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Understanding Inactive Status in North Carolina

Recent issues of the *Activity Review* have included longerthan-usual lists of individuals approved for inactive status. As a result, we've received several questions about what inactive status means and why so many CPAs choose it. Below are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions.

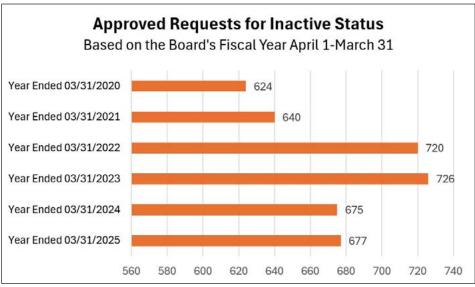
Are more CPAs requesting inactive status than in the past?

The number of inactive requests fluctuates from year to year but averages around 675 annually. The majority occur between May and July during the renewal period.

Why do CPAs request inactive status?

The Board does not require individuals to state a reason when requesting inactive status. However, common reasons include:

- CPE Noncompliance: Some CPAs opt for inactive status after failing to complete the required Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for license renewal.
- Career Shifts: CPAs working in industry, government, or academia may find that keeping an active license no longer makes sense professionally or logistically.
- Life Transitions: Changes in personal or professional life may lead individuals to step away from the profession.
- Multi-State Licensing: CPAs licensed in multiple states may decide to maintain only one active license, especially if they no longer have a connection to North Carolina.
- Retirement Flexibility: North Carolina's inactive status allows CPAs to remain affiliated with the profession without being restricted by the limitations of CPA-retired status.



Can I request inactive status outside the renewal period?

Yes. Unlike some jurisdictions, North Carolina allows CPAs to request inactive status at any time during the year.

We sometimes see an increase in inactive status requests between November and January because people haven't completed the CPE required for renewal, and they believe they must go inactive immediately. However, their certificate is valid until June 30, and they can wait until the renewal period to request inactive status.

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Mickey Payseur, CPA, Reappointed to the Board

The Board is pleased to announce that Governor Josh Stein has reappointed D. Michael (Mickey) Payseur, CPA, of Cherryville, to a second three-year term. His new term will run through June 30, 2028. Mr. Payseur was originally appointed to the Board in 2022 by Governor Roy Cooper.

Mr. Payseur currently serves as the Board's Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Investment Committee. He is also an active member of several key committees, including the Executive



Mr. Payseur

Committee, Professional Standards Committee, and Personnel Committee. He previously contributed to the Professional Application & Education Committee and the Strategy Committee.

In addition to his Board responsibilities, Mr. Payseur is a member of both the North Carolina Association of CPAs (NCACPA) and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), Nationally, he serves on NASBA's Ethics Committee and has previously served on NASBA's Enforcement Resources Committee.

For more information about Mr. Payseur, please visit the Board's website.



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Is there a fee or CPE requirement for inactive status?

No. There is no fee to place your certificate on inactive status, and CPE is not required while your certificate remains inactive. You are also not required to return your physical certificate.

Can I still use the CPA title while on inactive status?

No. According to 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20), individuals on inactive status may not use the CPA title in any written, electronic, or oral communication, including business cards, résumés, or email signatures.

Can I return to active status later?

Yes. Inactive status is not permanent. You may apply for reinstatement at any time by meeting the requirements outlined in 21 NCAC 08J .0105.

What's the difference between inactive status and **CPA-retired status?**

Inactive status allows more flexibility than CPA-retired status. Inactive status allows a person to continue to provide accounting services or work in accounting-related jobs; however, the use of the CPA title is prohibited.

CPA-retired status is more of an emeritus designation that allows the continued use of the CPA-retired title while serving on boards or performing community service activities. However, the person is prohibited from performing any accounting-related services, with one exception—preparing individual tax returns for immediate family members.

