



# North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

## Public Session Agenda

10:00 a.m.

September 23, 2026

Elon University

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### I. Administrative Items

- A. Call to Order
  - 1. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** *Under North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e), every Board member must avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts. Does any Board member have a known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict regarding any matter coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and abstain from participating in that matter.*
- B. Welcome and Introduction of Guests
- C. Approval of Agenda **(ACTION)**
- D. Minutes **(ACTION)**
- E. Financial/Budgetary Items
  - 1. August 2026 Financial Statements **(ACTION)**

### II. Legislative & Rulemaking Items

### III. National Organization Items

- A. Update on NASBA Proposed Bylaw Changes **(FYI)**
- B. Big Four Inquiry by State Attorneys General **(FYI)**
- C. CPE Survey **(FYI)**
- D. NASBA Committee Updates **(FYI)**

### IV. State & Local Organization Items

- A. Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Maria M. Lynch **(ACTION)**
- B. Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by D. Michael Payseur **(ACTION)**
- C. Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Kecia Williams Smith **(ACTION)**

### 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. Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates **(FYI)**

### VII. Recognition of NC CPA Licensure Milestones

### VIII. Public Comments

- A. Presentation by Elon University **(FYI)**

### IX. Closed Session

### X. Adjournment



## North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

### PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

August 17, 2026

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**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jodi K. Kruse, CPA, President; D. Michael (Mickey) Payseur, CPA, Vice President; Ulysses Taylor, CPA, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; James T. Ahler, CAE; Tammy F. Coley, CPA (via Teams); Maria M. Lynch, Esq.; and Kecia Williams Smith, Ph.D., CPA.

**BOARD STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** David R. Nance, CPA, Executive Director; S. Lynne Sanders, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney (via Teams); and Lisa Hearne-Bogle, Communications Officer.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Noel L. Allen, Esq., Board Legal Counsel; Robert Broome, NCACPA Vice President of Advocacy & Outreach; James B. Pierce, CPA; and Sgt. J.D. Rattelade, Raleigh Police Department.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Kruse called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and stated that with seven Board members in attendance, a quorum was present.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** No Board member reported an actual or potential conflict of interest regarding any matter before the Board at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Ahler moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven votes in favor, and none opposed.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Taylor moved to approve the July 20, 2026, meeting minutes, and Mr. Ahler seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven votes in favor, and none opposed.

**FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS:** Mr. Payseur moved to approve the July 2026 financial statements, and Ms. Lynch seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven votes in favor and none opposed.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS:** The Board discussed several NASBA items, including the Private Equity Task Force's *Recommendation Memorandum: Private Equity and Alternative Practice Structures in the Accounting Profession*; proposed changes to the NASBA Bylaws; and changes to NASBA's 2026-2027 Board of Directors.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Board approved, with seven votes in favor and none opposed, the following Committee recommendation presented by Mr. Payeur:

Case No. C2025214 - Darin Lee Curtis and Darin Lee Curtis, CPA, PLLC - Approval of the Late Firm Registration Order (Appendix I).

Case No. C2026115 - Ana Townsend Occhiuzzi - Approval of the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

Mr. Payseur stated that the Committee provided guidance to the staff on four items.

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Board approved, with seven votes in favor and none opposed, the following Committee recommendations presented by Dr. Smith:

**Transfer of Grades** - Approve the following application for transfer of Uniform CPA Exam grades from another jurisdiction:

Kristen Michelle Cash

**Application for Original CPA Certificate** - Approve the following applications for original North Carolina CPA licensure:

Robert Luke Baldwin  
Sage Proffitt Barfield  
Lucas Barkley Bernet  
Braxton Chase Bostick  
Caroline Elizabeth Bower  
Charlotte Ryan Buckner  
Shelton Douglas Burke  
Peter Moroni Butcher  
Christopher Wagner Butz  
Justin Anthony Camejo  
Gabriella Grace Carlino  
Richard Craven Carter IV  
Kristen Michelle Cash  
Miguel Angel Chavez  
Yanqin Chen  
Yu Ting Chen  
Emma Elizabeth Collins  
Hannah Lovelace Craigie  
Evan Crigger  
Margaret Marie Doyle  
Sheyanne Madison Eldridge  
Haleigh Blythe Ensminger  
Alec William Esoda  
Joseph Paul Fraboni  
Corey Jay Fulp  
Michael Morris Goldfarb  
Reese McCormack Graef  
Brittany Clayton Grenz  
Virginia Abigale Hawkins  
Lisa Kathleen Holmes  
Samuel Harrison Humble  
Charles Anthony Johnston

Grace Crowson Johnston  
William John Jurchak  
Sakura Grace Kagawa-Ferraro  
Hunter Curtis Kehl  
Grace Killian  
Noah Carl King  
Austin Tyler Kunkel  
Jessalyn Lysette LaFrancis  
Mia Isabella Latine  
Cameron Noah Ledbetter  
Jake Lemaire  
Margaret Ray Ligon  
Caterina Alexandra Linares  
Megan Elise Loussaert  
Easton Michael McCoy  
Abigail Marie Meier  
Jacob Edward Meier  
Samuel P. Miller  
Magdalyn Eileen Mockbee  
Bethany Elizabeth Neary  
Ha Ngoc Thanh Nguyen  
William Francis O'Callaghan  
Christian Olsen  
Benjamin Overby  
John Alexander Pearce  
McKenna Delaine Polk  
Anderson Lee Potter  
Stephanie Burgess Pouliot  
Halle Imigin Schmidt  
Jade Li Jotcham Seets  
Allen Alexander Severson  
Parker Sullivan Shahdad

Kaytlin Elizabeth Shaver  
Allison Lee Silvernale  
William Parker Steele  
Allen Joseph Taylor  
Seth Richard Tomalis  
Grace Sandra Catherine Turner

Robert Alexander Tyson  
Rae Lee Watson  
Samantha Jillean Wills  
Adam Wilson Wright  
Jacob Peter Zerkel

**Application for Temporary Permit** - Approve the following temporary permits approved by the Deputy Director:

Mackenzie Joseph Mapes T15712  
Reena Shah T15713  
George Kozarov T15714  
Evan Niccolo Porcella T15716  
Curtis Van Iseghem T15717  
Haley Bobbie Peanoski T15718  
Dominic Haight T15719  
Priya Kanda T15720

Austin Carswell T15721  
Mia Taylor Chiota T15722  
Natasha Guttman T15723  
Krishnaveni John T15729  
Elliot Newton T15730  
Andrew Christopher Self T15731  
James Genoy, III T15732  
Chad Hagen T15733

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

Austin Carswell  
Mia Taylor Chiota  
Paige Denise Cocke  
James Genoy  
Natasha Guttman  
Chad Hagen  
Dominic Haight  
Kayla Renae Harmon  
Kara Alicia James  
Krishnaveni John  
Priya Kanda  
Victoria Rae Lehn  
Kathryn Clark Ley  
Julia Bernice Liddle

Jorge Luviano  
Amy Coleman Meisser  
Gregory Lee Miles  
Elliot Newton  
Jaime Enrique Otero Cintron  
Evan Niccolo Porcella  
Autumn Terez Prothero  
Ian David Quisenberry  
Joseph Gregory Rusnak  
Andrew Christopher Self  
Reena Shah  
Narendra Singh  
David Rafael Valentin Bahamundi

**Application for Reinstatement of CPA Certificate** - Approve the following applications for CPA certificate reinstatement:

Jamasp Darius Jhabvala #18605  
Nicole L Lindley #24536  
Wendy-Marie Norwood #24782  
Peter James Wilkinson #27709

**Application for Reissuance of CPA Certificate** - Approve the following application for CPA certificate reissuance:

Michael Teofilo Zanchelli #44445

**CPE Extension Requests** - Approve one request for an extension to complete the 2025 CPE requirement by June 30, 2026, without penalty.

