

Public Session Agenda March 13, 2024 10:00 a.m.

I. Administrative Items

A. Call to Order

Under North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e), every Board member must avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Does any Board member have a known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from participating in that matter.

- 1. Conflict of Interest Checklist
- B. Welcome and Introduction of Guests
- C. Approval of Agenda (ACTION)
- D. Minutes (ACTION)
- E. Financial/Budgetary Items
 - 1. Financial Statements for February 2024 (ACTION)
- F. Election of 2024-2025 Officers (ACTION)

II. Legislative & Rulemaking Items

A. Approval of Initial Classification of Board Rules (ACTION)

III. National Organization Items

- A. Approval of Board Response to Professional Licensure Task Force (ACTION)
- B. Discussion of Upcoming Executive Director/Legal NASBA Conference (FYI)

IV. State & Local Organization Items

V. Committee Reports

- A. Professional Standards Committee (ACTION)
- B. Professional Education and Applications Committee (ACTION)

VI. Executive Staff and Legal Counsel Report

- A. Operational Metrics (FYI)
- B. Executive Staff Report (FYI)
- C. Update on Credit Relief Initiative (FYI)
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Closed Session
- IX. Adjournment



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES February 19, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary R. Massey, CPA, President; Bernita W. Demery, CPA, Vice President; Jodi K. Kruse, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer; Maria M. Lynch, Esq.; D. Michael (Mickey) Payseur, CPA; Jennifer Van Zant, Esq.; and Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA.

BOARD STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: David R. Nance, CPA, Executive Director; S. Lynne Sanders, CPA, Deputy Director; and Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Soticheck, CPA, NCACPA COO; Robert Broome, NCACPA Director of Advocacy; and faculty, students, and guests from UNC Wilmington.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Massey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Ms. Van Zant stated she recused himself from an item on the Professional Standards Committee's agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Kruse moved, and Ms. Demery seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

MINUTES: Ms. Demery moved, and Ms. Van Zant seconded the motion to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: Mr. Payseur moved, and Ms. Kruse seconded the motion to approve the January 2024 financial statements as submitted. The motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULEMAKING ITEMS: Mr. Nance informed the Board that staff are ahead of schedule in reviewing proposed changes to Board rules as part of the legislatively mandated periodic rules review process. The Board's most immediate deliverable is to denote whether each of the Board's rules are necessary or not and then post for a 60-day comment period. Staff have completed the worksheet noting responses, which will be shared with the Board at its March meeting. Upon approval by the Board, the worksheet will be posted for the 60-day comment period.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Several Board members reported on the status of their work on NASBA committees. Some committees have not met since the Board's January 22, 2024, or meetings have been held to plan upcoming activities. Mr. Massey noted that NASBA recently held a virtual Mid-Atlantic regional meeting. Various topics of interest to jurisdictions in the region were discussed, with more discussions planned at the upcoming Executive Director's conference in March and the Eastern Regional meeting in June. Ms. Van Zant moved, and Ms. Lynch seconded the motion to approve the response to the AICPA Exposure Draft, Proposed Peer Review Standards Update No. 2, *Reviewing A Firm's System of Quality Management and Omnibus Technical Enhancements*. The motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes. (Appendix I)

Mr. Nance discussed the work of the Professional Licensure Task Force. He noted he would prepare a response on behalf of the Board to a recent survey soliciting State Boards' feedback on proposed models. The draft response will be shared with the Board at the March 13, 2024, meeting.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT: The Board approved with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes the following recommendations of the Committee as presented by Mr. Winstead:

<u>Case No. C2023113 - Sara Fording Gonzalez</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order. (Appendix II)

<u>Case No. C2023116 - Nathaniel Nathan McKenzie</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order. (Appendix III)

<u>Case Nos. C2023200-1 and C2023200-2 - Barton W. Baldwin and Baldwin & Hodge, LLP</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order. (Appendix IV)

<u>Case Nos. C2023202-1 and C2023202-2 - Christopher Max Kemp, CPA, and Kemp & Hymanson</u> <u>CPAs, LLP</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order. (Appendix V)

<u>Case No. C2024003</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No. C2023204</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No. C2023206</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No. C2023207</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No. C2023214</u> - Close the case without prejudice.

<u>Case No. C2023215</u> - Close the case without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

<u>Case No. C2024005</u> - Close the case without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

Mr. Winstead stated that the Committee provided guidance to Board staff on one other case.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: The Board approved with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes the following recommendations of the Committee as presented by Ms. Demery:

Transfer of Uniform CPA Exam Grades - Approve the following applications for the transfer of Uniform CPA Exam grades:

Alice Zhang DeGaetano Jesse Allen Flowers Brittany Taylor Hernon Matthew Joseph Knepper Ryan Long Le Dishant Ashok Patel Heliben Ureshkumar Patel

Original CPA Certificate Applications - Approve the following applications for original CPA certification:

Dominic Abbate **Michael Steven Ament** Brian Edmond Baccaglini Caroline McKinsey Bare Jason Douglas Bergeron Mary Kenzie Bobbett Ashley Nicole Bornkamp Jocelyn Danette Green Boyd Joshua Trey Branch Austin Scott Brooks **Olivia Richardson Bruner** Zackery Stephen Busby Nathan Anthony Caldwell Christina Elizabeth Chapman **Raine Michael Craft Charles Noel Cunningham** Alice Zhang DeGaetano Rebekah Elizabeth Drum Natalie Hardee Erwin Carolyn Ann-Veloria Fields Jesse Allen Flowers Stuart Bryan Gentry Jonathan Emmanuel Guevarez Salgado **Caroline Ann Hale** Hunter MacKenzie Heaton William Nathan Hensley **Brittany Taylor Hernon Kyle Michael Hespeler** Kaylee Green Hughes Margaret Welsh Hulbert Jerome Brian King Ethan Albert Klemons

Matthew Joseph Knepper Alexa Rae Koch Christopher Lee Koogler Christina Leigh Laney Ryan Long Le Kacie Neal Loye Christian Chadwick Lynch Ciara Therese Mottley Mahsa Victoria Movahed Kassidy Faye Muse Zaynab Rajaa Nasif Allison Merritt Neal Jose Carlos Ortega Bhavin B. Patel **Dishant Ashok Patel** Heliben Ureshkumar Patel Jo Luise Penninger Nicholas Brock Pittman **Ryan Douglas Poudrier** Alexander Wayne Ramsey Joseph Tucker Robertson Audrey Helene Rollins Janelle Corinne Shipotofsky Mitchell Hardin Smith Stephen James Svetik Matthew James Travison **Rebecca Elaine Trent Yijie Wang** Lauren Marie Warr Austin Murray Young Yishan Zhao Kenny Youngbiao Zheng

Temporary Permits - Approve the following temporary permits approved by the Executive Director:

Megan Ashley Enderson, T14284 Kristin Elizabeth Agosta, T14285 Kevin Perry Wise, T14286 Stephen Walker Ellis, T14287 Julia Schroeck, T14288 Iryna Koshova, T14289 Ryan Timothy O'Connor, T14290 William Gunning Tubbs, T14291 Karen W. Newmeyer, T14292 Darrin Jordan Williams, T14293 Dillon Alexander Kosofsky, T14294 Timothy Cornell Buroff, T14295 Stela Veselinova Petrova, T14296 Ryan Michael Starkes, T14297 Meredith Jane Law, T14320 Christopher Walden Bailey, T14321 Erik J. Wszalek, T14322 Jay Francis Barber, T14323 Kelley Marie Grow, T14324 Megan Laurel McConnell, T14325 John Joseph Rosano, T14326 Nathaniel Scott Roper, T14327

Joseph D. Johnston, T14328 Jack Michael Waller, T14329 Steven Lawrence Lorenzen, T14330 Jessica T. Woodhouse, T14331 Eunho Cho. T41332 Jeffrey Carl Himmelreich, T14333 Brittany Cummings, T14334 Ari Matthew Kaplan, T14335 Qiao Ke, T14336 Guoyin Wang, T14337 Kelley A. Quinn, T14338 Sam A. Pitts, T14339 Qi Qi, T14340 John Lewis Vincie III, T14341 Barbara M. Petro, T14342 Pablo Monteverde Medina, T14343 Spencer Christian White, T14344 Jesse Daniel Chroman, T14345 John Gordon Barrasso, T14346 Randy Nicholas Kohn, T14347 Denise Michelle Stubbs, T14348 Kyle John Krebs, T14349

Reciprocal CPA Certificate Applications - Approve the following applications for reciprocal CPA certification:

Andrew Joshua Brinkman	
Eric James Elman	
Cesar Ford-Morel	
Kevin Paul Gawron	
Robert Scott Jackson	
Samuel Awortwe Johnson	

Tailor L. Kline Karen W. Newmeyer Steven C. Roiland Aydely Santiago-Taiman Briana Nicole Stone Sarah Rachel Taylor

Miscellaneous - Approve an individual's request that the Board allow a specific course to count toward the "eight of the ten fields of study" education requirement for CPA licensure based on the Board staff's detailed analysis of the course content.

Reinstatements - Approve the CPA certificate reinstatement application submitted by the following individuals:

Patrick William Nee, #45007

Sherrie Oakley Simpson, #18219 Katherine Drew Skale, #34188 Laura Roberts Smith, #18634

Reissuance of New Certificate - Approve the applications for reissuance of new certificate submitted by the following individual:

Margaret Linn Naumchick Rauh, #26736

William Gregory Stiehl, #32295

CPE Extension Request - Approve the following individual for an extension until the date noted to complete the 2023 CPE requirement:

Clara Faye Bryant, #14556 February 29, 2024

Uniform CPA Exam Applications - Approve the applications for the Uniform CPA Exam submitted by the following individuals:

Shannan Adams Lauren Adiletta Miao Allison Hailey Amass Miguel Andrade-Urioso Emily Armstrong Auma Asiyo Christopher Baker Stewart Baker Sydney Baldwin **Carla Batchelor** Kevin Bell Emily Bennett **Douglas Bittner** John Blue Ethan Boyer **Robin Bradley** Amber Briggs Charles Brioso James Brooks Jack Brown Violette Bruchon Ethan Brunelli Shelby Bryson Travis Burk Andrew Butterfield Allison Carlyle Heather Carrasco

Grayson Cashwell Ellen Chambers Patrick Chapepa Shivi Chen Linwood Cheshire Dianna Clark Caroline Clevenger Louisa Coates Amanda Colley-Townsend Cody Collins John Conley Jessica Copeland Tyler Counts Cole Crawford Alexis Credle James Croom **Catherine Currin** Brian Dampman Peter Davis **Thomas Dawson** Anthony DeMarco Sean DeMarco Wellington Deno-Mena Cameron Denton Nicholas Desmond **Timothy Dillon** Anna Dixon Jillian Dunn