How to Reinstate Your North Carolina CPA Certificate from Inactive or CPA-retired Status

If your North Carolina CPA certificate is on inactive or CPA-retired status and you wish to return to active status, you must complete the Application Package for Reinstatement of a North Carolina CPA Certificate.

Here's what you'll need to submit to the Board:

- The completed reinstatement application form,
- Three Certificates of Moral Character, each filled out by a properly licensed CPA,
- Certificates of Completion for at least 2,000 minutes (40 hours) of CPE completed in the past 12 months, including the NCACPA's eight-hour (400 minutes) North Carolina Accountancy Law Course, and
- Payment of the \$100 CPA certificate reinstatement

You may email your documents to Alice Grigsby, Licensing Specialist, or mail the documents to: State Board of CPA Examiners, PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605.

My CPA Journey: Kalejah Pierce

My CPA journey began at North Carolina A&T State University, where I was honored to receive a scholarship from the Zeta Sigma Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi that covered half the cost of the Becker CPA Exam Review course. I'm deeply thankful for the encouragement and support of the chapter, my alma mater, and the accounting department faculty—it truly set me on this path.



Ms. Pierce

I started my formal CPA Exam studies in 2019,

but like many candidates, I encountered unexpected hurdles. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted my testing schedule, and I lost credit for one Exam section when my 18-month window expired. It was disheartening. Thankfully, the North Carolina State Board's Credit Relief Initiative later restored that credit, allowing me to regain momentum.

Over the years, I adapted my study strategy—rotating through Becker CPA Exam Review, Ninja CPA Review, and SuperfastCPA Review—and I managed to pass BEC just before it was replaced as part of the new CPA Exam format.

Finally, on July 21, 2025, I officially became a licensed CPA. I was honored to be among the 93 individuals approved by the North Carolina Board of CPA Examiners for CPA licensure on that day. Seven years, countless late-night study sessions, and many lessons later, I can confidently say that resilience pays off. To anyone still navigating this process: stay patient, stay in prayer, stay flexible, tap into support when you can, and keep going. Your success is ahead.

Thank you to everyone who cheered me on—especially the Zeta Sigma Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at NC A&T, my professors, mentors, colleagues, family, and friends—for your unwavering support.



Congratulations to the following individuals who have been actively licensed as North Carolina CPAs since August 1975:

Bobby Joe Bates, #8773
Alan Eugene Bolick, #8786
John Lucier Brantley, #8774
Lanny Dale Bynum, #8806
Guy Louis Forcucci, #8807
Thomas J. Patton, #8771
Buddy Albert Pope, #8796
Mark Noel Schlueter, #8800
Ollin Baines Sykes, #8804
James M. Whitworth, Jr., #8805



On July 18, 2025, the Board recognized Sam Boyce, CPA, and Putney Jones, CPA, for 58 years of North Carolina CPA licensure. Board President Bernita Demery, CPA, presented Mr. Boyce and Mr. Jones with a Certificate of Recognition and thanked them for their ongoing commitment to the profession.



Pictured L-R: David R. Nance, CPA, Executive Director of the Board; David Boyce, CPA; Dixie Boyce; Sam Boyce, CPA; & Board President Bernita Demery, CPA.



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What Is a WISP and Why Does It Matter?

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) is a U.S. law that requires financial institutions to protect customers' sensitive financial information. In its implementation of the GLBA, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued the Safeguards Rule to outline measures that must be in place to keep customer data safe.

Under the GLBA and Safeguards Rule, tax and accounting professionals are considered financial institutions, regardless of size. A requirement of the Safeguards Rule is implementing and maintaining a Written Information Security Plan (WISP).

A Written Information Security Plan (WISP) must include:

- Designation of a responsible employee to coordinate the information security program.
- Risk assessment procedures to identify vulnerabilities in all areas of operation.
- Implementation, monitoring, and testing of safeguards to protect sensitive data.
- Selection and oversight of service providers to ensure they also comply with appropriate data protection standards.