**Applications for Uniform CPA Exam** - Approve the following applications to sit for the Uniform CPA Exam as a North Carolina candidate:

Jaden Abney  
Alexander Adams  
Samantha Addeo  
Malarie Alexis  
Jacob Alge  
Gillian Allen  
Simone Allen  
Yesmine Alston  
Courtney Anderson  
Hollie Ardoin  
Natalie Auwn  
Ashley Bader  
Anna Bailey  
Hattie Baldock  
Jared Barkley  
Ashton Barnes  
Landon Barnes  
John Batten  
Ryan Bellamy  
Jonathan Benthall  
Henry Blake  
Anna Blue  
Amanda Bodden  
Robert Bordiere  
Avery Botnick  
Jessica Boykin  
Bobbie Bradley  
Ethan Bright  
John Brightman  
Danielle Brown  
Eric Brown  
Jacqueline Brown  
Ethan Brunelli  
Katherine Bucci  
Paige Burkner

Trenton Cade  
LaKesha Campbell  
Jeremy Carlson  
Vanessa Castillo Soza  
Cale Cates  
Aaron Caudill  
Sonal Chhawchharia  
Brendan Clark  
Paige Cleary  
Kaitlin Coleman  
Manuel Cordi  
Steven Cortes Moran  
Katherine Cox  
Ruth Cox  
Zuleyka Cox  
Ashlyn Cramer  
Mikaela Critides  
Andrew Cummings  
Madison Currin  
Michael Datre  
Chloe Deschamps  
India Dickerson  
Brenden Dillingham  
Connor Dorflinger  
Emily Dudley  
Alec Edens  
Carson Eldridge  
Koler Ellis  
Dana Esmail  
Ethan Evans  
Lauren Farnham  
Kannon Frady  
John Franklin  
Eldar Gabidoff  
David Gabrick

Robert Garbarz  
Brianna Garbrandt  
Sydney George  
Dylan Gibbons  
Nicholas Gitter  
Aleah Godwin  
Eric Gonyo  
Kendall Goudelock  
Andrew Grant  
Jacob Green  
Kylee Greene  
Justin Grigg  
Brianna Grist  
Cynthia Grose  
Gregory Hales  
Taylor Harkey  
Shaquana Harriott  
Lamar Hemingway  
Glenn Henslee  
Alyse Herburger  
Melody Hernandez Pita  
Garrett Hoehler  
Zachary Hui  
Joseph Huynh  
David Jackson  
Shanette Jenkins  
Kyler Jessup  
Crystal Johnson  
Michael Johnson  
Brandon Jones  
Tyrese Julius  
Abigail Justice  
Jack Kambeseles  
Mia Keegan  
Hamza Khalid  
Min Jeong Kim  
Jordan King  
Bradford Kirkland  
Daniel Knott  
Zachary Knott  
Carter Kolb  
Liana Kolodich  
Natasha Kosnac  
Iliana Koutsouris  
Katherine Kulas  
Nisansala Lathpandura

Eston Lee  
Josiah Linton  
Cora Long  
Katrina Lorence  
Xiaofeng Lu  
Brett Lucius  
Moiz Lukmanji  
Jordan Malik  
Viktor Maltsev  
Emma Martin  
Austin Mazankowski  
Georgia McArdle  
Laney McLaurin  
Susan Medellin  
Tate Mickey  
Nathaniel Miles  
Christopher Millan Palala  
Roanin Mock  
Amy Moon  
David Mooney  
Danielle Moore  
Chelsea Morgan  
Rogan Munro-Foulis  
Rachael Murray  
Taylor Murrmann  
Anderson Mwasele  
Gracie Myers  
Carson Nash  
Nhan Nguyen  
Meghan Nicewonger  
Kristin Nix  
Faith Odutola  
Luis Ortiz-González  
Valeriy Osipov  
Holden Parker  
Shreya Patel  
William Patrick  
Sharla Payton  
Justin Penland  
Kate Perruccio  
Madison Peters  
Rebecca Petersen  
Emilie Philyaw  
Caleb Prado  
Jason Praefcke  
Leonora Reader

Melissa Riddle  
Nicholas Rinaldi  
Alexander Robinson  
William Robinson  
Tom Rubinacci  
Jose Salinas  
Joy Sanders  
Nicholas Sanfilippo  
Matthew Seaton  
Lily Shafer  
Aubrey Sherrod  
Elijah Short  
Saahir Siddiqui  
Meghan Spillare  
Victor Spinache  
Briana Stevens  
Shamiyah Stevens-Charles  
Gwyneth Stewart  
Heidi Sturm  
John Summerford  
Gus Svendsgaard  
Nicholas Thompson

Amy Townsend  
Duy Tran  
Nicolas Tucci  
Abbigail Tucker  
David Ulloa  
Jeremy Urso  
Jordyn Veasey  
Miguel Vergel de Dios  
Nhung Vu  
Luke Washburn  
Allison Waters  
Todd Welton  
Andrew Willett  
Catherine Williamson  
Reese Willie  
Khendra Witt  
William Witt  
Alexandria Wright  
Li Xu  
Fan Yang  
Iryna Yeremeichuk  
Sulan Zhu

**CPA Firm Registration** - Approve the following CPA firm registration, as approved by the Executive Director:

Starling CPA, PLLC

**Miscellaneous** - The Committee recommended approval of a candidate's request for a Uniform CPA Exam score extension.

The Committee recommended approval of a reciprocal certificate applicant's request to proceed with the application without verification of numerical Uniform CPA Exam scores.

The Committee recommended that the Board set a March 1 deadline for receiving CPA extension requests and that requests should be based on qualifying hardships.

**EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** The Board reviewed the June 2026 operational metrics and the July 2026 Executive Staff Report.

**RECOGNITION OF NC CPA LICENSURE MILESTONES:** Ms. Kruse presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Pierce in honor of his 54 years of North Carolina CPA licensure. Following the presentation, Mr. Pierce shared his thoughts on the profession and his career.

Ms. Kruse directed the staff to send a Certificate of Recognition to the following individuals who have held an active North Carolina CPA license for 50 or more years as of August 2026:

| Name                                 | Years of NC CPA Licensure |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Larry Dwight Eaker, #3498            | 57                        |
| Paul Kirby Hamlin Jr., #4331         | 55                        |
| Philip Johnson, #4334                | 55                        |
| Stephen Michael Miller, #4342        | 55                        |
| Ira Durell Morris Jr., #4343         | 55                        |
| Harold Graham Myers, #4344           | 55                        |
| Bobby Hiram Perry, #4347             | 55                        |
| Charles Stephen Smith, #7384         | 53                        |
| Benjamin Boykin II, #7963            | 52                        |
| Thomas Ray Howell, #7961             | 52                        |
| James McNeely Barham, #9452          | 50                        |
| Dale Kenneth Cline, #9445            | 50                        |
| Joseph Colby Daughtry Jr., #9441     | 50                        |
| Charles Kenneth Edwards, #9484       | 50                        |
| Marvin Robert Farris, #9460          | 50                        |
| Scott Warren Foster, #9449           | 50                        |
| Thomas Dwight Franks, #9461          | 50                        |
| Clarence Linwood James Jr., #9489    | 50                        |
| Linwood Cleveland Jones Jr., #9466   | 50                        |
| Ralph Steve Mast, #9467              | 50                        |
| Paul Lee Nunn Jr., #9469             | 50                        |
| Johnny Lawrence Peterson, #9492      | 50                        |
| Charles Johnson Sheffield Jr., #9473 | 50                        |
| Gerald Alan Townsend, #9443          | 50                        |
| Ralph Edward Ward, #9479             | 50                        |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Broome shared a summary of the NCACPA's recent activities and provided a legislative update.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION:** Ms. Kruse presented Sgt. Rattelade with a framed Resolution of Appreciation (Appendix III), thanking him for his service to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Ahler moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m., and Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven votes in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

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David R. Nance, CPA  
Executive Director

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Jodi K. Kruse, CPA  
President

NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS  
CASE #C2025214

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Darin Lee Curtis, CPA, #36352  
Respondent

ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before the Board with a quorum present, and having been consented to by the Respondent, the Board finds and orders as follows:

1. Darin Lee Curtis, CPA (hereinafter "Mr. Curtis"), is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Curtis failed to timely renew the annual firm registration for Darin L. Curtis, CPA, PLLC, in accordance with provisions as required by N. C. Gen. Stat. §93-12 (7b) and 21 NCAC 08J .0108 (b) and (g), and 08N .0213.
3. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Curtis's infraction was for a period of more than one hundred twenty (120) days, the appropriate penalty is five hundred dollars (\$500).
4. Mr. Curtis has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
5. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Mr. Curtis's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

This the 17 day of August, 2026.  
(Day) (Month) (Year)



NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BY: Jodi K. Kanse  
Board President

NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS  
CASE #C2026115

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Ana Townsend Occhiuzzi, CPA, #43114  
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Ana Townsend Occhiuzzi, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 43114 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Respondent informed the Board on her 2025-2026 CPA certificate renewal that she had obtained the required CPE for calendar year 2024.
3. Based on the Respondent's representation, the Board accepted her renewal.
4. The Respondent was subsequently subjected to an audit of her CPE.
5. In response to the Board's audit of her CPE, the Respondent could only provide documentation to substantiate thirty-one (31) hours of the forty (40) CPE hours required for 2024.
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. The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(b)(4) and .0203(b)(5).
3. 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 is censured.
2. The Respondent's CPA certificate is subject to a one-year stayed suspension. Because the suspension is stayed, the Respondent's CPA certificate will remain active. If the Board finds that the Respondent has violated any other Board Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct during the one-year period, the stay will be lifted, and the Respondent's CPA certificate will be actively suspended.
3. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2026.  
(Day) (Month) (Year)  
Ana Occhiuzzi  
Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 17 DAY OF August, 2026.  
(Day) (Month) (Year)

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



BY: Jodi K. Kaese  
President

NC BOARD OF  
AUG 10 2026  
CPA EXAMINERS

***North Carolina State Board of  
Certified Public Accountant Examiners***



**Resolution of Appreciation  
Honoring Sergeant J.D. Rattelade  
Raleigh Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners conducts monthly public meetings to carry out its statutory responsibilities and serve the citizens of North Carolina and the CPA profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for its members, staff, licensees, and members of the public who attend its meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant J.D. Rattelade of the Raleigh Police Department has provided security and professional assistance at the Board's monthly meetings, helping to ensure the safety and well-being of all those in attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, through his professionalism, attentiveness, courtesy, and commitment to public service, Sergeant Rattelade has contributed to the Board's ability to conduct its meetings in a safe and orderly manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is grateful for Sergeant Rattelade's continued service and for the partnership between the Raleigh Police Department and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Sergeant J.D. Rattelade for his dedicated service, professionalism, and commitment to the safety of the Board and its meeting attendees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board extends its gratitude to Sergeant Rattelade and to the Raleigh Police Department for their service to the community and their support of the Board's public meetings.

**ADOPTED AND PRESENTED** the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026, by the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

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Jodi K. Kruse, CPA  
President

**Financial Highlights**  
**For the Five Month Period Ended August 31, 2026**  
**Compared to the Five Month Period Ended August 31, 2025**

|                                             | Budget Var.   | Aug-26          | Aug-25          | Inc. (Dec.)   |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                        | \$ 186,932.90 | \$ 2,328,591.20 | \$ 2,276,354.41 | \$ 52,236.79  |
| ■ <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>            | \$ 188,624.22 | \$ 2,276,165.87 | \$ 2,218,913.40 | \$ 57,252.47  |
| ❖ <b>Total Net Non Operating Revenue</b>    | \$ (1,691.32) | \$ 52,425.33    | \$ 57,441.01    | \$ (5,015.68) |
| ○ <b>Total Expenses</b>                     | \$ 82,858.57  | \$ 1,524,085.81 | \$ 1,474,026.22 | \$ 50,059.59  |
| <b>Increase(Dec.) Net Assets for Period</b> |               | \$ 804,505.39   | \$ 802,328.19   | \$ 2,177.20   |
| <b>Total Checking and Savings</b>           |               | \$ 2,254,043.45 | \$ 2,224,726.68 | \$ 29,316.77  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                         |               | \$ 6,338,766.69 | \$ 6,139,539.64 | \$ 199,227.05 |
|                                             |               |                 |                 |               |
| <b>Full-Time/Part-time Employees</b>        |               | 11/0            | 11/0            |               |

**Budget:**

- Operating revenue was \$189,000 over budget. Certificate fee revenue increased (+\$7k) along with an increase of (+\$176k) related to exam fee revenue.
- ❖ Non-Operating revenue was \$2,000 under budget related to interest earnings. Interest income was down by (-\$5k) due to change in investment mix offset by (+\$2.5k) in credit card revenue.
- Expenses were over budget by \$83,000. Exam costs were over by (+\$107k) and Office expense was over by (+\$31k) related to credit card fees; offset reduced legal expenses (-\$9k - timing) and payroll costs (-\$40k).

**Actual:**

- Total operating revenue increased from prior year by \$57,000. Certificate fees up by (+\$14k) and exam fee revenue is up by (+\$37k)
- ❖ Total net non-operating revenue decreased this period compared to prior by \$5,000. Interest earnings are down by (-\$10k) offset by increased credit card revenue (+\$5k).
- Total expenses increased by \$50,000. Exam costs are up by (+\$11k); office expenses are up by (+\$15k); and salary expenses are up by (+\$22k).

# North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners

## Statement of Net Position

As of August 31, 2026

|                                       | TOTAL                 |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                       | AS OF AUG 31, 2026    | AS OF AUG 31, 2025 (PY) |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                       |                         |
| Current Assets                        |                       |                         |
| Checking/Savings                      |                       |                         |
| 1020 Truist Checking Acct             | 114,845.56            | 175,543.35              |
| 1021 Truist Savings Account           | 5,081.28              | 5,080.80                |
| 1023 Truist Disciplinary Clearng Acct | 0.00                  | 4,900.00                |
| 1030 Truist Payroll Acct              | 277.02                | 100.00                  |
| 1076 Pinnacle - MMA                   | 1,701,828.22          | 1,618,356.80            |
| 1078 Pinnacle - ICS                   | 432,011.37            | 420,745.73              |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>         | <b>\$2,254,043.45</b> | <b>\$2,224,726.68</b>   |
| Other Current Assets                  |                       |                         |
| 1050 CD Investments - Current         | 250,000.00            | 354,651.00              |
| 1110 Accrued CD Interest              | 958.91                | 6,497.04                |
| 1120 Accounts Receivable              | 0.00                  | -250.00                 |
| 1130 Lease Receivable - Current       | 51,881.00             | 50,350.00               |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b>     | <b>\$302,839.91</b>   | <b>\$411,248.04</b>     |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>           | <b>\$2,556,883.36</b> | <b>\$2,635,974.72</b>   |
| Fixed Assets                          |                       |                         |
| 1300 Building                         | 985,976.03            | 985,976.03              |
| 1305 Land                             | 300,000.00            | 300,000.00              |
| 1310 Furniture                        | 61,443.00             | 61,443.00               |
| 1320 Equipment                        | 123,268.77            | 138,723.38              |
| 1325 Data Base Software               | 267,843.86            | 180,336.18              |
| 1330 Capital Improvements             | 163,679.96            | 163,679.96              |
| 1335 GL Software Subscription         | 0.00                  | 122,513.00              |
| 1390 Accumulated Depreciation         | -1,049,567.29         | -990,338.63             |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>             | <b>\$852,644.33</b>   | <b>\$962,332.92</b>     |
| Other Assets                          |                       |                         |
| 1080 Wells Fargo Advisors Investment  | 2,412,813.00          | 1,992,109.00            |
| 1081 Raymond James Investment         | 458,439.00            | 439,255.00              |
| 1180 Lease Receivable - LT            | 57,987.00             | 109,868.00              |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>             | <b>\$2,929,239.00</b> | <b>\$2,541,232.00</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b>\$6,338,766.69</b> | <b>\$6,139,539.64</b>   |

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## Statement of Net Position

