,201		1,277,711		1,270,514
Examination		775,000	1,000,000		910,000		1,145,000		1,100,000
Office		110,050	110,450		114,125		118,900		109,740
Postage and Printing		73,000	75,600		74,100		164,100		178,800
Travel		76,754	108,139		107,747		131,441		120,627
Maintenance and Computer Support		74,000	74,400		89,200		87,500		65,000
Depreciation		45,000	45,000		45,000		45,000		0
Legal and Investigative Costs		63,000	63,000		67,000		55,000		52,500
Insurance		23,500	23,500		22,500		24,000		21,300
Dues and Subscriptions		14,500	11,500		11,000		10,000		11,200
Building		48,800	 48,382		38,800		40,300		38,300
Total		2,520,547	 2,799,997		2,723,673	_	3,098,952		2,967,981
Operating Income	\$	19,828	\$ 22,528	\$	60,402	\$	(77,112)	\$	53,779
Total Non-Operating Revenues		56,593	98,265		70,976		60,625		55,225
Estimated Change in Net Assets	\$	76,421	\$ 120,793	\$	131,378	\$	(16,487)	\$	109,004

Operating Budget	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2018-2019	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Approved Budget 2016-2017	2020-2021 \$ Change
Revenues	<u>\$ 2,540,375</u> -10.00%	<u>\$ 2,822,525</u> -6.60%	<u>\$ 2,784,075</u> -7.87%	<u>\$ 3,021,840</u> 0.00%	\$ 3,021,760	(282,150)
Expenses:	-10.0070	-0.0070	-1.0170	0.0070		
Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,216,943 -1.86%	1,240,026 -2,95%	1,244,201 -2.62%	1,277,711 0.57%	1,270,514	(23,083)
Examination	775,000	1,000,000	910,000 -20,52%	1,145,000 4.09%	1,100,000	(225,000)
Office	-22.30% 110,050 -0.36%	-12.86% 110,450 -7.11%	-20.32% 114,125 -4.02%	4.09% 118,900 8.35%	109,740	(400)
Postage and Printing	-0.36% 73,000 -3.44%	-7.11% 75,600 -53.93%	-4.02% 74,100 -54.84%	6.35% 164,100 -8.22%	178,800	(2,600)
Travel	-3.44% 76,754 -29.02%	-33.93% 108,139 -17.73%	-34.84% 107,747 -18.03%	-8.22% 131,441 8.96%	120,627	(31,385)
Maintenance and Computer Support	-29.02% 74,000 -0.54%	-17.73% 74,400 -14,97%	-18.03% 89,200 1.94%	87,500 34.62%	65,000	(400)
Depreciation	-0.54% 45,000 0.00%	-14.97% 45,000 0.00%	45,000 0.00%	34,62% 45,000 100.00%	0	0
Legal and Investigative Costs	63,000	63,000	67,000	55,000	52,500	0
Insurance	0.00% 23,500	14.55% 23,500	21.82% 22,500	4.76% 24,000	21,300	0
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00% 14,500 26.09%	-2.08% 11,500 15.00%	-6.25% 11,000 10.00%	12.68% 10,000 -10.71%	11,200	3,000
Building	48,800 0,86%	48,382 20.05%	38,800 -3.72%	40,300 5.22%	38,300	418
Total	2,520,547	2,799,997	2,723,673	3,098,952	2,967,981	(279,450)
	-9.98%	-9.65%	-12.11%	4.41%		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 19,828 11,99%	\$ 22,528 129,21%	\$ 60,402 -178,33%	\$ (77,112) -243,39%	\$ 53,779	(2,700)
Total Non-Operating Revenues	56,593 -42.41%	98,265 62.09%	70,976 17.07%	60,625 9.78%	55,225	(41,672)
Estimated Change in Net Assets	\$ 76,421	\$ 120,793	\$ 131,378	\$ (16,487)	\$ 109,004	(44,372)

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners Budget History - Prior to Presentation Change to Match Financial Statements