Three Core Areas of Focus

An effective WISP should address:

- 1. Employee Management and Training Establish policies, train staff, and limit data access to authorized personnel.
- 2. Information Systems Protect both physical and digital assets, including computers, networks, and cloud-based systems.
- 3. Detecting and Managing System Failures Set up procedures for identifying, reporting, and correcting breaches or vulnerabilities.

Data Breach Response Requirements

Tax professionals should also have a data theft response plan as part of their WISP. This includes:

- Notifying the IRS Stakeholder Liaison if a breach occurs.
- Reporting incidents to the appropriate state tax agency (via the Federation of Tax Administrators' Report a Data Breach page).
- Following FTC data breach response guidelines, for notifying individuals impacted by the breach, including the requirement to notify the FTC within 30 days if a breach affects 500 or more individuals.

Stay Compliant and Informed

Tax professionals must not only create a WISP but also review and update it regularly, especially after operational changes or system testing. Failing to implement a WISP is a violation of federal law and puts both client data and your business at risk.

A WISP helps you identify actions to take in the event of a security incident, data loss, or theft. You're the first line of defense in protecting taxpayer information. Regardless of the size of your practice, you should take steps to protect your systems and comply with federal standards.

IRS Resources Available

To support compliance, the IRS offers <u>Publication 5708</u>: <u>Creating a Written Information Security Plan for Your Tax</u> & <u>Accounting Practice</u>, a 28-page template that helps tax professionals:

- Understand the legal and ethical responsibilities related to data security,
- Draft and implement a WISP tailored to their practice, and
- Maintain an ongoing process of security evaluation and adjustment.



Disciplinary Action

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), "any disciplinary action taken [by the Board] shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. The clear proceeds of any civil penalty assessed under this section shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2." NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

RITA SIMS BRITTAIN, #11766 | RITA S. BRITTAIN, CPA, PA | CONOVER, NC

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:

- Rita Sims Brittain, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 11766 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Rita S. Brittain, CPA, PA (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."
- Following a search of the lien filings on the North Carolina Secretary of State's website, the Board staff discovered that a lien had been placed against the Respondent Firm due to non-payment of withholding taxes for the latter two quarters of 2023.
- 4. The Board staff opened a case and requested that the Respondent provide further information. The Respondent responded that she was unaware that the withholding taxes had not been paid and that she took immediate action upon finding out.
- 5. As of October 11, 2024, the Respondent Firm had paid all outstanding tax liabilities, and the liens had been released.
- 6. Respondent has held a CPA certificate for 46 years, and her record is otherwise exemplary and unblemished.

7. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree 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.
- 2. By virtue of the facts set forth above, the Respondents violated Rule 21 NCAC 08N .0207 (Violation of Tax Laws).
- 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:

 The Respondent has been actively taking steps to retire.
 As such, though she denies that disciplinary action should be taken in this action, she hereby permanently surrenders her Certified Public Accountant certificate.

Board Forfeits 31 CPA Certificates for Failure to Renew

On August 1, 2025, the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners officially notified 31 individuals that their North Carolina CPA certificates had been <u>administratively forfeited</u> for failure to renew as required by 21 NCAC 081 .0101.

Although administrative forfeiture is not a disciplinary action, individuals must return their physical CPA certificate to the Board and are not allowed to use the CPA title in any way while their certificate remains forfeited. Unauthorized use may lead to disciplinary action by the Board.

A person whose certificate has been forfeited for not renewing can apply for reissuance by meeting the following requirements:

- Submit a completed reissuance application with the \$100 certificate application fee.
- Provide three certificates of good moral character, completed by properly licensed CPAs
- Document 40 hours (2,000 minutes) of CPE completed within the 12 months immediately preceding the reissuance application, including the 8-hour (400-minute) North Carolina Accountancy Law course offered by the NCACPA.

For questions about the reissuance requirements, please contact <u>Alice Grigsby</u>, <u>Licensing Specialist</u>.