As of August 31, 2026

|                                           | TOTAL                 |                         |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                           | AS OF AUG 31, 2026    | AS OF AUG 31, 2025 (PY) |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>       |                       |                         |
| Liabilities                               |                       |                         |
| Current Liabilities                       |                       |                         |
| Other Current Liabilities                 |                       |                         |
| 2005 Due to Exam Vendors                  | 505,625.02            | 384,771.52              |
| 2011 Accounts Payable Other               | 2,500.00              | 2,500.00                |
| 2013 GL Software Subscription Payable     | 0.00                  | 122,513.00              |
| 2015 Compensated Absences - Current       | 42,054.17             | 48,461.17               |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>    | <b>\$550,179.19</b>   | <b>\$558,245.69</b>     |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>          | <b>\$550,179.19</b>   | <b>\$558,245.69</b>     |
| Long-Term Liabilities                     |                       |                         |
| 2020 Compensated Absences - LT            | 107,924.27            | 93,478.27               |
| 2310 Deferred Inflow of Resources         | 109,868.00            | 160,218.00              |
| <b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>        | <b>\$217,792.27</b>   | <b>\$253,696.27</b>     |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                  | <b>\$767,971.46</b>   | <b>\$811,941.96</b>     |
| Net Assets                                |                       |                         |
| 3010 Net Assets Invest in Cap Assets      | 852,644.33            | 962,332.92              |
| 3020 Designated for Capital Assets        | 100,000.00            | 100,000.00              |
| 3031 Designated-Operating Expenses        | 300,000.00            | 300,000.00              |
| 3040 Designated for Litigation            | 1,000,000.00          | 1,000,000.00            |
| 3900 Net Assets Undesignated              | 2,513,645.51          | 2,162,936.57            |
| Change in Net Assets                      | 804,505.39            | 802,328.19              |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                   | <b>\$5,570,795.23</b> | <b>\$5,327,597.68</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b> | <b>\$6,338,766.69</b> | <b>\$6,139,539.64</b>   |

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

April - August, 2026

|                                            | TOTAL                 |                       |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                            | APR - AUG, 2026       | APR - AUG, 2025 (PY)  |
| Income                                     |                       |                       |
| Certificate Fees                           |                       |                       |
| 4110 Certificates - Initial                | 24,200.00             | 20,425.00             |
| 4120 Certificates - Reciprocal             | 13,000.00             | 10,500.00             |
| 4140 Certificates - Renewal Fees           | 1,349,040.00          | 1,341,420.00          |
| 4150 Certificates - Reinst/Revoked         | 400.00                | 200.00                |
| 4151 Certificates - Reinst/Surr            | 2,500.00              | 2,100.00              |
| <b>Total Certificate Fees</b>              | <b>1,389,140.00</b>   | <b>1,374,645.00</b>   |
| Exam Fee Revenue                           |                       |                       |
| 4001 Initial Adm Fees                      | 113,620.00            | 99,130.00             |
| 4002 Re-Exam Adm Fees                      | 101,809.43            | 96,450.00             |
| 4004 Exam Fees Revenue                     | 678,009.66            | 662,532.99            |
| 4072 Exam Scholarship Coupon               | -15,018.37            | -16,849.59            |
| <b>Total Exam Fee Revenue</b>              | <b>878,420.72</b>     | <b>841,263.40</b>     |
| Misc                                       |                       |                       |
| 4970 Duplicate Certificates                | 550.00                | 400.00                |
| 4990 Miscellaneous                         | 4,655.15              | 450.00                |
| <b>Total Misc</b>                          | <b>5,205.15</b>       | <b>850.00</b>         |
| Professional Corporation Fees              |                       |                       |
| 4250 PC Registration Fees                  | 3,350.00              | 2,050.00              |
| 4251 PC Renewal Fees                       |                       | 75.00                 |
| 4252 PC Renewal Fees W/Penalties           | 50.00                 | 30.00                 |
| <b>Total Professional Corporation Fees</b> | <b>3,400.00</b>       | <b>2,155.00</b>       |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>\$2,276,165.87</b> | <b>\$2,218,913.40</b> |
| Expenses                                   |                       |                       |
| 5920 Funded Depreciation                   | 30,000.00             | 27,000.00             |
| 6690 Over & Short                          |                       | 23.82                 |
| Board Travel                               |                       |                       |
| 5120 Board Travel - Board Meetings         | 3,546.98              | 7,731.88              |
| 5122 Board Travel - NASBA Annual           | 721.81                |                       |
| 5123 Board Travel - NASBA Regional         | 12,642.03             | 12,400.12             |
| 5129 Miscellaneous Board Costs             |                       | 772.56                |
| 5131 Board Travel - Outside Legal          | 795.00                | 869.61                |
| <b>Total Board Travel</b>                  | <b>17,705.82</b>      | <b>21,774.17</b>      |
| Building Expenses                          |                       |                       |
| 5800 Building Maintenance                  | 3,246.54              | 8,660.29              |
| 5801 Electricity                           | 4,409.30              | 4,385.21              |
| 5802 Grounds Maintenance                   | 13,808.27             | 9,220.80              |
| 5803 Heat & Air Maintenance                | 826.25                | 1,064.50              |

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

April - August, 2026

|                                                | TOTAL             |                      |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                                | APR - AUG, 2026   | APR - AUG, 2025 (PY) |
| 5807 Janitorial Maintenance                    | 6,300.00          | 5,528.00             |
| 5808 Pest Control Service                      | 150.00            | 150.00               |
| 5809 Security & Fire Alarm                     | 357.00            | 2,548.07             |
| 5810 Trash Collection                          | 1,170.67          | -232.80              |
| 5811 Water & Sewer                             | 598.71            | 534.11               |
| <b>Total Building Expenses</b>                 | <b>30,866.74</b>  | <b>31,858.18</b>     |
| Continuing Education -Staff                    |                   |                      |
| 5050 Continuing Education - Staff              | 436.00            | 496.00               |
| <b>Total Continuing Education -Staff</b>       | <b>436.00</b>     | <b>496.00</b>        |
| Exam Postage                                   |                   |                      |
| 5531 Exam Postage                              | 240.00            | 360.00               |
| <b>Total Exam Postage</b>                      | <b>240.00</b>     | <b>360.00</b>        |
| Exam Sitting and Grading                       |                   |                      |
| 5538 Exam Vendor Expense                       | 624,989.80        | 613,067.59           |
| 5539 Exam Vendor Accommodations                | 3,102.00          | 4,008.25             |
| <b>Total Exam Sitting and Grading</b>          | <b>628,091.80</b> | <b>617,075.84</b>    |
| Fringe Benefits                                |                   |                      |
| 5031 Retirement - NCLB Contribution            | 25,131.13         | 24,258.82            |
| 5033 Retirement - NCLB Administr               | -372.26           | 612.70               |
| 5035 Health Ins. Premiums                      | 63,486.97         | 56,826.04            |
| 5036 Medical Reim Plan                         | 9,792.99          | 9,258.29             |
| <b>Total Fringe Benefits</b>                   | <b>98,038.83</b>  | <b>90,955.85</b>     |
| Investigation & Hearing Costs                  |                   |                      |
| 5222 Investigation Materials                   | 1,556.00          | 1,472.00             |
| 5230 Hearing Costs                             | 0.00              | 270.00               |
| 5260 Civil Penalties Assessed                  | -2,500.00         | -8,000.00            |
| 5261 Civil Penalties Remitted                  | 1,302.30          | 3,113.50             |
| <b>Total Investigation &amp; Hearing Costs</b> | <b>358.30</b>     | <b>-3,144.50</b>     |
| Legal Expense                                  |                   |                      |
| 5140 Legal Counsel - Administrative            | 22,446.76         | 21,920.68            |
| <b>Total Legal Expense</b>                     | <b>22,446.76</b>  | <b>21,920.68</b>     |
| Misc Personnel                                 |                   |                      |
| 5092 Misc. Personnel Costs                     | 439.35            | 353.52               |
| <b>Total Misc Personnel</b>                    | <b>439.35</b>     | <b>353.52</b>        |
| Office Expense                                 |                   |                      |
| 5320 Payroll Service                           | 837.71            | 814.93               |
| 5360 Telephone                                 | 1,700.95          | 2,056.73             |
| 5361 Internet & Website                        | 1,633.50          | 1,633.50             |
| 5400 Computer Prog/Assistance                  | 150.00            | 150.00               |
| 5405 Computer Software Maintenance             | 97,565.57         | 93,593.94            |