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Operating Budget	Budget		Fiscal Year Fiscal Year Budget Budget 2015-2016 2014-2015		Fiscal Year Budget 2012-2013	Fiscal Year Budget 2011-2012	Fiscal Year Budget 2010-2011
Revenues	\$ 3,078,985	\$ 2,797,364	\$ 2,731,395	\$ 2,782,204	\$ 2,853,054	\$ 2,845,688	\$ 2,672,502
Expenses:							
Personnel	1,317,013	1,285,576	1,290,674	1,268,114	1,292,764	1,149,809	1,053,035
Board & Legal	136,128	139,822	123,495	128,799	123,190	150,441	218,610
Office	370,240	365,000	329,300	321,800	303,000	311,825	318,350
Examination	1,101,800	1,001,400	926,400	1,001,400	1,078,300	1,154,000	1,150,000
Scholarship	0	11,000	11,000	10,000	11,000	0	0
Building	42,800	39,500	51,050	37,350	51,530	58,901	32,000
Other/Capital	128,445	41,250	17,500	32,635	5,000	11,300	10,000
Total	3,096,426	2,883,548	2,749,419	2,800,098	2,864,784	2,836,276	2,781,995
Estimated Change in Net Assets (Before Depreciation)	\$ (17,441)	\$ (86,184)	\$ (18,024)	\$ (17,894)	\$ (11,730)	<u>\$ </u>	\$ (109,493)

Operating Budget	Proposed Budget 2016-2017	Fiscal Year Budget 2015-2016	Fiscal Year Budget 2014-2015	Fiscal Year Budget 2013-2014	I	Fiscal Year Budget 2012-2013	1	Fiscal Year Budget 2011-2012	E	Fiscal Year 3udget 2010-2011
Revenues	3,078,985	\$ 2,797,364	\$ 2,731,395	\$ 2,782,204	\$	2,853,054	\$	2,845,688	\$	2,672,502
-	10.07%	2.42%	-1.83%	-2.48%		0.26%		6,48%		
Expenses:										
Personnel	1,317,013	1,285,576	1,290,674	1,268,114		1,292,764		1,149,809		1,053,035
	2.45%	-0.39%	1.78%	-1.91%		12.43%		9.19%		
Board & Legal	136,128	139,822	123,495	128,799		123,190		150,441		218,610
	-2.64%	13.22%	-4.12%	4.55%		-18.11%		-31.18%		
Office	370,240	365,000	329,300	321,800		303,000		311,825		318,350
	1.44%	10.84%	2.33%	6.20%		-2.83%		-2.05%		,
Examination	1,101,800	1,001,400	926,400	1,001,400		1,078,300		1,154,000		1,150,000
	10.03%	8,10%	-7.49%	-7.13%		-6.56%		0.35%		
Scholarship	0	11.000	11,000	10,000		10,000		0		0
	-100.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		
Building	42,800	39,500	51,050	37.350		51,530		58,901		32,000
D diff diff g	8.35%	-22.62%	36.68%	-27.52%		-12.51%		84.07%		
Other	128,445	41,250	17,500	32.635		5.000		11.300		10,000
-	211.38%	135.71%	-46.38%	552.70%		-55.75%		13.00%		
Total	3,096,426	2,883,548	2,749,419	2,800,098		2,863,784		2,836,276		2,781,995
	7.38%	4.88%	-1.81%	-2.22%		0.97%		1.95%		
Estimated Change in Net Assets	6 (17,441)	\$ (86,184)	\$ (18,024)	\$ (17,894)	\$	(11,730)	\$	9,412	\$	(109,493)
(Before Depreciation)										

Appendix II



Peer Review Program

January 10, 2020

Sharon H. Bryson, M. Ed., Chief Executive Officer Bruce Kingshill, CPA, Peer Review Committee Chair North Carolina Association of CPAs PO Box 80188 Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Ms. Bryson and Mr. Kingshill:

On January 9, 2020, 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 have now been posted to the AICPA Peer Review Program website.