ACCOUNTANTS IN THE MOVIES

- **Q.** In this classic movie, an accountant says, "The funny thing is, on the outside I was an honest man. I had to come to prison to be a crook."
- **A.** The Shawshank Redemption tells the story of Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins), who is sentenced to life in Shawshank State Penitentiary for murder, despite claiming innocence. Over the next two decades, he befriends fellow prisoner Ellis "Red" Redding (Morgan Freeman) and plays a key role in a money laundering operation led by the prison warden.

Exam Testing and Score Release Dates

All dates are tentative and subject to change. For official testing and score release dates, <u>check the AICPA website</u>. For score release notifications, please follow @NASBA on <u>X (Twitter)</u>.

Exam Section	Testing Dates	If the AICPA receives your exam data file by*:	Your target score release date is:			
Exam Core Sections						
AUD, FAR, REG	07/24/2025-08/15/2025	08/15/2025	08/26/2025			
	08/16/2025-09/07/2025	09/07/2025	09/16/2025			
	09/08/2025-09/30/2025 09/30/2025		10/09/2025			
	10/01/2025-10/23/2025	10/23/2025	11/07/2025			
	10/24/2025-11/15/2025	11/15/2025	11/25/2025			
	11/16/2025-12/08/2025	12/08/2025	12/16/2025			
	12/09/2025-12/31/2025	12/31/2025	01/13/2026			
Exam Discipline Sections						
BAR, ISC, TCP	07/01/2025-07/31/2025	07/31/2025	09/11/2025			
	10/01/2025-10/31/2025	10/31/2025	12/16/2025			
	01/01/2026-01/31/2026	01/31/2026	03/13/2026			

^{*}Data files received after this date will be included in the next scheduled score release date.



Congratulations

CPA CERTIFICATES ISSUED

On July 21, 2025, the Board approved the following individuals for North Carolina CPA licensure:

Cassandra Z'Anne Adams David Michael Alexander Ross Garrett Allen Patrick Alexander Angelo Alexander Edison Arias Anjana Ashok Dana Janell Atwell Deanna Victoria Bagwell Joseph Curtis Baker Mary Elizabeth Heiner Bell Marissa Laurel Berenson Juan Ignacio Del Toro Blasco John Samuel Blue III Jennifer Lynn Bolton **Emily Liane Burke** Ardena Jordan Burris Destiny Marie Chafin Nicholas Joseph Chesare Joseph Gabriel Coffey Cody Bryson Collins Tyler Scott Counts Joseph Edward Cromar Gabriel Mason Davis Sebastian de Anda Perez

Wellington R. Deno-Mena Virginia Woodson Dudley Noah James Ehreth Paul Atticus Enderle Daniel Enrique Figueroa Anna-Kelly Noel Fink Katherine Olivia Fonseca Robert Anthony Fontana **Emily Louise Foreman** Kristin Diane Franklin Andres Lugo Fuentes Mariah Lynn Fuentes Elizabeth Preston Fulton Richard Cameron Gates George Gilbert Grier II Kendall Rose Haffner Kelsey Rose Hagan Paul John Herron III **Brian Thomas Himmel** Rachel Queen Hogston Megan Horton Jacob Edward Hutchison Marvin Lee Jenkins Hanki Kim

Melanie Marie Kisting Darcy Alexis Knorr Katherine Ann Krawczyk William Henry Lee Hannah Claire Leo Jiefang Liang Zachary Louis Livingston Josue Lomeli-Garcia Jackson Burley McJunkin **Anthony Meier** Ryan William Metts Adam Gabriel Midvette Jonathon Michael Moore Nicholas Joseph Murray Jennifer Aileen Namie **Taylor Renee Newman** Parker Scott Norris Eric James Oftedal Nathan James Oldja John Michael Owens Alexander Michael Pardue Logan Pavlansky Hannah Respess Peele Kalejah Chrishelle Pierce

