



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

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STATE BOARD OF CPA EXAMINERS ELECTS 2022-2023 OFFICERS

RALEIGH -- The North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examiners has elected officers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Gary R. Massey, CPA, (Carteret County) was elected President; Bernita W. Demery, CPA, (Cabarrus County) was elected Vice President; and Maria M. Lynch, Esq., (Wake County) was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Massey, a North Carolina CPA since 1980, was appointed to the Board in 2018 and re-appointed in 2021. He is a Senior Consultant with Cansler Collaborative Resources, Inc., and a retired Director of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

Appointed to the Board in 2019, Demery has held a North Carolina CPA license since 1995. For many years, she was the Director of Financial Services for the City of Greenville. Demery recently worked as the Director of Finance for Charlotte Area Transit, Inc.

Lynch, one of two public members of the Board, served on the Board from 2007 to 2013 and was re-appointed in 2021. She was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1979 and is a partner in the Raleigh law firm Lynch & Eatman, LLP.

Information about the officers and members of the Board is available from nccpaboard.gov/about.

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. The Board's seven members are appointed by the Governor and serve three-year terms. Five members must be holders of valid and unrevoked NC CPA certificates as issued by the Board. The remaining two members, who are not CPAs, represent the interests of the public at large. North Carolina. As of April 1, 2022, North Carolina had 22,378 CPAs with active licenses.

Gary R. Massey, CPA
Emerald Isle, North Carolina

Board Appointment Date: August 20, 2018

Board Appointment Date: July 28, 2021

NC CPA Certification Date: July 23, 1980

Firm: Cansler Collaborative Resources, Inc.
Senior Consultant
CliftonLarsonAllen (Retired)

Education: North Carolina State University
BA, Accounting
BA, Business Management

Honors and Activities: State Board of CPA Examiners
President
Secretary-Treasurer
Executive Committee
Audit Committee
Investment Committee
Personnel Committee
Professional Education & Applications Committee
North Carolina Association of CPAs (NCACPA)
Chapter Task Force
Advocacy & Representation Committee
Healthcare Industry Committee
Member Connections Committee
American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)
Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care
Board Member, Past
National Association for Home Care and Hospice
Financial Managers Workgroup
NC Healthcare Financial Managers Association
North Carolina Association for Home Care and Hospice
Governmental Affairs Committee
CarePAC
Dr. Ellen B. Winston Award, 2005
NC Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Care Advisory Committee
North Carolina Health Care Planning Commission
Benefits Committee
Long-Term Care Subcommittee
North Carolina State University Poole College of Management
Alumni of the Year, 2007
North Carolina State University Poole College of Management
Advisory Committee

Bernita W. Demery, CPA, MBA
Harrisburg, North Carolina

Board Appointment Date: July 22, 2019

NC CPA Certification Date: August 21, 1995

Professional History: Transit Management of Charlotte (Sep. 2019-Apr. 2021)
Director of Finance
City of Greenville, NC (Feb. 1988-Mar. 2018)
Director of Financial Services
Chief Accountant

Education: North Carolina A&T State University
BS, Accounting
East Carolina University
MBA

Honors and Activities: State Board of CPA Examiners
Vice President
Executive Committee
Audit Committee
Professional Education & Applications Committee
Strategy Committee
NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA)
Board of Directors
Audit Committee
Diversity Action Committee
Financial Literacy Council
Governmental Accounting & Auditing Committee
American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)
National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)
National Society of Black CPAs (NSBCPA)
East Carolina University
College of Business Advisory Board
Women of Distinction Award
Greenville-Pitt County Convention & Visitors Authority
Treasurer
United Way of Pitt County
Allocations Committee
GUCO Credit Union Board
Director-Member
Government Finance Officers Association, US & Canada
State Representative
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Iota Kappa Omega Chapter
Certified Plan Sponsor Professional (CPSP)
Plan Sponsor Council of America

**Maria M. Lynch, Esq.
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Board Appointment Date: July 30, 2007

Board Reappointment Date: July 1, 2010

Board Appointment Date: August 30, 2021

Firm: Lynch & Eatman, LLP
Partner

Bar Admissions: North Carolina
U.S. District Court Eastern District of North Carolina
U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit
U.S. Tax Court

Education: University of Tennessee
Bachelor of Arts
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Juris Doctorate
Order of the Coif
Research Editor, *Law Review*

Honors and Activities: State Board of CPA Examiners
Secretary-Treasurer
Executive Committee
Investment Committee
Mobility Task Force
Personnel Committee
Professional Education & Applications Committee
North Carolina State Bar
Sarah H. Davis Excellence Award
John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award
Councilor
North Carolina Bar Association
Estate Planning Fiduciary Law Section
Council Member
Ethics Committee, Chair
Wake County Bar Association
Board of Directors
Joseph Branch Professionalism Award
10th Judicial District Grievance Committee
Tenth Judicial District Bar, President
American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
Fellow
Certified Specialist, Estate Planning and Probate Law
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law
Adjunct Professor
Duke University School of Law
Senior Lecturing Fellow