Kimberly East Noah Ehreth Olivia Elgin Josiah Fahey Andrew Farrug Vianney Ferdinand **Daniel Figueroa** Anna-Kelly Fink Alexander Forrest Janay Frank Mitchell Frei Zachary Fry Victoria Gahn Lacy Galloway **Morgan Garriss** Diana Gasinski Halev Gilmore Stephanie Glasson Evelyn Gonzalez Caitlin Gordon Heather Graham Jillian Graves-Mobley Lily Grissom Maggie Grondy **Rachel Grote** William Hackley **Alexis Haggard** Alison Hammett **DeMario Harris Christopher Hastings Kristen Hausman** Ashley Hawkins **Kaitlyn Hayes** Annalise Heimes Aliza Hendrix Caroline Hendrix Alexander Hester **Emily Hicks** Brian Himmel Jorge Hipolito Canario Tuven Ho **Tanner Hobbs** Tyler Hobson Jordan Hofmeister

Payton Hudson Madison Hughes William Humphrey Connor Hunt Lily Hunt Joseph Huynh Jason Iannicelli **Delaney Jacke** Louis Jakub Kevin Jarman Jonathan Jewell Edwin Jimenez Paulino Andrew Johnson Alicia Jones **Alexis Juarez** Nicholas Kabiri Jacob Kauffman Ayden Kelley John Kelley Kaitlin King Breanna Kirk Chase Kirkman Melanie Kisting Mark Klabo Jihe Koo Lija Kornivska Eli Kovacs Daniel Larson Katherine Lawless Sean Leahy John Lewis William Love Claire Mahoney Samuel Makarov **Yvette Mammes** Wyatt Manus Juan Pablo Martinez Romero Danny Massry Amanda Matthews Timothy May Sarah McCarthy Sloman McDurmon Walter McEachern Jonathon McLean

Moniqua McLean Adam Midyette **Kellie Miller** Luke Miller Matthew Miller Christopher Minneci Breanna Mirakian Bilali Mohammed Chelsea Morgan **Brian Morris** Matthew Morrison Rhonda Moseley **Taner Moulton** Jaleesa Murphy Taylor Murray Trevor Musgrave Kajol Nariani Ha Nguyen Jack Niemer Chun Nip **Meredith Norris** Parker Norris Rvan O'Keeffe Nathaniel O'Shields Cassia OBrien Nathan Oldia Samuel Olivares Jessica Outlaw Sabryn Owens Misty Pallett Aishni Patel Leonel Paulin Santiago Whitney Pearce Hannah Peele **David Phagan** Elizabeth Poppe **Blaire Powell Brittany Powell** Jordan Powell Callin Randolph Grace Rathbun Jeremy Reed Lawrence Repko Alexander Retamar

Payton Reynolds Matthew Ridenour Dylan Ritch **Giny Robles** Abigail Ross Hailey Ross Rachel Rouse Ahmad Saleem **Robert Savino** Rachel Schneider Gabrielle Shannon **Kaytlin Shaver Daniel Sheitman** Madeline Sherrick Stephanie Shewhart Dhruva Shivakumar Joshua Sigmon Joshua Simmons Anne Sippe **Elise Smith** Shawn Smith Wesley Smith Meghan Spillare **Dylan Spurlin** Jada Staten George Streetman James Suggs **Emily Sullivan** Brandon Tahamtan William Taylor Thomas Te Groen Martin Thomas Katelyn Tindal **Ariston Tomes** Annagrace Toothman **Brett Tornquist** Scarlett Trainor Matthew Turner Dominick Vaccaro Carlos Valencia Micah Vera Lucas Votaw Ashley Wagner Callum Walker

Alexander Walsh Jonathan Walsh Nora Walsh Kayla Walter Jace Ward Elle Warshawsky Joseph Wells Caleb Westbrook Molly White Lucas Whitesides Whitney Whitley Ashlyn Williams Brandon Williams Elana Williams Jordan Williams Mackenzie Willson Melanie Winkle Khendra Witt Jessica Woolfe Ying Zhou Joshua Zimmer Meghan Zuzolo

Miscellaneous - Approve an individual's request to apply for the Uniform CPA Exam based on additional course information provided by the candidate and research conducted by the Board staff.

CPA Firm Registrations - Approve the CPA firm registration applications submitted by the following firms:

S Agarwal CPA PLLC Sonali Asati CPA PLLC JPR Resources PLLC Pines Accounting Services, PLLC Wooten CPA PLLC

EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: The Board reviewed the January 2024 operational metrics and the Executive Staff Report.

Mr. Payseur moved, and Ms. Van Zant seconded the motion to change the time of the March 13, 2024, meeting to 10:00 a.m. and move the location of the July 22, 2024, meeting to the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. The motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The UNC-W Beta Alpha Psi Chapter presented highlights of their chapter activities for the year and their increased membership.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Winstead moved, and Ms. Demery seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m. The motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

David R. Nance, CPA Executive Director Gary R. Massey, CPA President



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

February 19, 2024

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Attention: Brad Coffey, AICPA Peer Review Board 220 Leigh Farm Road Durham, NC 27707-8110

The North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (Board) has reviewed the Exposure Draft, Proposed Peer Review Standards Update No. 2, *Reviewing A Firm's System of Quality Management and Omnibus Technical Enhancements* prepared by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA). The draft proposes revisions to the standards with conforming updates to address the issuance of the quality management standards by the Auditing Standards Board. The AICPA Peer Review Board (PRB) has requested feedback from all interested parties but identified sections specific to respondents providing their views on behalf of state boards of accountancy. The Board offers the following comments:

Most of the proposed language changes relate to the conformity changes with the new quality management standards and the increase in firm management responsibilities for achieving quality results. As such, the focus shifts from a discussion of quality control standards to quality management standards. The Board agrees with the emphasis on firms' "tone at the top" in achieving quality results and agrees these language changes are necessary to conform with the quality management standards.

The Exposure Draft notes that the standards will continue to categorize matters identified by peer reviewers as either design or compliance matters and asks whether additional report wording issues should be considered. An example offered is relabeling "compliance matters" to "operating effectiveness matters." The Board believes that consistency in the reporting formats is important on behalf of Board staff charged with monitoring firms' peer review program results. To support this objective, compliance matters, as defined in Section 100, identify when an aspect of a firm's properly designed system of quality management is not implemented or does not operate as designed. As such, the Board recommends staying with the current categorization of matters for further consideration as compliance matters.

An ask of the Exposure Draft for state boards of accountancy is if any changes will need to be made to state laws or board regulations to address the transition from quality control standards to quality management standards. The Board has not identified any changes that would be required as part of this transition.

A question is asked if the peer review standards should include a definition of "root cause" or explanatory material that would provide users with additional considerations for concluding whether the severity and pervasiveness of a root cause may be systemic in nature. Root cause analysis would be a method by which reviewers identify the underlying reasons for why a particular quality management condition exists. Understanding the root cause for a noncompliance matter would provide the firm with a roadmap to prevent the recurrence of quality management failures and promote positive outcomes. Knowing the "why" can assist in determining the recommendation for addressing the condition and assessing the effectiveness of the actions taken. Therefore, the Board would support this addition to the peer review standards.

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A critical change is identified in the Reviewer Qualifications with PR-C Section 200, *General Principles and Responsibilities for Reviewers*. The new language proposes that a reviewer who retires from the practice of public accounting may continue to serve as a peer review team member during the 18 months after the individual's retirement date. The Board does not see this as a problem as the conditions for this to occur include the requirement to obtain relevant continuing professional education that should maintain their current knowledge of professional standards. However, the Board does have some concern with the language in how this section is presented. Many state boards of accountancy have a CPA-retired status that allows CPAs to maintain their CPA designation. However, the status is generally honorary, and such CPAs are not "licensed to practice as a CPA" and are further restricted from continuing to perform services that are identified as the "public practice of accounting." The PRB should consider changing the presentation in this matter to ensure there is no confusion or unintended consequences related to a "retired" CPA serving in this role.

Finally, the Board agrees that the language added regarding facilitated state board access (FSBA) is essential in assisting state boards of accountancy in performing their monitoring responsibilities for firm quality management issues. This Board updated its rules recently such that a firm located in North Carolina may not be permitted to opt out of providing access to the firm's peer review results and other documentation through FSBA. Due to the length of time from a firm's peer review scheduling and the finalization of the process with peer review results, the monitoring of peer review activity has become difficult, complex, and time-consuming for state boards of accountancy. As more information is made available within FSBA, state boards of accountancy can more readily monitor the process without constantly engaging with the impacted firms. As such, the Board would request that the PRB consider making the "objective peer review information" as identified at .A18 within PR-C Section 300, *General Principles and Responsibilities for Review Firms*, mandatory reporting requirements within the FSBA system.

The Board agrees that the proposed effective dates for QM-related changes (December 31, 2025) and omnibus technical enhancements (October 31, 2024) are reasonable.

The Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Exposure Draft, particularly the questions about state boards of accountancy.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Masse

President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2023113

IN THE MATTER OF: Sara Fording Gonzalez, CPA, #30420 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 the Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Sara Fording Gonzalez, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number #30420 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Board received a complaint from one of the Respondent's clients ("Complainant") alleging, among other things, that the Respondent had not timely returned client-provided records.
- 3. The Complainant requested a return of his original documents on May 10, 2023. The Respondent fulfilled that request on July 21, 2023. The request was made within a letter making numerous other demands and was therefore inadvertently overlooked by the Respondent.
- 4. The 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. The 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. The 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The original documents provided by the Complainant are considered to be "client-provided" records as that term is used in 21 NCAC 08N .0305(a).
- 3. Per 21 NCAC 08N .0305(a), a "CPA shall return client-provided records in the CPA's custody or control to the client at the client's request."
- 4. Per 21 NCAC 08N .0305(h), a "CPA who is required to return or provide records to the client shall comply with the client's request as soon as practicable, but no later than 45 days after the request is made."
- 5. The Respondent's failure to provide the Complainant's client-provided records within 45 days after the initial request constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0305.