Kyle Edward Prestidge Heather Bergeron Proctor Matthew Thomas Ridenour Aaron David Riggs Corey Michael Ruble Ethan Mark Russell Michael Joseph Simmons Samuel James Sosnowski Ashleigh Michelle Sutter Brandon Ali Tahamtan Tamara Marcia Toews Petra Eilene Tyndall Thomas Ryan Upson Matthew Cole Vaden **Brantley Elias Vernon** Sanford Parker Vining Binh Thanh Vo Robert Vrana Carosue Shanika Ward Daley Shelby Ryan White Austin Grant Yarber

Uniform CPA Exam Pass Rates: 2025

Section	Q1		Q2	
	All Candidates	NC Candidates	All Candidates	NC Candidates
AUD	44.30%	44.8%	49.05%	54.0%
FAR	41.67%	46.5%	43.52%	44.7%
REG	62.03%	61.7%	63.58%	63.1%
BAR	37.64%	36.7%	47.26%	54.8%
ISC	61.23%	69.4%	71.96%	89.7%
ТСР	74.94%	64.7%	80.63%	84.3%



Congratulations

Successful CPA Exam Candidates

Congratulations to the following North Carolina candidates who passed the Uniform CPA Exam between May 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025.

Alexander Ray Abernathy Mason Riley Adamof Faith Ayotomiwa Adesina Gavin Patrick Allen Riane Logan Allen Jordan Patricia Anderson Kenneth Walker Ayers Canyon Matthew Bacon Isadora Bailer Christin Heather Baker Elizabeth Farnham Beard Patrick Lee Beasley Douglas Edward Bittner Braxton Chase Bostick Andrew Ryan Bowden Scott Edward Bowen Ian Marshall Brain Benjamin Caskey Buben Tanner Madison Buff Ardena Jordan Burris Andrew C. Butterfield Richard Craven Carter IV Kelsey Megan Caulfield Sara Kathleen Cauthen Elizabeth Radnor Chain Cali Ashlyn Chance Dianna Norville Clark Lydia Grace Cline Joseph Gabriel Coffey Addison Spell Collins David James Conrad Gabriella Augusta Corritore Lexi Marie Couch John Mitchell Cox **Josiah Matthew Cover** Hannah Lovelace Craigie Alexis Shena Credle Cade Mitchell Curry Brandon Glen Dean Kayla Lane DeGruchy Wellington R. Deno-Mena Riley Jane Dowling Lauren Pearl Dziekan Amber Lee Elgin Haleigh Blythe Ensminger Maxwell Edward Ephron Tyler James Ezzell

Catherine Elizabeth Farinella Blake Anthony Fasciolo Sandra Anne Ferrara Katherine Olivia Fonseca Brittany Michelle Foster Kaitlyn Victoria Foster Janay Bailey Frank Rebecca Amber Frank Bethany Dawn Frongner Mariah Lynn Fuentes Robert Lee Gaddy Dylan Robert Gansrow Preston Lee Giles Nicholas Andrew Golebiowski Thomas John Gornisiewicz Andrew Joseph Gosnell Zachary Charles Gray Chemerin Mame Gregg Stephen Daniel Griffin Lily Catherine Grissom Joseph John Hackler Caleb Allen Harless Sydney Marie Hatcher Grayson Frederick Hearn Cameron Allen Heath **Edward Brandon Henderson** Ryan Carlton Hendricks Mark Alan Hensley Jr. Adam Thomas Herdrich Faith Trivette Hicks Joshua Brent Hincher Jordan Marie Hofmeister Kristin Stumpf Holder Olivia Lea Hollingsworth Christen Means Howlett Mason Wei-Houng Hudnall Caleb Eric Johnson Cassandra Skipper Johnson Tate Clifton Johnson Charles Anthony Johnston Nicholas Michael Kabiri Finn Justice Katz Ryan Robert Kennedy Karitsa Nicole Kerns Riley Michael Lagenor Savannah Pierce Lampley