The next administering entity oversight visit will be in 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Bluhm

Brian Bluhm, CPA Chair – Oversight Task Force AICPA Peer Review Board

cc: Mary Kelly, Peer Review Coordinator North Carolina Association of CPAs

Lori D. Warden, CPA, CGMA, Manager – Peer Review AICPA Peer Review Program



December 19, 2019

Brian Bluhm, CPA Oversight Task Force AICPA Peer Review Board Palladian I Corporate Center 220 Leigh Farm Road Durham, NC 27707-8110

Dear Mr. Bluhm:

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 performed on October 16-17, 2019. The oversight visit documents have been disseminated to all peer review program 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 Suzanne Heidenreich's and Laurel Gron's visit and review of our administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program.

Sincerely

Sharon H. Bryson, M. Ed Chief Executive Officer NC Association of CPAs

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Bruce A. Kingshill, CPA Chair NCACPA Peer Review Committee

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Peer Review Program

Oversight Visit Report

October 17, 2019

To the North Carolina Association of CPAs Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the North Carolina Association of CPAs' administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program (program) as part of our oversight program. The North Carolina Association of CPAs is responsible for administering the program in North Carolina. Our procedures were conducted in conformity with the guidance established by the AICPA Peer Review Board (board) as contained in the *AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight Handbook*.

Administering Entity's Responsibility

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*, interpretations, and other guidance established by the board.

Oversight Task Force's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to determine whether (1) administering entities are complying with the administrative procedures established by the board, (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.

Conclusion

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.

Suzanne Heidenreich

Suzanne Heidenreich, CPA, Member, Oversight Task Force AICPA Peer Review Program

Peer Review Program



October 17, 2019

To the North Carolina Association of CPAs Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the North Carolina Association of CPAs' administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program as part of our oversight program and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2019. That report should be read in conjunction with the observations in this letter, which were considered in determining our conclusions. The observations described below 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, the administering entity for the program, conducted on October 16 and 17, 2019 the following observations are being communicated.

Administrative Procedures

On October 16, 2019, Laurel Gron, AICPA Peer Review Program Senior 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 status of open reviews, including reviews with corrective actions and implementation plans, which had not yet been completed. We found that open reviews were being effectively monitored for completion by the administrative staff and the peer review committee.

We also reviewed the timeliness of technical reviews and the preparation of committee decision letters. We noted no problems in these areas.

Additionally, we reviewed the policies and procedures for the granting of extensions. We found that the Peer Review Coordinator handles extension requests with discussion from the committee when the circumstances warrant.

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According to discussions with the Peer Review Coordinator, we found compliance with the working paper retention policies for completed reviews.

We met with the Peer Review Coordinator to review the administering entity's procedures to determine if the information disseminated regarding the AICPA Peer Review Program by the administering entity on their website is accurate and timely.

After the AICPA staff's review of the website material, we noted that the administering entity maintains current information as it relates to the peer review program. In addition, the administering entity monitors the website periodically to ensure peer review information is accurate and timely.

Technical Review Procedures

We met with two of the technical reviewers, who are also committee members, to discuss procedures. We determined that the technical reviewers met the qualifications set forth in the guidance.

We reviewed the reports, letters of response, if applicable, and the working papers for several reviews. We believe the review issues were addressed properly by the technical reviewers before reviews were presented to the committee. This helped the acceptance process to be effective and efficient.

The Committee members serve as technical reviewers, and as such, were available during the RAB meeting we observed to answer any questions that arose.

CPA on Staff

Administering entities are required to have a CPA on staff by January 1, 2021. The Oversight Task Force approved a waiver for this requirement for the North Carolina Association of CPAs and the Peer Review Coordinator is the designated individual for managing the program.

We met with the Peer Review Coordinator and discussed their procedures for monitoring the program.

We reviewed the annual confidentiality agreements from all administering entity staff associated with the peer review. We noted that all confidentiality agreements had been obtained and signed by the staff involved with the peer review program administration.

We discussed the policies and procedures designed to maintain objectivity and skepticism to mitigate familiarity threat and safeguards that had been implemented while considering the results of the peer reviews.