Consent Order 2 Sara Fording Gonzalez, CPA

- 6. The other allegations contained in the Complaint are hereby dismissed.
- 7. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent, Sara Fording Gonzalez, CPA, is hereby censured.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE	8th	_ DAY OF_	February	2024
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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



BY: Have Mas President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2023116

IN THE MATTER OF: Nathaniel Nathan McKenzie, CPA 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 the Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Nathaniel Nathan McKenzie, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina Practice Privilege as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Board received a complaint from a client ("Complainant") related to the audit and tax services performed by the Respondent firm. The Complainant asserted that the Respondent had performed audit and tax services for the client. The Complainant alleged that the work was poorly performed, and that the Respondent had become unreliable and unresponsive.
- 3. The Board staff obtained the audit report from the client. Following a review of the audit report, the staff requested audit workpapers from the Respondent.
- 4. The Respondent's workpapers contained numerous and significant deficiencies. Among other things, there was insufficient documentation of audit work identifying testing procedures performed, planned testing objectives, support for transaction testing, or evidence of review of internal controls. Some of the more significant deficiencies include:
 - a. Failure to document audit planning;
 - b. Failure to document preliminary or final analytical procedures;
 - c. Failure to document auditor independence;
 - d. Failure to document engagement acceptance and understanding;
 - e. Failure to document fraud risk identification, or internal control and risk assessments;
 - f. Failure to document the understanding and design of internal controls; and
 - g. Failure to obtain required management representations.
- 5. The Respondent is licensed in another jurisdiction and has performed only a couple of engagements in the State of North Carolina.
- 6. The 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. The 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. The 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, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-10, the Respondent has utilized a practice privilege to engage with a limited number of clients in the State of North Carolina.
- 3. The Respondent's audit workpapers are insufficient and indicate a failure to perform all necessary testing and procedures, resulting in a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 (Audit Standards).
- 4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

1. The Respondent's practice privilege to perform services in the State of North Carolina is hereby revoked.

11/24 DAY OF Ache CONSENTED TO THIS THE \rightarrow (Month) (Year) Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE _____ DAY OF February (Month), 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s C2023200-1/2

IN THE MATTER OF: Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, #10804 Baldwin & Hodge, LLP Respondents

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 the Respondents stipulate to the following:

- 1. Barton W. Baldwin, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 10804 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Baldwin & Hodge, LLP (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. Hereinafter, the Respondent and the Respondent Firm are collectively referred to as the "Respondents."
- 3. On November 6, 2023, the Board staff received a referral from the United States Department of Labor (hereinafter "DOL") disclosing a deficiency with an ERISA audit prepared by the Respondent Firm. The referral identified that the audit report for a client's employees' 401(k) plan as of December 31, 2021, was not performed in accordance with applicable standards.
- 4. The Respondent Firm responded that the original audit report was not in compliance with new standards because the updated format had not been utilized. The time period covered by the report occurred prior to the change in standards, however, the implementation date for new standards had occurred prior to issuance of the report. After being notified, the Respondent Firm reissued the report using the updated reporting format. The Respondent Firm addressed the issue within the required filing deadline established by the DOL.
- 5. The Respondents state that they no longer perform ERISA audit services. The Respondent Firm received a "pass" on its last system peer review.
- 6. The Respondents wish 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. The Respondents understand and agree 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. The Respondents are 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.

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Consent Order - 2 Barton W. Baldwin, CPA Baldwin & Hodge, LLP

- 2. By virtue of the facts set forth above, the Respondents violated Rules 21 NCAC 08N .0212 and .0403.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

- 1. The Respondent is hereby censured.
- 2. Should the Respondents choose to perform ERISA services subject to peer review in the future, then each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must take four (4) hours of group study A&A CPE annually related to ERISA audits until the Respondent Firm receives a "pass" or a "pass with deficiencies" on a peer review.

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE _/9_ DAY OF _________, 2024_. (Day) (Month) (Year)

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



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CPA EXAMINERS

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s C2023202-1/2

IN THE MATTER OF: Christopher Max Kemp, CPA, #13801 Kemp & Hymanson CPAs, LLP Respondents

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 the Respondents stipulate to the following:

- 1. Christopher Max Kemp, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 13801 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Kemp & Hymanson CPAs, LLP (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. Hereinafter, the Respondent and the Respondent Firm are collectively referred to as the "Respondents."
- 3. On November 6, 2023, the Board staff received a referral from the United States Department of Labor (hereinafter "DOL") disclosing a deficiency with an ERISA audit prepared by the Respondent Firm. The referral identified that the audit report for a client's 401(k) profit sharing plan as of December 31, 2021, was not performed in accordance with applicable standards.
- 4. The Respondent Firm responded that it erroneously thought the implementation date for the new standards updates did not apply to the audit year ending December 31, 2021. After being notified, the Respondent Firm reissued the report using the updated reporting format. The Respondent Firm addressed the issue within the required filing deadline established by the DOL.
- 5. The Respondents state that they no longer perform any assurance services and are no longer a part of the peer review program. The Respondent Firm received a "pass" on its last system peer review.
- 6. The Respondents wish 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. The Respondents understand and agree 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:

 The Respondents are 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.

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Consent Order - 2 Christopher Max Kemp, CPA Kemp & Hymanson CPAs, LLP

- 2. By virtue of the facts set forth above, the Respondents violated Rules 21 NCAC 08N .0212 and .0403.
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

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

- 1. The Respondent is hereby censured.
- 2. Should the Respondents choose to perform services subject to peer review in the future, then each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must take four (4) hours of group study A&A CPE annually related to ERISA audits until the Respondent Firm receives a "pass" or a "pass with deficiencies" on a peer review.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



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CPA EXAMINERS

Item I-E-1

Financial Highlights For the Eleven Month Period Ended February 29, 2024 Compared to the Eleven Month Period Ended February 28, 2023

	Budget Var.	Feb-24	Feb-23	Inc. (Dec.)
Total Revenue	\$ 452,574.29	\$ 3,111,749.79	\$ 2,714,000.37	\$ 397,749.42
■Total Operating Revenue	\$ 381,911.88	\$ 2,977,084.76	\$ 2,649,941.88	\$ 327,142.88
Total Net Non Operating Revenue	\$ 70,662.41	\$ 134,665.03	\$ 64,058.49	\$ 70,606.54
OTotal Expenses	\$ 258,013.29	\$ 2,812,033.49	\$ 2,564,149.80	\$ 247,883.69
Increase(Dec.) Net Assets for Period		\$ 299,716.30	\$ 149,850.57	\$ 149,865.73
Total Checking and Savings		\$ 1,664,843.70	\$ 1,665,170.28	\$ (326.58)
Total Assets		\$ 4,912,729.50	\$ 4,779,682.16	\$ 133,047.34
Full-Time/Part-time Employees		12	12	

Budget:

- Operating revenue was \$382,000 over budget. Certificate fees decreased (-\$13k) while Exam fee revenue increased (+\$394k)
- Non-Operating revenue was over budget by \$71,000 due to increased gift card revenue (+\$10k) and increased interest earnings (+\$60k)
- Expenses were over budget by \$258,000. Key variances individually were increased exam costs (+\$269k) and office expenses (+\$19k); offset by reduced board travel costs (-\$17k), board investigative costs (-\$18k) and postage expenses (-\$7k)

Actual:

- Total operating revenue increased from prior year by \$327,000. Increase mainly attributed to increased exam activity (+\$319k)
- Total net non-operating revenue increased from prior period by \$71,000 primarily due increased interest earnings (+\$60k) and gift card revenue (+\$10k)
- Total expenses increased from prior period by \$248,000. Key variances include increased costs related to the exam costs (+\$199k), office expense (+\$21k), legal expense (+\$12k), and staff salary (+\$54k), offset by reduction in building costs (-\$43k)

Statement of Net Position

As of February 29, 2024

	TOTAL		
	AS OF FEB 29, 2024	AS OF FEB 28, 2023 (PY)	
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1020 Truist Checking Acct	106,022.81	101,281.98	
1021 Truist Savings Account	5,080.08	5,205.21	
1030 Truist Payroll Acct	100.00	100.00	
1076 Pinnacle - MMA	1,036,207.89	1,077,015.34	
1078 Pinnacle - ICS	497,432.92	481,567.75	
Total Checking/Savings	\$1,644,843.70	\$1,665,170.28	
Other Current Assets			
1050 CD Investments - Current	250,000.00	250,000.00	
1110 Accrued CD Interest	554.79	2,939.73	
1120 Accounts Receivable	0.00	842.38	
1126 Accts Rec Admin Cost	16,600.00	0.00	
1130 Lease Receivable - Current	47,406.00	44,579.00	
1160 Prepaid Expenses	10,062.58	9,158.84	
1170 Interest Receivable	0.00	3,035.00	
Total Other Current Assets	\$324,623.37	\$310,554.95	
Total Current Assets	\$1,969,467.07	\$1,975,725.23	
Fixed Assets			
1300 Building	985,976.03	1,024,414.94	
1305 Land	300,000.00	300,000.00	
1310 Furniture	61,443.00	110,793.38	
1320 Equipment	152,015.45	192,770.39	
1325 Data Base Software	180,336.18	180,336.18	
1330 Capital Improvements	163,679.96	140,181.96	
1335 GL Software Subscription	279,684.00		
1390 Accumulated Depreciation	-902,146.62	-1,050,225.92	
1395 Amortization of GL Software	-94,840.00		
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,126,148.00	\$898,270.93	
Other Assets			
1080 Wells Fargo Advisors Investment	1,448,979.00	1,503,626.00	
1081 Raymond James Investment	313,481.43	300,000.00	
1180 Lease Receivable - LT	54,654.00	102,060.00	
Total Other Assets	\$1,817,114.43	\$1,905,686.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,912,729.50	\$4,779,682.16	

Statement of Net Position

As of February 29, 2024

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	AS OF FEB 29, 2024	AS OF FEB 28, 2023 (P)
IABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 Accounts Payable	0.00	6,585.0
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$6,585.0
Other Current Liabilities		
2005 Due to Exam Vendors	266,932.11	346,302.1
2011 Accounts Payable Other	2,500.00	2,500.0
2013 GL Software SubscriptionPayable	184,844.00	
2015 Accrued Vacation Current	4,132.17	21,612.1
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$458,408.28	\$370,414.3
Total Current Liabilities	\$458,408.28	\$376,999.3
Long-Term Liabilities		
2020 Accrued Vacation	84,737.27	54,086.2
2310 Deferred Inflow of Resources	102,060.00	146,639.0
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$186,797.27	\$200,725.2
Total Liabilities	\$645,205.55	\$577,724.6
Net Assets		
3010 Net Assets Invest in Cap Assets	1,126,148.00	897,302.4
3020 Designated for Capital Assets	100,000.00	100,000.0
3031 Designated-Operating Expenses	300,000.00	300,000.0
3040 Designated for Litigation	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.0
3900 Net Assets Undesignated	1,441,659.65	1,754,804.4
Change in Net Assets	299,716.30	149,850.5
Total Net Assets	\$4,267,523.95	\$4,201,957.5
OTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$4,912,729.50	\$4,779,682.1