Kamryn Eddy Large

Erin Madeline Lavelle Matthew Ryan Laxton Sean Patrick Leahy Hannah Jane Leskovec Tanner Dylan Lloyd **Emily Lauren Loudon Hunter Graham Lutz Jessica Mati Mastor** Reuben Marvin Maxwell Adam William Mayes Lucy Leigh McCardle Sarah Jane McCarthy Ciara Antoinette McFadden Meredith Cauble McKeever Ryan William Metts Ryan MacCauley Midkiff Matthew Ryan Miller Andrew David Milton Richard Tracy Moore Sheila Berg Mullinax Jaleesa Raquelle Murphy Kaylan Noel Nelson Taylor Renee Newman William Francis O'Callaghan Sarah Catherine O'Connell Alberto J Pacheco Taylor Lindsey Pagan Gresham Keller Parrish **Amit Vasant Patel** Tyler Brooks Peacock **Dakota Grace Peters David Scott Phagan** Lindsey Nicole Piurowski Emma Katherine Potter Stephanie Burgess Pouliot Taylor Anne Pulyer Addysen O'Briant Rabb John Austin Ramirez Melissa Christine Ratcliff Alexander Retamar Blake Caroline Reynolds Macy Kalynn Reynolds Aaron David Riggs Oscar Rene Jr Roque Jill Taylor Ross Mark Whitley Ross Jr. Tyler Graham Roten

Kali Stallings Ruffin Stephan Taylor Ruppert Darrius Jimmy Aaron Shaw Hongyun Shen Sodiq Adeshola Shofoluwe Keifer Lee Shore Hammad Siddigi Allison Lee Silvernale Amelia Marie Sisson Diedre Tiffany Smith Dylan Jefferson Smith Elliott Maxwell Smith Ryan Michael Smith Hannah Grace Stafford Tyler David Stanton William Parker Steele Margaret Belle Stichter Ransom Garris Stokes Ir. Andrew Clifton Strickland Zachary Campbell Suelflow Laura Ellen Tosti Grace S. Catherine Turner Kelli Turpin Erik Charles Tveidt Matthew Cole Vaden Madeline Ann Valle Elizabeth Anne VanNote Natalie Kathleen Wagner John Raymond Walkowski Daniel William Wallace Jonathan Edward Walsh Robert McKinley Westbrook Jessica Lee Whelan Jerry Randolph White Jr. Otto Pearce Benson Wolin Anna Elisabeth Wuensch Ricardo Zaldana

If you are a North Carolina candidate who successfully completed the CPA Exam between May 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025, and your name is not listed above, please contact the Board.

CPA Certificate Reclassifications

Reinstatement

On July 21, 2025, the Board approved the following applications for CPA certificate reinstatement:

James Martin Beadle, #34514 Durham, NC Raleigh, NC Forest Hills, NY Sheila Janeta Brown-Simpson, #26283 Matthew James Dreiling, #42192 Cary, NC Charlotte, NC Dania Duarte, #33721 Katherine Frances Friedman, #40676 Wallace Dupre Gregory Jr., #28849 Moore, SC Kesha Routh Hall, #30695 Randleman, NC Nicole M. MacDougall, #27532 Amherst, MA Michael Anthony Patrick, #31846 Rock Hill, SC Valerie Mitchell Snyder, #34915 Wilson, NC

Reissuance

On July 21, 2025, the Board approved the following application for CPA certificate reissuance:

Stephen Len Walker, #16058

Matthews, NC

CPA-retired

In July 2025, the Board approved the following applications for CPA-retired status:

Elkin, NC Newland, NC David Husslar Cline III, #3728 Daniel Patrick Halloran, #22173 Bobby Maurice Harris, #14734 Greenville, NC Stuart Duane Hill, #14188 Chadbourn, NC Richard Highsmith Holoman, #10064 Frank Michael Livengood, #18025 Plano, TX Mocksville, NC Elizabeth Karen McCain, #24822 Jamestown, NC Winston-Salem, NC Pinnacle, NC William Frederick Mercer, #13716 Pamela Campbell Parrish, #23845 David Clark Rainey, #14822 Davidson, NC

Inactive Status

In July 2025, the Board approved the following applications for inactive status:

Providence, RI Lauren Amy Amaral, #47675 Thurman Burkley Austin, #15917 Mooresville, NC Asheville, NC Marissa Laurel Berenson, #48182 Erica Lynn Bjorndahl, #48087
Matthew Joseph Blickley, #33873
Imre Borsanyi, #43211
Aleksandra Sergeyevna Bottolfson, #41004
Cameron Bruce Bottolfson, #38747 Broomfield, CO Huntersville, NC Aventura, FL Holly Springs, NC Holly Springs, NC Randy Glenn Boyd, #14493 Gastonia, NC Joshua Steven Branch, #30576 Elon, NC Mooresville, NC John Brijeski, #46217 Lisa Langdon Burgess, #29629 Maria Rebecca Castillo Cabigao, #34632 Four Oaks, NC Henderson, NV Cary, NC Taylorsville, NC Courtney Marks Callihan, #27019 Terry Clinton Cline, #8514 Matthew Wayne Conner, #38257 Greensboro, NC Anne Marie T. Cormier, #39532 Michael George Dimoff, #10707 Spotsylvania, VA Greensboro, NC Gary M. Dragon, #30145 Zuo Du, #35993 Lillington, NC Charlotte, NC Rocky Mount, NC Joseph Jelks Duncan, #25099 William Dixon Eglin, #36719
Christopher Lee Eisenzimmer, #38410
Carey Bernard Ellinghaus, #22437
Rachel Lee Faller, #44453 Baton Rouge, LA Wilmington, NC Omaha, NE Charlotte, NC Bradley Delano Fitter, #42512 Norwalk, CT Pickerington, OH Charlotte, NC Matthew Thomas Gochis, #41091 Heather Rose Godwin, #45998 Brooke Lariviere Gonce, #30640 Columbia, SC Karl H. Graf, #42581 Charlotte, NC Charlotte, NC Charles Thomas Greer, #9236 Brian Douglas Grierson, #47659 Chicago, IL Angela Matthews Griffin, #26445 Morrisville, NC Robin Johnson Griffith, #38836 Lauren Rice Groome, #34980 Charlotte, NC Asheville, NC William Myrick Harward, #2496 Richfield, NC