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

April - August, 2026

|                                           | TOTAL             |                      |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                           | APR - AUG, 2026   | APR - AUG, 2025 (PY) |
| 5410 Dues                                 | 8,380.00          | 1,620.00             |
| 5420 Insurance                            | 8,730.00          | 9,012.00             |
| 5430 Audit Fees                           | 18,500.00         | 17,000.00            |
| 5440 Misc Office Expense                  | 681.00            | 540.00               |
| 5445 Banking Fees                         | 939.60            | 858.52               |
| 5450 Credit Card Fees                     | 62,427.86         | 58,733.66            |
| <b>Total Office Expense</b>               | <b>201,546.19</b> | <b>186,013.28</b>    |
| Per Diem - Board                          |                   |                      |
| 5110 Per Diem - Board Meetings            | 4,100.00          | 5,000.00             |
| 5113 Per Diem - NASBA Regional            | 1,000.00          | 1,700.00             |
| 5114 Per Diem - NASBA Committees          |                   | 650.00               |
| <b>Total Per Diem - Board</b>             | <b>5,100.00</b>   | <b>7,350.00</b>      |
| Postage                                   |                   |                      |
| 5340 Postage - Other                      | 1,100.00          | 1,915.23             |
| 5342 Postage - Business Reply             | 670.00            | 800.00               |
| 5343 Postage - Renewal                    | 360.00            | 540.00               |
| 5345 Postage - UPS                        | 12,500.00         | 9,500.00             |
| <b>Total Postage</b>                      | <b>14,630.00</b>  | <b>12,755.23</b>     |
| Printing                                  |                   |                      |
| 5330 Printing - Other                     | 595.18            | 1,595.74             |
| 5332 Printing - Certificates              | 945.00            | 1,011.50             |
| <b>Total Printing</b>                     | <b>1,540.18</b>   | <b>2,607.24</b>      |
| Repairs & Maintenance                     |                   |                      |
| 5381 Maintenance - Copiers                | 1,217.56          | 1,651.02             |
| 5383 Maintenance - Postage                | 2,259.62          | 2,136.62             |
| <b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>    | <b>3,477.18</b>   | <b>3,787.64</b>      |
| Salaries & Payroll Taxes                  |                   |                      |
| 5010 Staff Salaries                       | 418,855.80        | 404,316.25           |
| 5030 FICA Taxes                           | 32,042.38         | 30,930.05            |
| <b>Total Salaries &amp; Payroll Taxes</b> | <b>450,898.18</b> | <b>435,246.30</b>    |
| Staff Travel                              |                   |                      |
| 5060 Staff Travel - Local                 |                   | 100.00               |
| 5061 Staff Travel - Prof Mtgs             | 589.19            | 462.00               |
| 5070 Staff Travel - NASBA Annual          |                   | 247.97               |
| 5071 Staff Travel - NASBA Regional        | 8,292.93          | 7,588.65             |
| 5072 Staff Travel - NASBA ED/Legal        | 0.00              | 106.00               |
| <b>Total Staff Travel</b>                 | <b>8,882.12</b>   | <b>8,504.62</b>      |
| Subscriptions/References                  |                   |                      |
| 5370 Subscriptions/References             | 6,580.61          | 5,533.02             |
| <b>Total Subscriptions/References</b>     | <b>6,580.61</b>   | <b>5,533.02</b>      |

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April - August, 2026

|                                  | TOTAL                 |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                  | APR - AUG, 2026       | APR - AUG, 2025 (PY)  |
| Supplies                         |                       |                       |
| 5350 Supplies - Office           | 2,229.67              | 2,569.57              |
| 5352 Supplies - Computer         | 578.08                | 980.00                |
| 5353 Supplies - Special Projects |                       | 5.76                  |
| <b>Total Supplies</b>            | <b>2,807.75</b>       | <b>3,555.33</b>       |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <b>\$1,524,085.81</b> | <b>\$1,474,026.22</b> |
| NET ORDINARY INCOME              | <b>\$752,080.06</b>   | <b>\$744,887.18</b>   |
| Other Income                     |                       |                       |
| 8200 Rental Income               | 22,606.34             | 21,947.90             |
| 8250 Gift Card Revenue           | 10,000.00             | 5,100.00              |
| Interest Income                  |                       |                       |
| 8500 Interest Income - MMAs      | 18,859.88             | 19,169.39             |
| 8510 Interest Income - CDs       | 959.11                | 11,223.72             |
| <b>Total Interest Income</b>     | <b>19,818.99</b>      | <b>30,393.11</b>      |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>        | <b>\$52,425.33</b>    | <b>\$57,441.01</b>    |
| NET OTHER INCOME                 | <b>\$52,425.33</b>    | <b>\$57,441.01</b>    |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS             | <b>\$804,505.39</b>   | <b>\$802,328.19</b>   |

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## Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actuals

April - August, 2026

|                                            | TOTAL                 |                       |                     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                            | ACTUAL                | BUDGET                | OVER BUDGET         |
| <b>Income</b>                              |                       |                       |                     |
| Certificate Fees                           |                       |                       |                     |
| 4110 Certificates - Initial                | 24,200.00             | 21,875.00             | 2,325.00            |
| 4120 Certificates - Reciprocal             | 13,000.00             | 13,333.35             | -333.35             |
| 4140 Certificates - Renewal Fees           | 1,349,040.00          | 1,344,000.00          | 5,040.00            |
| 4150 Certificates - Reinst/Revoked         | 400.00                | 729.15                | -329.15             |
| 4151 Certificates - Reinst/Surr            | 2,500.00              | 1,770.85              | 729.15              |
| <b>Total Certificate Fees</b>              | <b>1,389,140.00</b>   | <b>1,381,708.35</b>   | <b>7,431.65</b>     |
| Exam Fee Revenue                           |                       |                       |                     |
| 4001 Initial Adm Fees                      | 113,620.00            | 91,041.65             | 22,578.35           |
| 4002 Re-Exam Adm Fees                      | 101,809.43            | 78,125.00             | 23,684.43           |
| 4004 Exam Fees Revenue                     | 678,009.66            | 552,083.35            | 125,926.31          |
| 4072 Exam Scholarship Coupon               | -15,018.37            | -19,125.00            | 4,106.63            |
| <b>Total Exam Fee Revenue</b>              | <b>878,420.72</b>     | <b>702,125.00</b>     | <b>176,295.72</b>   |
| Misc                                       |                       |                       |                     |
| 4970 Duplicate Certificates                | 550.00                | 0.00                  | 550.00              |
| 4990 Miscellaneous                         | 4,655.15              | 416.65                | 4,238.50            |
| <b>Total Misc</b>                          | <b>5,205.15</b>       | <b>416.65</b>         | <b>4,788.50</b>     |
| Partnership Fees                           |                       |                       |                     |
| 4260 Partnership Registration Fees         |                       | 1,000.00              | -1,000.00           |
| <b>Total Partnership Fees</b>              |                       | <b>1,000.00</b>       | <b>-1,000.00</b>    |
| Professional Corporation Fees              |                       |                       |                     |
| 4250 PC Registration Fees                  | 3,350.00              | 2,291.65              | 1,058.35            |
| 4252 PC Renewal Fees W/Penalties           | 50.00                 | 0.00                  | 50.00               |
| <b>Total Professional Corporation Fees</b> | <b>3,400.00</b>       | <b>2,291.65</b>       | <b>1,108.35</b>     |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>\$2,276,165.87</b> | <b>\$2,087,541.65</b> | <b>\$188,624.22</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                            |                       |                       |                     |
| 5920 Funded Depreciation                   | 30,000.00             | 27,000.00             | 3,000.00            |
| Board Travel                               |                       |                       |                     |
| 5120 Board Travel - Board Meetings         | 3,546.98              | 4,850.00              | -1,303.02           |
| 5122 Board Travel - NASBA Annual           | 721.81                | 0.00                  | 721.81              |
| 5123 Board Travel - NASBA Regional         | 12,642.03             | 10,800.00             | 1,842.03            |
| 5125 Board Travel - AICPA Council          |                       | 850.00                | -850.00             |
| 5131 Board Travel - Outside Legal          | 795.00                | 1,333.33              | -538.33             |
| <b>Total Board Travel</b>                  | <b>17,705.82</b>      | <b>17,833.33</b>      | <b>-127.51</b>      |
| Building Expenses                          |                       |                       |                     |
| 5800 Building Maintenance                  | 3,246.54              | 8,000.00              | -4,753.46           |
| 5801 Electricity                           | 4,409.30              | 5,833.35              | -1,424.05           |
| 5802 Grounds Maintenance                   | 13,808.27             | 7,500.00              | 6,308.27            |
| 5803 Heat & Air Maintenance                | 826.25                | 1,125.00              | -298.75             |
| 5805 Insurance                             |                       | 4,000.00              | -4,000.00           |