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Year-To-Date Comparison

	TOTAL		
	APR 2023 - FEB 2024	APR 2022 - FEB 2023 (PY)	
Income			
Certificate Fees			
4110 Certificates - Initial	49,900.00	43,700.00	
4120 Certificates - Reciprocal	28,300.00	31,300.00	
4140 Certificates - Renewal Fees	1,326,600.00	1,320,720.00	
4150 Certificates - Reinst/Revoked	1,500.00	1,900.00	
4151 Certificates - Reinst/Surr	5,000.00	4,800.00	
Total Certificate Fees	1,411,300.00	1,402,420.00	
Exam Fee Revenue			
4001 Initial Adm Fees	195,730.00	165,830.00	
4002 Re-Exam Adm Fees	172,050.00	131,025.00	
4004 Exam Fees Revenue	1,137,108.76	890,609.70	
4070 Transfer Exam Grade Credit	150.00	75.00	
4072 Exam Scholarship Coupon	-28,300.00	-29,622.35	
Total Exam Fee Revenue	1,476,738.76	1,157,917.35	
Misc			
4970 Duplicate Certificates	525.00	450.00	
4990 Miscellaneous	1,461.00	1,014.53	
Total Misc	1,986.00	1,464.53	
Partnership Fees			
4260 Partnership Registration Fees	30.00	2,500.00	
4261 Partnership Renewal Fees	40,280.00	39,940.00	
Total Partnership Fees	40,310.00	42,440.00	
Professional Corporation Fees			
4250 PC Registration Fees	4,200.00	3,975.00	
4251 PC Renewal Fees	42,500.00	41,725.00	
4252 PC Renewal Fees W/Penalties	50.00		
Total Professional Corporation Fees	46,750.00	45,700.00	
Total Income	\$2,977,084.76	\$2,649,941.88	
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,977,084.76	\$2,649,941.88	
Expenses			
5920 Funded Depreciation	43,750.00	41,250.00	
6690 Over & Short	-199.50	124.39	
Board Travel		121.00	
5120 Board Travel - Board Meetings	19,334.85	18,796.58	
5121 Board Travel - Prof Meetings	195.54	670.50	
5122 Board Travel - NASBA Annual	9,455.25	10,142.68	
5123 Board Travel - NASBA Regional	11,830.79	8,109.85	
5127 Board Travel - NCACPA/Board	56.04	0,109.80	

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Year-To-Date Comparison

	TOTAL		
	APR 2023 - FEB 2024	APR 2022 - FEB 2023 (PY)	
5129 Miscellaneous Board Costs	666.26	3,879.91	
5131 Board Travel - Outside Legal	1,639.00	2,624.09	
Total Board Travel	43,177.73	44,223.61	
Building Expenses			
5800 Building Maintenance	863.50	5,410.20	
5801 Electricity	11,101.51	9,991.38	
5802 Grounds Maintenance	11,221.94	7,253.00	
5803 Heat & Air Maintenance	2,424.95	3,601.20	
5804 Improvements	169.73	40,275.00	
5805 Insurance	6,665.00	6,205.00	
5807 Janitorial Maintenance	14,135.00	14,135.00	
5808 Pest Control Service	450.00	600.00	
5809 Security & Fire Alarm	2,204.93	2,743.2	
5810 Trash Collection	-167.58	2,069.63	
5811 Water & Sewer	1,242.12	1,252.8	
Total Building Expenses	50,311.10	93,536.47	
Continuing Education -Staff			
5050 Continuing Education - Staff	3,583.99	2,781.9	
Total Continuing Education -Staff	3,583.99	2,781.9	
Exam Postage			
5531 Exam Postage	480.00	1,260.00	
Total Exam Postage	480.00	1,260.0	
Exam Sitting and Grading			
5538 Exam Vendor Expense	997,393.41	797,498.8	
5539 Exam Vendor Accommodations	6,098.81	6,698.9	
Total Exam Sitting and Grading	1,003,492.22	804,197.84	
Fringe Benefits			
5031 Retirement - NCLB Contribution	55,026.96	51,782.00	
5033 Retirement - NCLB Administr	3.786.48	5,489.70	
5035 Health Ins. Premiums	116,077.88	112,621.20	
5036 Medical Reim Plan	31,647.71	32,377.13	
Total Fringe Benefits	206,539.03	202,270.1	
Investigation & Hearing Costs			
5222 Investigation Materials	3,254.75	3,159.50	
5230 Hearing Costs	420.78	1,572.8	
5250 Administrative Cost Assessed	-17,200.00	-11,000.00	
5260 Civil Penalties Assessed	-41,000.00	-175,500.00	
5261 Civil Penalties Remitted	34,710.50	146,608.00	
Total Investigation & Hearing Costs	-19,813.97	-35,159.63	

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Year-To-Date Comparison

	TOTAL		
	APR 2023 - FEB 2024	APR 2022 - FEB 2023 (PY	
Legal Expense			
5140 Legal Counsel - Administrative	51,657.30	48,745.00	
5211 Legal Counsel - Litigation	19,040.00	9,945.00	
Total Legal Expense	70,697.30	58,690.00	
Misc Personnel			
5090 Flowers, Gifts, Etc.	77.25	142.50	
5092 Misc. Personnel Costs	2,624.01	2,835.34	
Total Misc Personnel	2,701.26	2,977.84	
Office Expense			
5310 Decorations		347.66	
5320 Payroll Service	1,856.58	1,857.84	
5360 Telephone	6,081.88	6,466.22	
5361 Internet & Website	3,593.70	3,593.70	
5390 Clipping Service	1,091.16	1,383.20	
5400 Computer Prog/Assistance	425.00	300.00	
5405 Computer Software Maintenance	158,567.03	137,885.4	
5410 Dues	8,331.00	8,654.0	
5420 Insurance	17,705.04	19,285.0	
5430 Audit Fees	15,000.00	13,000.0	
5435 Consulting Services	10,620.00	18,309.85	
5440 Misc Office Expense	945.00	945.00	
5445 Banking Fees	3,503.55	1,757.73	
5450 Credit Card Fees	67,661.29	60,234.30	
Total Office Expense	295,381.23	274,019.97	
Per Diem - Board			
5110 Per Diem - Board Meetings	10,550.00	10,100.00	
5111 Per Diem - Prof Meetings	300.00	650.00	
5112 Per Diem - NASBA Annual	1,200.00	1,250.00	
5113 Per Diem - NASBA Regional	1,700.00	1,250.00	
5114 Per Diem - NASBA Committees	1,200.00	250.00	
5117 Per Diem - NCACPA/Board	50.00	200.00	
Total Per Diem - Board	15,000.00	13,700.00	
Postage			
5340 Postage - Other	2,200.00	6,048.93	
5341 Postage - Newsletter	5,650.00	8,988.3	
5342 Postage - Business Reply	1,064.00	2,011.0	
5343 Postage - Renewal	1,403.00	1,890.00	
5345 Postage - UPS	20,000.00	19,500.00	
Total Postage	30,317.00	38,438.32	

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Year-To-Date Comparison

	TOTAL		
	APR 2023 - FEB 2024	APR 2022 - FEB 2023 (PY	
Printing			
5330 Printing - Other	4,169.63	3,791.11	
5331 Printing - Newsletter	27,834.16	19,505.40	
5332 Printing - Certificates	2,480.75	2,446.50	
Total Printing	34,484.54	25,743.01	
Repairs & Maintenance			
5380 Repairs - Misc.		1,158.30	
5381 Maintenance - Copiers	2,432.47	1,681.13	
5383 Maintenance - Postage	624.00	1,262.00	
Total Repairs & Maintenance	3,056.47	4,101.43	
Salaries & Payroll Taxes			
5010 Staff Salaries	917,120.12	867,323.09	
5030 FICA Taxes	69,342.98	65,004.82	
Total Salaries & Payroll Taxes	986,463.10	932,327.91	
Staff Travel			
5060 Staff Travel - Local		38.13	
5061 Staff Travel - Prof Mtgs	2,759.34	3,651.10	
5070 Staff Travel - NASBA Annual	7,607.75	9,253.8	
5071 Staff Travel - NASBA Regional	6,328.08	5,395.1	
5072 Staff Travel - NASBA ED/Legal	6,354.00	18,668.40	
5073 Staff Travel - NASBA Committee	180.65		
5075 Staff Travel - NCACPA Meetings	356.61		
5076 Staff Travel - NCACPA/Board		3,131.96	
Total Staff Travel	23,586.43	40,138.5	
Subscriptions/References			
5370 Subscriptions/References	9,027.14	8,775.71	
Total Subscriptions/References	9,027.14	8,775.71	
Supplies			
5350 Supplies - Office	5,883.28	7,628.13	
5351 Supplies - Copier		682.83	
5352 Supplies - Computer	1,796.22	2,441.3	
5355 Expendable Equipment	2,318.92		
Total Supplies	9,998.42	10,752.26	
Fotal Expenses	\$2,812,033.49	\$2,564,149.80	
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$165,051.27	\$85,792.08	
Other Income			
8200 Rental Income	45,659.13	44,329.23	
8250 Gift Card Revenue	15,000.00	5,057.50	

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Year-To-Date Comparison

	TOTAL	
	APR 2023 - FEB 2024	APR 2022 - FEB 2023 (PY)
Interest Income		
8500 Interest Income - MMAs	54,082.77	11,724.07
8510 Interest Income - CDs	19,923.13	2,947.69
Total Interest Income	74,005.90	14,671.76
Total Other Income	\$134,665.03	\$64,058.49
NET OTHER INCOME	\$134,665.03	\$64,058.49
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$299,716.30	\$149,850.57

Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actual

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	
Income				
Certificate Fees				
4110 Certificates - Initial	49,900.00	47,666.63	2,233.37	
4120 Certificates - Reciprocal	28,300.00	32,083.37	-3,783.37	
4140 Certificates - Renewal Fees	1,326,600.00	1,338,000.00	-11,400.00	
4150 Certificates - Reinst/Revoked	1,500.00	1,604.13	-104.13	
4151 Certificates - Reinst/Surr	5,000.00	4,812.50	187.50	
Total Certificate Fees	1,411,300.00	1,424,166.63	-12,866.63	
Exam Fee Revenue				
4001 Initial Adm Fees	195,730.00	158,125.00	37,605.00	
4002 Re-Exam Adm Fees	172,050.00	130,625.00	41,425.00	
4004 Exam Fees Revenue	1,137,108.76	825,000.00	312,108.76	
4070 Transfer Exam Grade Credit	150.00	0.00	150.00	
4072 Exam Scholarship Coupon	-28,300.00	-31,510.38	3,210.38	
Total Exam Fee Revenue	1,476,738.76	1,082,239.62	394,499.14	
Misc				
4970 Duplicate Certificates	525.00	0.00	525.00	
4990 Miscellaneous	1,461.00	916.63	544.37	
Total Misc	1,986.00	916.63	1,069.37	
Partnership Fees				
4260 Partnership Registration Fees	30.00	2,000.00	-1,970.00	
4261 Partnership Renewal Fees	40,280.00	280.00		
Total Partnership Fees	40,310.00	42,000.00	-1,690.00	
Professional Corporation Fees				
4250 PC Registration Fees	4,200.00	3,850.00	350.00	
4251 PC Renewal Fees	42,500.00	42,000.00	500.00	
4252 PC Renewal Fees W/Penalties	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Total Professional Corporation Fees	46,750.00	45,850.00	900.00	
Total Income	\$2,977,084.76	\$2,595,172.88	\$381,911.88	
Expenses				
5920 Funded Depreciation	43,750.00	44,000.00	-250.00	
6690 Over & Short	-199.50	0.00	-199.50	
Board Travel				
5120 Board Travel - Board Meetings	19,334.85	22,990.00	-3,655.15	
5121 Board Travel - Prof Meetings	195.54		195.54	
5122 Board Travel - NASBA Annual	9,455.25	14,070.00	-4,614.75	
5123 Board Travel - NASBA Regional	11,830.79	12,570.00	-739.2	
5125 Board Travel - AICPA Council		850.00	-850.00	
5127 Board Travel - NCACPA/Board	56.04	0.00	56.04	
5129 Miscellaneous Board Costs	666.26	0.00	666.26	
5131 Board Travel - Outside Legal	1,639.00	4,666.66	-3,027.66	

Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actual

April 2023 - February 2024

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Total Board Travel	43,177.73	55,146.66	-11,968.93
Building Expenses			
5800 Building Maintenance	863.50	2,750.00	-1,886.50
5801 Electricity	11,101.51	11,916.63	-815.12
5802 Grounds Maintenance	11,221.94	7,333.37	3,888.57
5803 Heat & Air Maintenance	2,424.95	2,625.00	-200.05
5804 Improvements	169.73	1,833.37	-1,663.64
5805 Insurance	6,665.00	3,500.00	3,165.00
5807 Janitorial Maintenance	14,135.00	14,666.63	-531.63
5808 Pest Control Service	450.00	600.00	-150.00
5809 Security & Fire Alarm	2,204.93	2,500.00	-295.07
5810 Trash Collection	-167.58	1,833.37	-2,000.95
5811 Water & Sewer	1,242.12	1,466.63	-224.5
Total Building Expenses	50,311.10	51,025.00	-713.90
Continuing Education -Staff			
5050 Continuing Education - Staff	3,583.99	2,750.00	833.99
Total Continuing Education -Staff	3,583.99	2,750.00	833.99
Exam Postage			
5531 Exam Postage	480.00	1,375.00	-895.00
Total Exam Postage	480.00	1,375.00	-895.00
Exam Sitting and Grading			
5538 Exam Vendor Expense	997,393.41	734,064.57	263,328.84
5539 Exam Vendor Accommodations	6,098.81	0.00	6,098.8
Total Exam Sitting and Grading	1,003,492.22	734,064.57	269,427.6
Fringe Benefits			
5031 Retirement - NCLB Contribution	55,026.96	54,408.40	618.56
5033 Retirement - NCLB Administr	3,786.48	2,000.00	1,786.48
5035 Health Ins. Premiums	116,077.88	108,714.74	7,363.14
5036 Medical Reim Plan	31,647.71	33,000.00	-1,352.29
Total Fringe Benefits	206,539.03	198,123.14	8,415.89
Investigation & Hearing Costs			
5222 Investigation Materials	3,254.75	3,208.37	46.38
5230 Hearing Costs	420.78	4,583.37	-4,162.59
5250 Administrative Cost Assessed	-17,200.00	-2,291.63	-14,908.37
5260 Civil Penalties Assessed	-41,000.00	-6,875.00	-34,125.00
5261 Civil Penalties Remitted	34,710.50	0.00	34,710.50
Total Investigation & Hearing Costs	-19,813.97	-1,374.89	-18,439.08
Legal Expense			
5140 Legal Counsel - Administrative	51,657.30	56,833.37	-5,176.07
5211 Legal Counsel - Litigation	19,040.00	15,000.00	4,040.00
Total Legal Expense	70,697.30	71,833.37	-1,136.07

Misc Personnel

Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actual

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
5090 Flowers, Gifts, Etc.	77.25	0.00	77.2
5092 Misc. Personnel Costs	2,624.01	3,208.37	-584.36
Total Misc Personnel	2,701.26	3,208.37	-507.1 ⁻
Office Expense			
5301 Equipment Rent		150.00	-150.00
5310 Decorations		200.00	-200.00
5320 Payroll Service	1,856.58	1,925.00	-68.43
5360 Telephone	6,081.88	7,791.63	-1,709.7
5361 Internet & Website	3,593.70	3,666.63	-72.9
5390 Clipping Service	1,091.16	1,833.37	-742.2
5400 Computer Prog/Assistance	425.00	916.63	-491.6
5405 Computer Software Maintenance	158,567.03	135,300.00	23,267.03
5410 Dues	8,331.00	9,395.87	-1,064.8
5420 Insurance	17,705.04	20,000.00	-2,294.9
5430 Audit Fees	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.0
5435 Consulting Services	10,620.00	7,516.63	3,103.3
5440 Misc Office Expense	945.00	0.00	945.0
5445 Banking Fees	3,503.55	1,925.00	1,578.5
5448 Interest Expense - GL Software		11,641.63	-11,641.6
5450 Credit Card Fees	67,661.29	58,666.63	8,994.6
Total Office Expense	295,381.23	275,929.02	19,452.2
Per Diem - Board			
5110 Per Diem - Board Meetings	10,550.00	11,550.00	-1,000.0
5111 Per Diem - Prof Meetings	300.00	2,291.63	-1,991.6
5112 Per Diem - NASBA Annual	1,200.00	2,400.00	-1,200.0
5113 Per Diem - NASBA Regional	1,700.00	2,400.00	-700.0
5114 Per Diem - NASBA Committees	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.0
5116 Per Diem - NCACPA Annual	,	800.00	-800.0
5117 Per Diem - NCACPA/Board	50.00	500.00	-450.0
5119 Per Diem - Miscellaneous		500.00	-500.0
Total Per Diem - Board	15,000.00	20,441.63	-5,441.6
Postage			
5340 Postage - Other	2,200.00	6,416.63	-4,216.6
5341 Postage - Newsletter	5,650.00	9,166.63	-3,516.6
5342 Postage - Business Reply	1,064.00	2,750.00	-1,686.0
5343 Postage - Renewal	1,403.00	2,291.63	-888.6
5345 Postage - UPS	20,000.00	16,500.00	3,500.0
Total Postage	30,317.00	37,124.89	-6,807.8
Printing	,	,	-,
5330 Printing - Other	4,169.63	3,666.63	503.0
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5331 Printing - Newsletter	27,834.16	28,600.00	-765.84

Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actual

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	
Total Printing	34,484.54	36,116.63	-1,632.09	
Repairs & Maintenance				
5381 Maintenance - Copiers	2,432.47	2,612.50	-180.03	
5383 Maintenance - Postage	624.00	1,512.50	-888.50	
Total Repairs & Maintenance	3,056.47	4,125.00	-1,068.53	
Salaries & Payroll Taxes				
5010 Staff Salaries	917,120.12	910,627.44	6,492.68	
5030 FICA Taxes	69,342.98	69,871.76	-528.78	
Total Salaries & Payroll Taxes	986,463.10	980,499.20	5,963.90	
Staff Travel				
5061 Staff Travel - Prof Mtgs	2,759.34	1,833.37	925.97	
5070 Staff Travel - NASBA Annual	7,607.75	7,035.00	572.75	
5071 Staff Travel - NASBA Regional	6,328.08	5,910.00	418.08	
5072 Staff Travel - NASBA ED/Legal	6,354.00	0.00	6,354.00	
5073 Staff Travel - NASBA Committee	180.65	0.00	180.65	
5075 Staff Travel - NCACPA Meetings	356.61	2,000.00	-1,643.39	
5076 Staff Travel - NCACPA/Board		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Total Staff Travel	23,586.43	18,778.37	4,808.06	
Subscriptions/References				
5370 Subscriptions/References	9,027.14	7,104.13	1,923.01	
Total Subscriptions/References	9,027.14	7,104.13	1,923.01	
Supplies				
5350 Supplies - Office	5,883.28	6,875.00	-991.72	
5351 Supplies - Copier		1,145.87	-1,145.87	
5352 Supplies - Computer	1,796.22	1,145.87	650.35	
5355 Expendable Equipment	2,318.92	4,583.37	-2,264.45	
Total Supplies	9,998.42	13,750.11	-3,751.69	
Total Expenses	\$2,812,033.49	\$2,554,020.20	\$258,013.29	
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$165,051.27	\$41,152.68	\$123,898.59	
Other Income				
8200 Rental Income	45,659.13	45,669.25	-10.12	
8250 Gift Card Revenue	15,000.00	4,583.37	10,416.63	
Interest Income				
8500 Interest Income - MMAs	54,082.77	6,875.00	47,207.77	
8510 Interest Income - CDs	19,923.13	6,875.00	13,048.13	
Total Interest Income	74,005.90	13,750.00	60,255.90	
Total Other Income	\$134,665.03	\$64,002.62	\$70,662.41	
NET OTHER INCOME	\$134,665.03	\$64,002.62	\$70,662.41	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$299,716.30	\$105,155.30	\$194,561.00	

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Step 1: Agency Review



Step 1: Agency Review Summary of the agency report to RRC

- The agency will insert the following information in the report for each rule:
 - ▶ The agency's initial classification.
 - Whether the rule is required to implement or conform to federal law.
 - ▶ If so, the agency must cite the federal law.
 - The agency's response to all comments.
 - The agency's final classification of the rule following public comment.