Cathy Sue Hayes, #37319 Paul E. Horowitz, #38552 Sharon Jane Howard, #36839 Theodore Roosevelt Humphrey III, #30049 Emma Nicole Jackson, #46839 Timothy Blake Jackson, #45781 Jay Sterling Johnson, #37358 Jeffrey Robert Johnson, #38898 Gary Brent Jordan, #21486 Jeffry L. Karr, #32645 Amanda Lynn Kelley, #36480 Cynthia Jones Khanlarian, #26052 Vasyl Khokhla, #38888 Marie A. Kiriazes, #15417 Steven Lawrence Lorenzen, #47332 Michael Christopher Luff, #43867 Douglas James Marvel, #21043 Coak May, #13335 Laurie Jeanne Mendoza, #35633 Sara Christine Meyer, #41371 Matthew Jerome Michels, #46860 John Eric Michos, #33048 Corey Alexandra Millette, #38644 Pablo Monteverde Medina, #47265 Stephen Joseph Morgan, #37188 Mahsa Victoria Movahed, #47162 Charles Fred Mullen, #45646 Gertraud Anna Mulrooney, #18960 Anran Ni, #47044 Ryan Patrick Nicollerat, #36749 Robert McRoy Parsons, #4162 Clint James Pete, #24495 Brandon Kenneth Pope, #18963 Teresa K. Posey-Kazaglis, #47499 Kun Qian, #39003 Susan Ralko, #40871 Todd E. Rankin, #32255 Sydney Jane Ratliff, #45457 Rosa Monaghan Read, #14395 Mark Reeves, #46017 Lynda M. Robertson, #29003 Robert Rodriguez, #15317 Nathaniel Scott Roper, #47330 Samantha Jo Rose, #47716 Christopher Jordan Rotan, #46822 Joseph John Schmelzle, #42085 Kathryn Ann Scott, #16149 Ruojing Shan, #35394 Sara Renee Shelp, #38082 Michael Robert Siler, #35197 Jeffrey Todd Slate, #18969 loulia Nickolaevna Smirnova, #33575 Joseph Kiplan Smith #8818 James Leland Spangler, #38004 James Linton Starling, #31705 Kodjo Tchegnon, #36931 Michael David Tolley, #33458 Andrew Toniolo, #37564 Glenn Thomas Townsend, #47890 Michael David Trammell, #22367 Susan Graham Turner, #13086 Theodore William Walls, #37965 Emily Watkins Weeks, #39702 Tanner Henderson West, #44844 Kenneth Michael Wherley, #24302 Lisa Allen White, #42158 Andrea Travis Wilcox, #30035 Angela Robbs Williams, #32842 David Brian Williams, #41234 David Marshall Williams, #15155 Darryl Joseph Wodecki, #26566 Paul Michael Wolff, #34132 Amy Marie Wood, #47343 Janice Anne Young, #28991 Karolyn Ruth Young, #40836 Jonathan Edward Zakary, #21438

St. Petersburg, FL Stuart, FL Elon, NC San Francisco, CA Candler, NC Charlotte, NC Canton, GA Asheville, NC Kitty Hawk, NC Davidson, NC Greensboro, NC New York, NY Zebulon, NC Highlands Ranch, CO Raleigh, NC Resaca, GA Greensboro, NC Asheboro, NC Charlotte, NC Spokane, WA Pittsboro, NC San Diego, CA Gilbert, AZ New York, NY Greenville, NC Wooster, OH Bluffton, SC Bellevue, WA Chicago, IL Carrollton, GA Raleigh, NC Dallas, TX Chapel Hill, NC Redmond, WA Indian Land, SC Cary, NC Nashville, TN Morganton, NC Seneca, SC Maggie Valley, NC St. Pete Beach, FL Dallas, TX Charlotte, NC Tampa, NC Charlotte, NC Wading River, NY Charlotte, NC Morehead City, NC Mebane, NC Lexington, NC Charlotte, NC Ellicott City, MD Franklinton, NC Durham, NC Silver Spring, MD Charlotte, NC Richardson, TX Tallahassee, FL Greenville, SC Reidsville, NC Ellenton, FL Huntersville, NC Hattiesburg, MS Tampa, FL Weaverville, NC Spartanburg, SC Gaffney, SC Charlotte, NC Wendell, NC York, SC Hampstead, NC Yadkinville, NC Clarkton, NC Raleigh, NC Matthews, NC

Huntersville, NC



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Dates to Remember

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Sept. 1 Office Closed

Sept. 22 Board Meeting, Pembroke (UNC-Pembroke)

Oct. 20 Board Meeting, Raleigh

Nov. 11 Office Closed

Nov. 17 Board Meeting, Raleigh

Nov. 27-28 Office Closed

Dec. 15 Board Meeting, Raleigh

Dec. 24-26 Office Closed

Dec. 31 Deadline: CPA Firm Registration Renewal & Peer Review

Compliance Reporting

Dec. 31 Deadline: CPE Completion for 2026-2027 CPA License

Renewal

Don't Forget...

Our September 22, 2025, meeting will be held on the <u>UNC-Pembroke</u> campus. We'll post more information on our <u>website</u> soon. The meeting is open to the public, and we invite you to attend.