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## Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actuals

April - August, 2026

|                                                | TOTAL             |                   |                   |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                | ACTUAL            | BUDGET            | OVER BUDGET       |
| 5807 Janitorial Maintenance                    | 6,300.00          | 5,833.35          | 466.65            |
| 5808 Pest Control Service                      | 150.00            | 0.00              | 150.00            |
| 5809 Security & Fire Alarm                     | 357.00            | 1,083.35          | -726.35           |
| 5810 Trash Collection                          | 1,170.67          | 1,041.65          | 129.02            |
| 5811 Water & Sewer                             | 598.71            | 750.00            | -151.29           |
| <b>Total Building Expenses</b>                 | <b>30,866.74</b>  | <b>35,166.70</b>  | <b>-4,299.96</b>  |
| Continuing Education -Staff                    |                   |                   |                   |
| 5050 Continuing Education - Staff              | 436.00            | 1,041.65          | -605.65           |
| <b>Total Continuing Education -Staff</b>       | <b>436.00</b>     | <b>1,041.65</b>   | <b>-605.65</b>    |
| Exam Postage                                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 5531 Exam Postage                              | 240.00            | 416.65            | -176.65           |
| <b>Total Exam Postage</b>                      | <b>240.00</b>     | <b>416.65</b>     | <b>-176.65</b>    |
| Exam Sitting and Grading                       |                   |                   |                   |
| 5538 Exam Vendor Expense                       | 624,989.80        | 520,833.35        | 104,156.45        |
| 5539 Exam Vendor Accommodations                | 3,102.00          | 0.00              | 3,102.00          |
| <b>Total Exam Sitting and Grading</b>          | <b>628,091.80</b> | <b>520,833.35</b> | <b>107,258.45</b> |
| Fringe Benefits                                |                   |                   |                   |
| 5031 Retirement - NCLB Contribution            | 25,131.13         | 27,088.01         | -1,956.88         |
| 5033 Retirement - NCLB Administr               | -372.26           | 2,850.00          | -3,222.26         |
| 5035 Health Ins. Premiums                      | 63,486.97         | 59,166.65         | 4,320.32          |
| 5036 Medical Reim Plan                         | 9,792.99          | 13,750.00         | -3,957.01         |
| <b>Total Fringe Benefits</b>                   | <b>98,038.83</b>  | <b>102,854.66</b> | <b>-4,815.83</b>  |
| Investigation & Hearing Costs                  |                   |                   |                   |
| 5222 Investigation Materials                   | 1,556.00          | 1,875.00          | -319.00           |
| 5230 Hearing Costs                             | 0.00              | 2,083.35          | -2,083.35         |
| 5250 Administrative Cost Assessed              |                   | -1,041.65         | 1,041.65          |
| 5260 Civil Penalties Assessed                  | -2,500.00         | -3,125.00         | 625.00            |
| 5261 Civil Penalties Remitted                  | 1,302.30          | 0.00              | 1,302.30          |
| <b>Total Investigation &amp; Hearing Costs</b> | <b>358.30</b>     | <b>-208.30</b>    | <b>566.60</b>     |
| Legal Expense                                  |                   |                   |                   |
| 5140 Legal Counsel - Administrative            | 22,446.76         | 28,062.50         | -5,615.74         |
| 5211 Legal Counsel - Litigation                |                   | 4,166.65          | -4,166.65         |
| <b>Total Legal Expense</b>                     | <b>22,446.76</b>  | <b>32,229.15</b>  | <b>-9,782.39</b>  |
| Misc Personnel                                 |                   |                   |                   |
| 5092 Misc. Personnel Costs                     | 439.35            | 2,083.35          | -1,644.00         |
| <b>Total Misc Personnel</b>                    | <b>439.35</b>     | <b>2,083.35</b>   | <b>-1,644.00</b>  |
| Office Expense                                 |                   |                   |                   |
| 5301 Equipment Rent                            |                   | 62.50             | -62.50            |
| 5320 Payroll Service                           | 837.71            | 875.00            | -37.29            |
| 5360 Telephone                                 | 1,700.95          | 2,083.35          | -382.40           |
| 5361 Internet & Website                        | 1,633.50          | 1,666.65          | -33.15            |
| 5400 Computer Prog/Assistance                  | 150.00            | 416.65            | -266.65           |

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## Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actuals

April - August, 2026

|                                           | TOTAL             |                   |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                           | ACTUAL            | BUDGET            | OVER BUDGET       |
| 5405 Computer Software Maintenance        | 97,565.57         | 94,325.88         | 3,239.69          |
| 5410 Dues                                 | 8,380.00          | 4,687.50          | 3,692.50          |
| 5420 Insurance                            | 8,730.00          | 7,000.00          | 1,730.00          |
| 5430 Audit Fees                           | 18,500.00         | 18,500.00         | 0.00              |
| 5440 Misc Office Expense                  | 681.00            | 416.65            | 264.35            |
| 5445 Banking Fees                         | 939.60            | 1,250.00          | -310.40           |
| 5448 Interest Expense - GL Software       |                   | 1,583.35          | -1,583.35         |
| 5450 Credit Card Fees                     | 62,427.86         | 37,500.00         | 24,927.86         |
| <b>Total Office Expense</b>               | <b>201,546.19</b> | <b>170,367.53</b> | <b>31,178.66</b>  |
| Per Diem - Board                          |                   |                   |                   |
| 5110 Per Diem - Board Meetings            | 4,100.00          | 5,312.50          | -1,212.50         |
| 5111 Per Diem - Prof Meetings             |                   | 1,458.35          | -1,458.35         |
| 5113 Per Diem - NASBA Regional            | 1,000.00          | 0.00              | 1,000.00          |
| 5116 Per Diem - NCACPA Annual             |                   | 950.00            | -950.00           |
| 5117 Per Diem - NCACPA/Board              |                   | 233.34            | -233.34           |
| 5119 Per Diem - Miscellaneous             |                   | 233.34            | -233.34           |
| <b>Total Per Diem - Board</b>             | <b>5,100.00</b>   | <b>8,187.53</b>   | <b>-3,087.53</b>  |
| Postage                                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 5340 Postage - Other                      | 1,100.00          | 1,250.00          | -150.00           |
| 5342 Postage - Business Reply             | 670.00            | 666.65            | 3.35              |
| 5343 Postage - Renewal                    | 360.00            | 416.65            | -56.65            |
| 5345 Postage - UPS                        | 12,500.00         | 11,666.65         | 833.35            |
| <b>Total Postage</b>                      | <b>14,630.00</b>  | <b>13,999.95</b>  | <b>630.05</b>     |
| Printing                                  |                   |                   |                   |
| 5330 Printing - Other                     | 595.18            | 1,875.00          | -1,279.82         |
| 5332 Printing - Certificates              | 945.00            | 1,458.35          | -513.35           |
| <b>Total Printing</b>                     | <b>1,540.18</b>   | <b>3,333.35</b>   | <b>-1,793.17</b>  |
| Repairs & Maintenance                     |                   |                   |                   |
| 5381 Maintenance - Copiers                | 1,217.56          | 1,250.00          | -32.44            |
| 5383 Maintenance - Postage                | 2,259.62          | 1,250.00          | 1,009.62          |
| <b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>    | <b>3,477.18</b>   | <b>2,500.00</b>   | <b>977.18</b>     |
| Salaries & Payroll Taxes                  |                   |                   |                   |
| 5010 Staff Salaries                       | 418,855.80        | 451,588.86        | -32,733.06        |
| 5030 FICA Taxes                           | 32,042.38         | 34,532.74         | -2,490.36         |
| <b>Total Salaries &amp; Payroll Taxes</b> | <b>450,898.18</b> | <b>486,121.60</b> | <b>-35,223.42</b> |
| Staff Travel                              |                   |                   |                   |
| 5061 Staff Travel - Prof Mtgs             | 589.19            | 0.00              | 589.19            |
| 5071 Staff Travel - NASBA Regional        | 8,292.93          | 5,400.00          | 2,892.93          |
| 5075 Staff Travel - NCACPA Meetings       |                   | 333.34            | -333.34           |
| <b>Total Staff Travel</b>                 | <b>8,882.12</b>   | <b>5,733.34</b>   | <b>3,148.78</b>   |
| Subscriptions/References                  |                   |                   |                   |
| 5370 Subscriptions/References             | 6,580.61          | 5,900.00          | 680.61            |