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SUBCHAPTER 08A DEPARTMENTAL RULES	SECTION .0100 ORGANIZATIONAL RULES	21 NCAC 08A .0101	FORMAL NAME	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08A .0102	ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08A .0103	OFFICE HOURS	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 - BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	21 NCAC 08A .0201	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	EXAMINERS	21 NCAC 08A .0203	QUORUM	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 -	21 NCAC 08A .0301	DEFINITIONS	2014 Amended Eff. May 1, 2017	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	DEFINITIONS	21 NCAC 08A .0307	PUBLIC PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTANCY OR	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08A .0308	ACCOUNTING HOLDING OUT TO THE PUBLIC	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08A .0309	CONCENTRATION IN ACCOUNTING	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08A .0310	DIRECT SUPERVISION DEFINED	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
CHAPTER 08B E MAKING CEDURES	SECTI <u>ON</u> .0100 PETITIONS FOR RULE MAKING	21 NCAC 08B .0101	PETITIONS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08B .0102	CONTENTS OF PETITION FOR NEW RULE	 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014 	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08B .0104	CONTENTS OF PETITIONS FOR RULE AMENDMENT OR REPEAL	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08B .0105	GRANTING OR DENYING PETITIONS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 – NOTICE	21 NCAC 08B .0202	MAILING LIST	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 HEARINGS	21 NCAC 08B .0304	ORAL PRESENTATION	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08B .0307	CONTROL OF RULE MAKING HEARINGS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0500 DECLARATORY RULINGS	21 NCAC 08B .0501	REQUEST FOR DECLARATOR RULING	Y Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08B .0502	CONTENTS OF REQUEST	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08B .0503	REFUSAL TO ISSUE DECLARATORY RULING	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08B .0507	CIRCUMSTANCES	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		21 NCAC 08B .0508	REQUESTS FOR INFORMAL OPINIONS	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
CHAPTER 8C TESTED CASES		21 NCAC 08C .0103	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	CONTESTED CASES	21 NCAC 08C .0104	WRITTEN PETITION FOR	public interest Eff. October 28, 2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule								
		24 NGAC 000 0405		is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0105	NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE OR DENIAL OF PETITION TO INTERVENE	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0107	DISQUALIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBER	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0108	AFFIDAVIT OF DISQUALIFICATION	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0109	FILING AFFIDAVIT OF DISQUALIFICATION	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0110	DETERMINATION OF DISQUALIFICATION	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0111	NEW HEARING AFTER DISQUALIFICATION	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0114	PRE HEARING CONFERENCE	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0115	PURPOSES OF A PRE HEARING CONFERENCE	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0116	NOTICE OF PRE HEARING CONFERENCE	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0118	CONTINUANCES	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0121	SERVICE OF SUBPOENAS	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0122	OBJECTIONS TO SUBPOENAS	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0123	RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS TO SUBPOENAS	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0124	HEARINGS ON SUBPOENA CHALLENGES	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0125	RECORDS OF CONTESTED CASES	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08C .0126	HEARING EXHIBITS	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
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		21 NCAC 08F .0101	TIME AND PLACE OF CPA EXAMINATIONS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,								
COUNTANT MINATION AND TIFICATE PLICANTS				2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0102	TYPE OF CPA EXAMINATION	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0103	FILING OF EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS AND FEES	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0105	CONDITIONING REQUIREMENTS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0106	GRANTING EXAMINATION CREDIT FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0107	COMMUNICATION OF	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule								
		21 NCAC 08F .0111	RESULTS OF CPA EXAMINATIONS INELIGIBILITY DUE TO	is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0111 21 NCAC 08F .0113	VIOLATION OF ACCOUNTANCY ACT	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 081 .0113		is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
1	ECTION .0300 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION	21 NCAC 08F .0302	EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CPA EXAM	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0303	SEMESTER HOUR EQUIVALENT	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	ECTION .0400 - EXPERIENCE	21 NCAC 08F .0401	WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES FOR CPA CERTIFICATION	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0409	SATISFACTION OF EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT BY TEACHING	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0410	EDUCATION REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES FOR CPA CERTIFICATION	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
P	ECTION .0500 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES	21 NCAC 08F .0502	APPLICATION FOR CPA CERTIFICATE	Amended Eff. February 1, 2018	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08F .0504	CANDIDATES' ACCOUNTANCY LAW COURSE REQUIREMENT	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
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UCATION (CPE)		21 NCAC 08G .0403	QUALIFICATION OF CPE SPONSORS	Amended Eff. January 1, 2020	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08G .0404	REQUIREMENTS FOR CPE CREDIT	Amended Eff. January 1, 2020	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08G .0406	COMPLIANCE WITH CPE REQUIREMENTS	Amended Eff. January 1, 2020	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08G .0409	COMPUTATION OF CPE CREDITS	Amended Eff. January 1, 2020	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
BCHAPTER 08H – CIPROCITY		21 NCAC 08H .0101		Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08H .0102	TEMPORARY PERMIT	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08H .0104	NOTICE TO BOARD OF DISCIPLINE BY OTHER	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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JBCHAPTER 08I EVOCATION OF ERTIFICATES AND THER ISCIPLINARY CTION		21 NCAC 08I .0101	DISCIPLINARY ACTION	Amended Eff. May 1, 2017	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08I .0102		N Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08I .0104	MODIFICATION OF DISCIPLINE	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08I .0105		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
RENEWALS AND	SECTION .0100 - RENEWALS AND REGISTRATIONS	21 NCAC 08J .0101	ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE, FORFEITURE, AND REAPPLICATION	2014 Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0105	INACTIVE STATUS: CHANGE OF STATUS	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0106	FORFEITURE OF CERTIFICATE AND REISSUANCE	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0107	MAILING ADDRESSES OF CERTIFICATE HOLDERS AND CPA FIRMS	2014 Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0108		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0109	CPA FIRM PRACTICE PRIVILEGE NOTIFICATION	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0110	REGISTRATION FEES	2014 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28,	Necessary	Νο		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0111	COMPLIANCE WITH CPA FIRM REGISTRATION	2014 Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08J .0112	RETIRED STATUS - CHANGE OF STATUS	Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
OFESSIONAL	SECTION .0100 - GENERAL PROVISIONS	21 NCAC 08K .0104	REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL	Amended Eff. March 1, 2020	Necessary	Νο		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08K .0105	SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS	Amended Eff. March 1, 2020	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 PRACTICE PROCEDURES OF PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES	21 NCAC 08K .0201	PROFESSIONAL LIMITED	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 - REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS	21 NCAC 08K .0301	REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	Νο		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
BCHAPTER 08M - ATE QUALITY		21 NCAC 08M .0105	PEER REVIEW REQUIREMENTS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08M .0106	COMPLIANCE	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08M .0107	ETHICAL DUTIES OF REVIEWER	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 28, 2014	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0100 - SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY	21 NCAC 08N .0101	SCOPE OF THESE RULES	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	Νο		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		21 NCAC 08N .0102	APPLICABILITY AND ORGANIZATION OF RULES	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0103	RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE BY OTHERS	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0200 - RULES APPLICABLE	21 NCAC 08N .0201	INTEGRITY	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	TO ALL CPAs	21 NCAC 08N .0202	DECEPTIVE CONDUCT PROHIBITED	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0203	DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT PROHIBITED	Amended Eff. May 1, 2017	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0204		D Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0205	CONFIDENTIALITY	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0206	COOPERATION WITH BOARI	D Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0207	VIOLATION OF TAX LAWS	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0208	REPORTING CONVICTIONS, JUDGMENTS, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS	Amended Eff. May 1, 2017	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0209	ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0211	RESPONSIBILITIES IN TAX PRACTICE	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0212	COMPETENCE	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0213	OTHER RULES	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0214	OUTSOURCING TO THIRD- PARTY PROVIDERS	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0215		Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0300 - RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL CPAS WHO USE THE CPA TITLE IN OFFERING OR RENDERING PRODUCTS OR SERVICES TO CLIENT	21 NCAC 08N .0301		Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0302	FORMS OF PRACTICE	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0303	OBJECTIVITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST	S Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0304	CONSULTING SERVICES STANDARDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0305	RETENTION OF CLIENT RECORDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0306	ADVERTISING OR OTHER FORMS OF SOLICITATION	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0307	CPA FIRM NAMES	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0308	VALUATION SERVICES STANDARDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0309	PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICES	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	SECTION .0400 - RULES APPLICABLE TO CPAS PERFORMING	21 NCAC 08N .0401	PUBLIC RELIANCE	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
	ATTEST SERVICES	21 NCAC 08N .0402	INDEPENDENCE	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0403	AUDITING STANDARDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0404	ACCOUNTING AND REVIEW SERVICES STANDARDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0405	GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0406	ATTESTATION STANDARDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0408	PEER REVIEW STANDARDS	Readopted Eff. February 1, 2016	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

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		21 NCAC 08N .0409	GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS	Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0410	INTERNATIONAL STANDARE	OS Amended Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0411	AUDITS SUBJECT TO THE SINGLE AUDIT ACT	Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One
		21 NCAC 08N .0412	FORENSIC SERVICES	Eff. September 1, 2023	Necessary	No		Select One	Necessary	Select One	Select One	Select One

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

March 13, 2024



Professional Licensure Task Force Uniform Accountancy Act Committee NASBA 150 Fourth Avenue North Nashville, TN 37219

via email: PLTF@nasba.org

Dear Task Force and Committee Members:

The North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (Board) supports growing the CPA profession and working on ways to eliminate barriers for candidates regarding licensure while also ensuring the technical competency of individuals receiving their CPA certificate to uphold our central regulatory function to protect the public.

As presented, the structured experiential learning program would provide for education, documented experience, and other elements that would provide an equivalent path to licensure without needing a fifth year to complete a 150-hour education program that would appear on an accredited transcript. Conceptually, this additional path would include education and experience components that would measure an individual's competency to be licensed as a CPA and would be considered equivalent to the current 150-hour pathway.

Regarding any alternative pathway, the Board must consider the legislative mandates it must adhere to and that provide the basic framework for developing its rules.

Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) provides the basic framework for Certified Public Accountants. Specifically, regarding the requirement for 150 hours of education necessary for licensure, NCGS 93-12(5)(a) states:

To be eligible to receive a certificate of qualification to practice as a certified public accountant, a person shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that:

a. The person has completed 150 semester hours and received a bachelor's degree with a concentration in accounting and other courses that the Board may require from a college or university that is accredited by a regional accrediting association or from a college or university determined by the Board to have standards that are substantially equivalent to those of a regionally accredited institution.

Additionally, Board rule 21 NCAC 08F. 0302 specifies the Education and Work Experience Required Prior to the CPA Exam:

(a) Applicants who intend to demonstrate their possession of sufficient education to become a CPA by showing that they possess a bachelor's degree shall submit official transcripts with their application to take the CPA examination. Official transcripts shall show the grades the applicant received on courses completed and shall also show degrees awarded. An official transcript bears the seal of the school and the signature of the registrar or assistant registrar.

As noted in the statutory reference, North Carolina has substantial equivalency language; however, the substantial equivalency references education "from a college or university determined by the Board to

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have standards that are substantially equivalent to those of a regionally accredited institution." The Board's rules speak to the documentation required to support this education as an official transcript.