RAB and Peer Review Committee Procedures

We met with the committee chair and discussed the procedures for disseminating comments resulting from report acceptance body (RAB) observation reports to the appropriate individuals.

On October 17, 2019, we attended the on-site peer review committee meeting.

There were three concurrent RAB meetings. We observed reviews from each of the three RABs and found the meetings were very orderly. We observed the committee's acceptance process and offered our comments at the close of discussions. It was apparent that the committee members had reviewed the reports and working papers 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.

Oversight Program

The North Carolina Association of CPAs' peer review committee has adopted a formal oversight program that is well documented. We reviewed the document and procedures performed and found it to be comprehensive.

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

Suzanne Heidenreich

Suzanne Heidenreich, CPA, Member, Oversight Task Force AICPA Peer Review Program

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2019325

IN THE MATTER OF: Silicon Valley Accountancy Corporation, 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. Silicon Valley Accountancy Corporation (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a retirement plan sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audit").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
- 4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the ERISA audit.
- 5. There is no indication that the audit performed by the Respondent Firm was otherwise deficient.
- 6. Respondent Firm 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 Firm 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 Firm 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board. NC BOARD OF

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Consent Order - 2 Silicon Valley Accountancy Corporation

- 3. Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 2020. (Day) (Month), (Year) <u>Jeagle Ambs (GEORGE Pin 70)</u> Individual authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent Firm SILICON VALLEY ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE <u>IS</u> DAY OF <u>May</u>, <u>20 20</u> (Month) (Year)

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2019329

IN THE MATTER OF: Topel Forman L.L.C., 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. Topel Forman L.L.C. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a retirement plan sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audit").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
- 4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the ERISA audit.
- 5. There is no indication that the audit performed by the Respondent Firm was otherwise deficient.
- 6. Respondent Firm 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 Firm 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.

- 1. Respondent Firm 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.

Consent Order - 2 Topel Forman L.L.C.

- 3. Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's 4. consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) 1. civil penalty.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2019332

IN THE MATTER OF: Kentner Sellers, LLP, 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. Kentner Sellers, LLP (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a retirement plan sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audit").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
- 4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the ERISA audit.
- 5. There is no indication that the audit performed by the Respondent Firm was otherwise deficient.
- 6. Respondent Firm 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 Firm 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 Firm 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.

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Consent Order - 2 Kentner Sellers, LLP

- 3. Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE <u>29th</u> DAY OF <u>April</u>, <u>1020</u>. (Day) (Month) (Year) Mark R. Smith Individual authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent Firm

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: Forrestall CPAs, LLC, Respondent

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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. Forrestall CPAs, LLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a retirement plan sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audit").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
- 4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the ERISA audit.
- 5. There is no indication that the audit performed by the Respondent Firm was otherwise deficient.
- 6. Respondent Firm 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 Firm 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.

- 1. Respondent Firm 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.

Consent Order - 2 Forrestall CPAs, LLC

- Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the 3. Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's 4. consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) 1. civil penalty.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2019340

IN THE MATTER OF: Seymour and Perry, LLC, 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. Seymour and Perry, LLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a retirement plan sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audit").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.

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- 4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the ERISA audit.
- 5. There is no indication that the audit performed by the Respondent Firm was otherwise deficient.
- 6. Respondent Firm 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 Firm 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 Firm 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board NO 2000000

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- 3. Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's 4. consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) 1. civil penalty.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE	22 DAY OF	April	,2020.
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2019341

IN THE MATTER OF: Cooper Williams LLC, 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. Cooper Williams LLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a retirement plan sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audit").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
- 4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the ERISA audit.
- 5. There is no indication that the audit performed by the Respondent Firm was otherwise deficient.
- 6. Respondent Firm 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 Firm 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.

- 1. Respondent Firm 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.

Consent Order - 2 Cooper Williams LLC

- Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the 3. Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's 4. consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) 1. civil penalty.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2019342

IN THE MATTER OF: Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., 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. Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a retirement plan sponsored in North Carolina ("ERISA audit").
- 3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
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- 1. Respondent Firm 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.

Consent Order - 2 Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

- 3. Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty.

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