# North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners

## Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Budget vs Actuals

April - August, 2026

|                                       | TOTAL                 |                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | ACTUAL                | BUDGET                | OVER BUDGET         |
| <b>Total Subscriptions/References</b> | <b>6,580.61</b>       | <b>5,900.00</b>       | <b>680.61</b>       |
| Supplies                              |                       |                       |                     |
| 5350 Supplies - Office                | 2,229.67              | 2,958.35              | -728.68             |
| 5351 Supplies - Copier                |                       | 395.85                | -395.85             |
| 5352 Supplies - Computer              | 578.08                | 395.85                | 182.23              |
| 5355 Expendable Equipment             |                       | 2,083.35              | -2,083.35           |
| <b>Total Supplies</b>                 | <b>2,807.75</b>       | <b>5,833.40</b>       | <b>-3,025.65</b>    |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                 | <b>\$1,524,085.81</b> | <b>\$1,441,227.24</b> | <b>\$82,858.57</b>  |
| <b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>           | <b>\$752,080.06</b>   | <b>\$646,314.41</b>   | <b>\$105,765.65</b> |
| Other Income                          |                       |                       |                     |
| 8200 Rental Income                    | 22,606.34             | 21,616.65             | 989.69              |
| 8250 Gift Card Revenue                | 10,000.00             | 7,500.00              | 2,500.00            |
| Interest Income                       |                       |                       |                     |
| 8500 Interest Income - MMAs           | 18,859.88             | 25,000.00             | -6,140.12           |
| 8510 Interest Income - CDs            | 959.11                | 0.00                  | 959.11              |
| <b>Total Interest Income</b>          | <b>19,818.99</b>      | <b>25,000.00</b>      | <b>-5,181.01</b>    |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>             | <b>\$52,425.33</b>    | <b>\$54,116.65</b>    | <b>\$ -1,691.32</b> |
| <b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>               | <b>\$52,425.33</b>    | <b>\$54,116.65</b>    | <b>\$ -1,691.32</b> |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>           | <b>\$804,505.39</b>   | <b>\$700,431.06</b>   | <b>\$104,074.33</b> |

## **Legislative and Rulemaking Items**

None



# Understanding the Proposed International Membership Categories

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In August, NASBA distributed proposed Bylaws amendments to be considered at the Annual Meeting. Several of you have asked good questions since then about why these changes are being proposed, what they would mean in practice, and what they would not change.

This document is meant to answer those questions directly and in plain terms.

## Why we are considering this

Regulation of the profession increasingly crosses borders. Issues involving enforcement, professional mobility, credential recognition, standards, and regulatory approaches do not stop at U.S. jurisdictional lines.

More formal relationships with peer regulators would give NASBA a structured way to exchange information, learn from developments in other countries, and participate in those conversations on behalf of its U.S. member boards.

The proposed changes would not alter the authority of any individual U.S. member board.

## What this means for U.S. state boards

Stronger relationships with peer regulators give U.S. state boards earlier access to developments outside the United States, opportunities to learn directly from peer regulators, and a stronger collective voice when international developments affect U.S. regulation.

We are already seeing the value of these relationships. This year, the Canadian provinces and territories reached out to NASBA to learn about developments related to private equity investment in public accounting firms in the U.S. That is a concrete example of peer regulators sharing information that matters to U.S. boards.

## How we got here

This proposal has been developed with NASBA board member and state board input for several months. The following steps have been taken or are planned:

- **April 2026:** The NASBA Board of Directors discussed how organizations similar to NASBA approach international and affiliate membership and directed staff to research models used by other professions.
- **June 2026:** The NASBA Board continued the discussion and reviewed how membership eligibility and termination could work, alongside an update on the Mutual Recognition Agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico.
- **Regional Meetings:** The concept was presented, noting that a proposed Bylaws change could come before boards at the Annual Meeting.
- **July 2026:** The NASBA Board approved the proposed Bylaws amendments for distribution.
- **August 2026:** The required notice of proposed amendments was distributed to member boards, beginning the 60-day period ahead of the vote.
- **October 2026:** Member boards vote on the proposed amendments at the Annual Meeting.

The formal notice followed several months of Bylaws Committee meetings and discussion and approval by the Board in July. We recognize, however, that much of that supporting context was not included in the notice itself. This document is intended to fill that gap.

### What is being proposed

The amendments would create two membership categories for international licensing and regulatory bodies: organizations that perform licensing or regulatory functions in their own jurisdictions.

**Affiliate membership** would be a more limited and flexible category for engagement, collaboration, and information-sharing where full participation in NASBA is not warranted. Affiliate members could receive NASBA communications and take part in conferences, webinars, and other networking and information-sharing opportunities, as determined through Board policy.

**Full membership** would be reserved for international licensing or regulatory bodies that perform functions comparable to U.S. boards of accountancy. Because those bodies have a regulatory role more closely aligned with NASBA's existing member boards, they could be considered for a higher level of participation, subject to criteria and limitations established by the NASBA Board of Directors. Full members could take part in conferences and regulatory dialogue. Any participation in committees, task forces, or other NASBA activities would be established through Board-approved policy and would preserve the central role of NASBA's 55 U.S. member boards.

Neither category would be automatic. Every applicant would need to meet applicable criteria and be approved by the NASBA Board under a Board-approved policy.

Approval of the proposed Bylaws amendments would not constitute approval of any current or prospective international organization for membership. The amendments would establish the framework and the authority to consider applicants. Any organization seeking membership would be considered separately under the applicable criteria and approval process.

**In other words, the vote in October is on whether to create the framework, not on whether to admit a particular international organization.**

### Affiliate vs. full: a simple comparison

The proposed Bylaws establish the membership categories and the Board's authority to administer them. They do not, by themselves, answer every question about the rights and limitations that would apply to each category.

The following compares the two categories on the points members have raised. Some participation and governance rights remain to be determined and should not be considered final until those decisions are made.

|                        | Affiliate membership                                                     | Full membership                                                                                            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purpose                | Engagement, collaboration and information-sharing                        | A higher level of participation for qualifying peer regulators                                             |
| Eligible organizations | International licensing or regulatory bodies meeting applicable criteria | International licensing or regulatory bodies performing functions comparable to U.S. boards of accountancy |
| Automatic membership?  | No                                                                       | No                                                                                                         |
| Approval required?     | NASBA Board approval                                                     | NASBA Board approval                                                                                       |

The purpose of these categories is to expand regulatory engagement without diminishing the role of NASBA's 55 U.S. member boards. Participation and governance provisions will need to reflect that principle.