In the conceptual framework of the structured experiential learning program, the credit hours discussed under the new model would appear to be granted for "education" outside of the college or university environment. Accordingly, credit hours earned would not be on an official transcript from a regionally accredited institution. As such, the Board does not believe North Carolina would be allowed to accept such credits as the statute is currently written.

The Board also had some fundamental concerns with the proposed structure:

- Oversight Oversight of this new learning program would be outside the current educational structure and could lend itself to inconsistency in defining learning objectives and measuring outcomes. This is not only a disadvantage to the profession but also to candidates, as they may not receive comparable training through the learning program.
- Effectiveness Measuring the learning program's effectiveness may take years to track to determine success and if it really is a viable alternative pathway. Measuring outcomes would require data collection and analysis, which could be costly and require extensive labor.
- Unnecessary complexity Given that current educational systems exist to provide the needed
 education for candidates--and the educational system is equipped to instruct students and
 provide feedback on competency through the issuance of grades that are reflected on official
 transcripts--is there a need to create a layered system of learning for newly licensed CPAs?
- Duplicative efforts The ELE program has been put in motion with a similar objective. Do we need to continue to build programs outside of an existing framework?

It is the general thought of the Board that the current requirements outlined in North Carolina's General Statutes and supported by Board rules are designed to ensure that candidates successfully pass the CPA Exam and have the requisite skill set to be competent newly licensed CPAs. The Board stands committed to its current requirements; however, it understands that, for some candidates, there are barriers to meeting the 150-hour requirement, especially if they choose not to pursue a master's level accounting program.

Any proposed model must focus on the ultimate objective--better preparing the candidates to pass the CPA exam. As the education model has changed due to the 150-hour requirement, calls to replace the additional educational requirement through additional work experience simply do not address whether candidates taking this alternate pathway would be better prepared to pass the Exam. Perhaps the focus should be on the course content and the betterment of the student in preparation for both passing the CPA exam and being prepared for the work environment.

The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on this important matter impacting the CPA profession. We will continue to monitor the developments in this area and their feasibility for North Carolina CPA licensure candidates.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Massey, CPA Board President



42nd Annual Conference for Executive Directors & State Board Staff

 NASHVILLE, TN | MARCH 25 - 27, 2024

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, March 25, 2024

9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Executive Dire (Committee N	12 South 2	
	State Society (Committee N	12 South 1	
12:00 – 2:00 p m	Registration		Broadway Foyer
Opening Plenary S	Session		
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Welcome (wit Presiding:	th Legal Counsel & State Society CEOs) D. Boyd Busby, CPA Executive Director, Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy	Broadway 1
2:15 – 3:00 pm	State State And and and a state	t from Leadership ounsel & State Society CEOs) Stephanie M. Saunders, CPA 2023-2024 Chair, NASBA Ken L. Bishop President & CEO, NASBA	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	THE REPORT OF A PARTY OF A PARTY OF A PARTY	any Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) ounsel & State Society CEOs) John Abell Chief Accountant, Division of Enforcement and Investigations William Ryan Chief Counsel, Division of Enforcement and Investigations	

Monday, March 25, 2024 continued

4:00 – 4:30 pm	Speaker:	date (with Legal Counsel & State Society CEOs) Elizabeth Wolfe, Esq. Senior Regulatory Counsel, NASBA	Broadway 1
4:30 – 5:15 pm	Speakers:	date (with Legal Counsel & State Society CEOs) John Johnson Director, Legislative & Governmental Affairs, NASBA	
5:15 pm	Recess		
6:30 pm	Welcome Rece (with Legal Co	eption unsel & State Society CEOs)	Broadway 1
Tuesday, March 2	6, 2024		
7:15 - 8:30 am	Complimentar	y Headshots	Broadway Foyer
7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast		Broadway 3

Plenary Session

8:30 - 9:00 am	Use of Title (with State	Broadway 1					
	Speaker:	Nancy Glynn, CPA					
		Executive Director, Virginia Board of Accountancy					
9:00 – 9:45 am	Department of Labor (DOL)						
	(with State	Society CEOs)					
	Speakers:	Michael Auerbach					
		Chief Accountant, Office of the Chief Accountant					
		Employee Benefits Security Administration, DOL					
		Marcus Aaron					
		Senior Auditor, Office of the Chief Accountant					
		Employee Benefits Security Administration, DOL					
9:45 - 10:45 am	Update fron	ate from Professional Licensure Task Force					
	with State Society CEOs)						
	Speakers:	Stephanie M. Saunders, CPA					
		2023-2024 Chair NASBA					
		Daniel J. Dustin, CPA					
		Vice President, State Board Relations NASBA					
		William Treacy					
		Executive Director, Texas State Board of Public Accountant	су				
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Tuesday, March 26, 2024 continued

10:45 - 11:15 am	Break			
11:15 – 11:45 am		v Enforcement Related Issues Society CEOs) Jennifer Winters, CPA Executive Director, New York State Board for Public Accountancy	Broadway 1	
		Viki Windfeldt Executive Director, Nevada State Board of Accountancy		
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	CPA Examir Speakers:	nation Update (with State Society CEOs) Colleen K. Conrad, CPA Executive Vice President & COO NASBA		
		Michael Decker Vice President, CPA Examination and Pipeline – Public Accounting AICPA		
12:30 –1:30 pm	Lunch (with	Lunch (with Legal Counsel & State Society CEOs)		
1:30 – 4:30 pm	NASBA Ope	NASBA Offices		
4:30 pm	Adjourn			
Wednesday, Marc	ch 27, 20 2	24		
7:45 - 9:00 am	Complimen	tary Headshots	Broadway Foyer	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast		Broadway 3	
Plenary Session				
9:00 - 9:30 am	CPE Audit S Speaker:	Services (with State Society CEOs) Amy Tongate Associate Director, CPE Services & ALD, NASBA	Broadway 1	
		Erin Scruggs, MBA		

Senior Manager, CPE Audit Service and ALL

9:30 - 10:15 am Emerging Issues (with State Society CEOs) Speakers: D. Boyd Busby, CPA Executive Director Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy Ron Gitz, CPA, CGMA Executive Director/CEO Society of Louisiana CPAs

10:15 - 10:30 am Break

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 continued

10:30 - 11:00 am	-	Itual Recognition Agreements Society CEOs)	Broadway 1	
	Speakers:	Kyle Barrier Associate Director, International Evaluation Services, NASBA		
		William Treacy Executive Director, Texas State Board of Public Accountancy		
11:00 am - 12:30 pm		essions (Closed Sessions) rectors (only) D. Boyd Busby, CPA Executive Director Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy	Belle Meade	
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	Board Staff Presiding:	(only) Tracey Fithen Assistant Executive Director Accountancy Board of Ohio	12 South	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch		Broadway 1	
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	Board Staff Presiding:	(only) Tracey Fithen Assistant Executive Director Accountancy Board of Ohio	12 South	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Executive Di	rector Q&A Session with NASBA Leadership (Closed Session)	Belle Meade	
4:00 pm	Adjourn			
6:30 pm	Nashville So	ngwriter Night & Honky-Tonk Closing Celebration	Broadway 1	

Thursday, March 28, 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Executive Directors Committee Meeting	5 Points
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Registration 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Opening Plenary Session

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4:00 – 4:30 pm	Legal Case U Speaker:	pdate (with Executive Directors & State Society CEOs) Elizabeth Wolfe, Esq. Senior Regulatory Counsel, NASBA	Broadway 1
4:30 – 5:15 pm	Legislative I Speakers:	Jpdate (with Executive Directors & State Society CEOs) John Johnson Director, Legislative & Governmental Affairs, NASBA Marta Zaniewski, Vice President,	
		State Regulatory & Legislative Affairs, AICPA	

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5:15 pm	Recess		
6:30 pm	Welcome Rec (with Executi	ception ve Directors & State Society CEOs)	Broadway 3
Tuesday, March 2	6, 2024		
7:15 – 8:30 am	Complimenta	ry Headshots	Broadway Foyer
7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast	Broadway 3	
Plenary Session			
8:30 - 9:45 am	-	n 1: Enforcement – Perspective from Previous tor of Enforcement Claudius Modesti Partner, Akin Gump Former Federal Prosecutor and SEC Enforcement Attorney Former PCAOB Director of Enforcement	Sobro
9:45 - 10:30 am	-	n 2: Roll Call Kickoff Elizabeth Wolfe, Esq. Senior Regulatory Counsel NASBA Maria Caldwell, Esq. Chief Legal Office & Director of Compliance Services, NASBA	
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break (Coffe	e Available in Broadway Foyer)	
10:45 - 11:45 am	Legal Session Implications Speaker:	n 3: Artificial Intelligence – Introduction, and Benefits A.J. Bahou, Esq. Partner, Bradley Artificial Intelligence (AI) Practice Leader	Sobro
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Legal Session Speakers:	A 4: Department of Labor (DOL) Michael Auerbach Chief Accountant, Office of the Chief Accountant Employee Benefits Security Administration, DOL Marcus Aron Senior Auditor, Office of the Chief Accountant Employee Benefits Security Administration, DOL	
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch (with E	Executive Directors & State Society CEOs)	Broadway 3

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Afternoon Plenary Session

1:45 – 2:45 pm	•	Tour – meeting point will be in session room once that is determine Elizabeth Wolfe, Esq. Senior Regulatory Counsel, NASBA	NASBA Offices ed)
		Maria Caldwell, Esq. Chief Legal Office & Director of Compliance Services, NASBA	
3:00 - 3:45 Pm	-	5: Judicial Deference/Chevron History Ilemaking Process Professor Amy Moore Belmont University College of Law	Sobro
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Break (Coffee	Available in Broadway Foyer)	
4:00 – 5:00 pm	•	6: Securities & Exchange Commission ement Update Ryan Wolfe, CPA Chief Accountant, Division of Enforcement Securities & Exchange Commission	
5:00 pm	Recess		
	Free Night		
Wednesday, Marc	h 27, 2024		
7:45 - 9:00 am	Complimenta	ry Headshots	Broadway Foyer
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast		Broadway 3
Morning Plenary	Session		
9:00 – 10:30 pm	Legal Session Speaker:	7: Roll Call (Legal Breakout Session) Elizabeth Wolfe, Esq. Senior Regulatory Counsel, NASBA	Sobro
		Maria Caldwell, Esq. Chief Legal Office & Director of Compliance Services, NASBA	
10:30 - 11:15 am	Legal Session Speaker:	8: Rulemaking Process Laura Martin Chief Counsel, TN Dept of Commerce and Insurance; Regulatory Boards Division (former Legislative Director)	

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 continued

11:15 – 12:30 pm	Legal Sessior Speaker:	9: Open Records Toni Chadwick TN Open Records Counsel TN Office of General Counsel	Sobro
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch		Broadway 1
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Legal Sessior	10: Roll Call	Sobro
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Conference R	ecap, Questions, Announcements, Etc.	
3:15 pm	Adjourn		
6:30 pm	Nashville Son	gwriter Night & Honky-Tonk Closing Celebration	Broadway 1







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April	55	21	52	14	61		
May	133	105	107	73	131		
June	232	189	163	160	193		
July	293	256	221	231	285		
Aug	425	312	258	249	336		
Sept	553	369	295	305	390		
Oct	651	449	363	390	452		
Nov	689	536	453	468	510		
Dec	718	599	520	529	593		
Jan	792	674	601	595	704		
Feb	848	720	655	661	774		
March	848	769	711	707	815		



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Re-Ex	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Mth	#	#	#	#	#			
April	168	131	164	84	195			
May	208	178	186	174	196			
June	262	172	182	176	222			
July	222	187	177	150	172			
Aug	285	187	168	79	164			
Sept	242	140	111	215	185			
Oct	269	149	139	155	194			
Nov	147	169	152	145	144			
Dec	119	142	110	146	177			
Jan	228	156	134	150	145			
Feb	154	141	110	142	112			
March	0	192	141	147	139			
Avg	209	162	148	147	170			



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April	168	131	164	84	195			
May	376	309	350	258	391			
June	638	481	532	434	613			
July	860	668	709	584	785			
Aug	1145	855	877	663	949			
Sept	1387	995	988	878	1134			
Oct	1656	1144	1127	1033	1328			
Nov	1803	1313	1279	1178	1472			
Dec	1922	1455	1389	1324	1649			
Jan	2150	1611	1523	1474	1794			
Feb	2304	1752	1633	1616	1906			
March	2304	1944	1774	1763	2045			



	License Applications							
OrgL	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Mth	#	#	#	#	#			
April	47	44	41	14	42			
May	27	39	50	0	37			
June	20	22	0	0	0			
July	62	50	75	48	62			
Aug	52	57	31	32	49			
Sept	33	30	42	43	84			
Oct	61	34	46	47	36			
Nov	62	47	48	56	62			
Dec	41	38	32	46	1			
Jan	43	44	60	72	112			
Feb	64	32	47	78	50			
March	0	40	30	31	44			
Avg	47	40	42	39	48			



License Applications OreL 2024 2023 2022 2021 2020							
OrgL Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum		
April	47	44	41	14	42		
May	74	83	91	14	79		
June	94	105	91	14	79		
July	156	155	166	62	141		
Aug	208	212	197	94	190		
Sept	241	242	239	137	274		
Oct	302	276	285	184	310		
Nov	364	323	333	240	372		
Dec	405	361	365	286	373		
Jan	448	405	425	358	485		
Feb	512	437	472	436	535		
March	512	477	502	467	579		



License Applications							
Recp	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Mth	#	#	#	#	#		
April	64	81	55	57	70		
May	5	8	7	7	9		
June	2	3	1	0	2		
July	39	50	39	31	37		
Aug	36	24	37	27	44		
Sept	2	1	2	3	2		
Oct	32	57	47	44	56		
Nov	55	67	74	61	69		
Dec	21	15	27	10	26		
Jan	22	30	33	22	17		
Feb	12	9	11	4	10		
March	0	11	7	0	8		
Avg	26	30	28	22	29		



License Applications							
Recp	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum		
April	64	81	55	57	70		
May	69	89	62	64	79		
June	71	92	63	64	81		
July	110	142	102	95	118		
Aug	146	166	139	122	162		
Sept	148	167	141	125	164		
Oct	180	224	188	169	220		
Nov	235	291	262	230	289		
Dec	256	306	289	240	315		
Jan	278	336	322	262	332		
Feb	290	345	333	266	342		
March	290	356	340	266	350		







	Firm Registration								
Firm	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020				
Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum				
April	6	7	7	3	7				
May	8	11	11	15	21				
June	12	22	22	25	46				
July	25	37	37	35	57				
Aug	39	47	47	49	63				
Sept	44	53	53	60	68				
Oct	55	57	57	67	79				
Nov	60	69	69	73	91				
Dec	78	94	94	82	107				
Jan	83	109	109	102	133				
Feb	105	116	116	110	144				
March	105	124	124	126	149				



Prf Stds Cases							
Open	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020		
Mth	#	#	#	#	#		
April	22	21	9	7	28		
May	9	21	8	9	18		
June	12	35	37	12	25		
July	25	25	18	30	37		
Aug	38	35	18	27	67		
Sept	11	24	13	13	14		
Oct	9	24	19	17	14		
Nov	18	7	21	10	11		
Dec	15	23	11	13	31		
Jan	11	14	31	21	33		
Feb	19	12	33	12	16		
March	0	41	38	29	18		
Avg	17	24	21	17	26		



	Prf Stds Cases							
Open	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020			
Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum			
April	22	21	9	7	28			
May	31	42	17	16	46			
June	43	77	54	28	71			
July	68	102	72	58	108			
Aug	106	137	90	85	175			
Sept	117	161	103	98	189			
Oct	126	185	122	115	203			
Nov	144	192	143	125	214			
Dec	159	215	154	138	245			
Jan	170	229	185	159	278			
Feb	189	241	218	171	294			
March	189	282	256	200	312			







		Prf Std	s Cases		
Closed	2021	2020			
Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum
April	30	38	23	17	30
May	50	57	27	40	55
June	66	72	44	63	81
July	102	91	65	86	102
Aug	123	112	83	102	151
Sept	143	133	118	119	177
Oct	168	145	135	131	216
Nov	181	164	149	155	239
Dec	196	197	158	167	264
Jan	211	219	176	186	289
Feb	233	240	205	213	312
March	233	265	228	230	331

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	Inactive Applications										
InAct	2024	2023	2021	2020							
Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum						
April	49	30	23	17	30						
May	163	97	77	105	88						
June	392	406	358	339	309						
July	490	504	463	455	432						
Aug	511	518	481	462	441						
Sept	520	525	491	468	452						
Oct	539	534	512	481	472						
Nov	554	559	541	502	498						
Dec	599	611	600	557	571						
Jan	644	689	669	610	603						
Feb	659	707	688	619	618						
March	659	726	720	640	624						

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	Reinstatement Applications											
Re-Inst	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020							
Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum							
April	8	8	6	1	3							
May	11	14	7	5	12							
June	13	17	7	9	14							
July	28	29	20	20	22							
Aug	31	37	22	25	31							
Sept	33	43	26	30	39							
Oct	41	48	33	34	43							
Nov	44	53	39	40	48							
Dec	48	58	46	45	54							
Jan	62	65	52	52	64							
Feb	69	68	58	66	76							
March	69	72	63	72	82							

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Began Sept 2023

CPA Retired											
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Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum						
April	0	0	0	0	0						
May	0	0	0	0	0						
June	0	0	0	0	0						
July	0	0	0	0	0						
Aug	0	0	0	0	0						
Sept	1	0	0	0	0						
Oct	17	0	0	0	0						
Nov	36	0	0	0	0						
Dec	63	0	0	0	0						
Jan	86	0	0	0	0						
Feb	101	0	0	0	0						
March	101	0	0	0	0						



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* Candidate Presentations as scheduled in concert with needs of various campuses, not including instructors and staff Started tracking 8/22

	Candidate Touches											
Count	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020							
Mth	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum	Sum							
April	74	0	0	0	0							
May	74	0	0	0	0							
June	101	0	0	0	0							
July	101	0	0	0	0							
Aug	111	15	0	0	0							
Sept	178	145	0	0	0							
Oct	459	284	0	0	0							
Nov	496	337	0	0	0							
Dec	496	337	0	0	0							
Jan	542	337	0	0	0							
Feb	619	407	0	0	0							
March	619	468	0	0	0							



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Feb-21	66	142	Feb-21	78	4	Feb-21	8	Feb-21	82	12	27	67	Feb-21	9	Feb-21 14	Feb-21 0	Feb-21	0	
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Executive Staff Report

Education and Awareness Initiatives

On February 26, the Executive Staff made a virtual presentation to Elon University's Beta Alpha Psi chapter. The discussion focused on the new CPA Exam and becoming certified in NC.

NC CPA Exam Candidate Bulletin

We will distribute the last monthly *NC CPA Exam Candidate Bulletin* on March 21 and plan to switch to quarterly distribution this summer. The *Bulletin* provides candidates with Exam information, including Exam-related Board initiatives and policies.

NASBA Conferences

Mr. Nance, Ms. Sanders, Mr. Trainor, Ms. Grigsby (Licensing Specialist), and Ms. Hearne-Bogle (Communications Officer) will attend the 42nd Annual Conference for Executive Directors and Board Staff on March 25-27, 2024, in Nashville. Mr. Trainor will attend the Legal Counsel conference held concurrently with the ED/Staff conference.

Firm Renewal Summary

The annual firm registration renewal is complete. Twelve firms (thirteen offices) did not renew by the extended deadline, and we mailed non-renewal notices via certified mail. Usually, between five and forty firms do not renew, so this year's number is low.

User Accounts

Mr. Winslow (Licensing Manager) has emailed all licensees about creating a user account. This is critical as individual license renewal will start in a couple of months, and renewal will occur through each CPA's portal account. Thus far, 7,126 CPAs have created an account. Board staff field phone calls daily from licensees requesting assistance setting up their accounts.

GL Solutions

Executive staff continue to work with GL Solutions to complete pending projects and prepare to start new projects that will continue to enhance the Board's technology platform and capabilities. Current projects include 1) NASBA Data Update to backfill missing import information from years past; 2) Update Individual Renewal process to include CPA-retired status individuals; and 3) Add Re-exam application feature to the portal.

ITEM VI-C

Update on Credit Relief Initiative

(details available at the meeting)

Summary:

498	Total number of NC candidates potentially impacted by loss of exam credit between January 30, 2020 and May 11, 2023
735	Total number of sections taken by those 498 NC candidates
1	Total number of candidates that qualified to be a CPA based on restoration of credits
Duplicate Date Range Licensed Passed CRI 30 None BEC	Total of 24 sections that had been retaken and a Pass score received - No restoration of credit Total of 16 sections identified that expired prior to the January 30, 2020 start timeframe - No restoration of credit Total of 26 NC candidates had already been licensed; therefore, no restoration of credit Total of 7 NC candidates had already passed the exam; therefore, no restoration of credit Credit provided for potential loss of section between January 30, 2020 and May 11, 2023 - 502 sections - 68% Application of 30-month window allowed for restoration of credit versus the CRI methodology - 107 sections - 14% No restoration of credit provided - 126 sections - 18% Total of 199 BEC sections restored that will serve as discipline under new exam format Notification has been provided directly to each impacted candidate by Executive staff