We recognize the concern that adding international membership should not diminish the role of NASBA's 55 U.S. member boards. The objective of these categories is to expand regulatory engagement and provide U.S. boards with broader regulatory insight, not to transfer influence away from existing member boards.

Specific participation and governance rights are being addressed separately and will need to reflect that principle.

### How it would work

No international organization would become a member automatically. Every admission would require approval by the NASBA Board of Directors. Applicants would need to meet criteria established in Board policy, and the NASBA Board would retain authority to terminate membership.

The Bylaws would establish the membership framework and the NASBA Board's authority to consider applicants. Board policy would establish more detailed eligibility, review, participation, and oversight requirements, allowing those operational standards to be administered and updated without requiring a Bylaws amendment for each change.

The Bylaws would give the NASBA Board the authority to consider qualified international regulatory organizations for membership. It would not allow an organization or guarantee membership to an applicant. Continued membership would remain subject to the applicable requirements, and the NASBA Board would retain authority to terminate membership if an organization no longer meets those requirements.

## Why membership instead of continuing existing relationships?

NASBA already maintains productive international relationships, including through Mutual Recognition Agreements and other regulatory activities.

The proposed membership categories are not intended to replace those relationships. They would provide a formal framework for deeper and more sustained collaboration with peer regulatory bodies, including consistent standards for participation and oversight.

Membership would also allow NASBA to distinguish between organizations where collaboration and information-sharing are appropriate and regulatory bodies whose functions are sufficiently comparable to U.S. boards of accountancy to warrant consideration for broader participation.

Existing international relationships can continue without membership. The proposed amendments would give NASBA an additional structure for relationships where a more formal and sustained level of regulatory engagement is appropriate. It also would allow NASBA to establish clear expectations for eligibility, participation, oversight and continued membership rather than managing those relationships solely through individual agreements or informal collaboration.

## How have similar organizations approached international or affiliate membership?

The NASBA Board reviewed membership models used by U.S. organizations serving licensing and regulatory boards in other professions, including nursing, engineering and surveying, and psychology. Several provide full and/or affiliate membership opportunities for regulatory bodies outside the United States, including Canadian regulators.

While the specific structures vary, these organizations demonstrate how different membership categories can be used to engage regulatory bodies with different roles and levels of participation. In many models, full membership is intended for entities performing regulatory functions comparable to a jurisdictional licensing board, while affiliate membership provides opportunities for collaboration and information-sharing without the same level of participation.

The Board considered these models in developing NASBA's proposed framework. The proposal would not automatically admit any international regulatory organization; applicants would remain subject to NASBA's eligibility criteria and approval process.

## What this would not do

Because several questions rest on what these changes might allow, it is worth being just as clear about what they would not do:

- They would **not change NASBA's mission, name, or core purpose of supporting the effectiveness of U.S. state boards of accountancy.**

- They would **not automatically admit any international organization**. Every applicant would have to meet applicable criteria and receive NASBA Board approval.
- They would **not, by themselves, approve any organization with which NASBA currently has a relationship or any future applicant..**
- They would **not give an international organization regulatory authority over U.S. CPA licensure**. Licensure authority remains with the individual state boards.
- They would **not change the authority of any state board, CPA licensure requirements, or mobility laws**. These are changes that only state boards and state legislatures can make.
- **They would not change NASBA's Mutual Recognition Agreements**. Any changes to those areas would continue to require their own separate review and approval processes.

The proposal is about participation in NASBA. **It would not transfer or alter the regulatory authority held by U.S. boards of accountancy.**

### What happens next

The proposed amendments are moving through NASBA's Bylaws approval process, and we want to hear from member boards before the October vote.

Over the coming weeks, the proposal will be discussed in the regional calls beginning in late August. We will continue answering questions and providing additional information ahead of the vote.

Member boards will vote on the proposed Bylaws amendments at the Annual Meeting in October in Litchfield Park, AZ.

If the amendments are approved, that vote would establish the membership framework. **It would not admit an international organization itself**. Individual applicants would still have to go through the applicable eligibility, review, and approval process.

If you have questions in the meantime, please reach out to Wendy Garvin, Executive Vice President, at [wgarvin@nasba.org](mailto:wgarvin@nasba.org). We would rather answer a question early than leave it unanswered.



# **INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Questions and Answers

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF ACCOUNTANCY

## International Membership: Questions And Answers

### What problem is NASBA trying to solve?

The accounting profession operates in an increasingly interconnected global environment. Regulatory developments, professional mobility issues, ownership structures, credential recognition, and other matters often have international dimensions that may affect U.S. Boards of Accountancy. The proposed membership categories would provide NASBA with a structured framework to engage with peer regulatory bodies, helping NASBA and its member boards stay informed, share knowledge, and participate more effectively in discussions that may affect the future of regulation.

### Why is NASBA considering international membership?

Regulation of the profession increasingly crosses borders. Issues involving professional mobility, credential recognition, standards, and regulatory approaches do not stop at U.S. jurisdictional lines. More formal relationships with peer regulators would give NASBA a structured way to exchange information and participate in those conversations on behalf of its U.S. member boards.

### How would this benefit U.S. state boards?

Stronger regulatory relationships give state boards earlier access to developments outside the United States, opportunities to learn directly from peer regulators, and a stronger collective voice when international developments affect U.S. regulation. The purpose is to strengthen NASBA's ability to serve U.S. boards, not to change the authority of any individual board.

We are already seeing the value of these relationships. This year, the Canadian Provinces and Territories reached out to NASBA to learn of developments related to private equity investment in public accounting firms in the U.S. Through other international relationships, NASBA leadership gained insight into the work of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which acts as a global watchdog for fighting money laundering and terrorist financing. This topic is increasingly intersecting with the accounting profession, and we'll discuss it more at this year's annual meeting in Litchfield Park, AZ.

### How would international membership contribute to NASBA's mission?

The proposal is intended to strengthen NASBA's ability to serve U.S. Boards of Accountancy. More formal relationships with comparable regulatory bodies could provide earlier awareness of emerging issues, broader access to regulatory perspectives, and stronger channels for information sharing. The objective is not membership growth for its own sake, but rather enhancing NASBA's ability to advance the common interests of its member boards in a changing regulatory environment.

### How does this proposal relate to NASBA's strategic plan?

The proposal is consistent with NASBA's efforts to position the Association and its member boards for the future. As the profession continues to evolve, NASBA must remain informed about developments that may affect regulation, licensure, mobility, and public protection. Establishing a framework to engage with peer regulatory bodies supports NASBA's broader objective of remaining a forward-looking organization that serves the long-term interests of U.S. Boards of Accountancy.

## **Why not continue NASBA's existing international relationships without creating membership categories?**

NASBA's existing international relationships are valuable and would continue regardless of this proposal. However, those relationships are generally informal and do not operate within a consistent governance framework. The proposed affiliate and full membership categories would provide a structured approach for engagement with international regulatory bodies when a more formal and ongoing relationship is appropriate. Existing relationships could continue without membership, while the new framework would provide an additional option where deeper collaboration serves the interests of NASBA's member boards.

## **Why are both affiliate and full membership proposed?**

Not every international regulatory body has the same role or the same relationship with NASBA.

Affiliate membership would provide a flexible option for collaboration and information sharing.

Full membership would provide a separate category for regulatory bodies that perform functions comparable to U.S. Boards of Accountancy.

For U.S. boards, that flexibility allows NASBA to build relationships with international regulators at a level appropriate to their role, while giving state boards greater access to regulatory information, experience and perspectives from outside the United States.

Creating both categories gives NASBA the flexibility to build global regulatory relationships while preserving the Board of Directors' discretion over eligibility, privileges, and governance. Establishing both categories in the Bylaws now also avoids forcing future boards to amend the Bylaws again if NASBA later determines that certain international regulators warrant a higher level of participation.

## **What is the difference between affiliate and full membership?**

Affiliate membership would provide a flexible way for international licensing or regulatory bodies where collaboration, information sharing, and relationship-building are appropriate, but where full participation in NASBA is not warranted. It would allow NASBA to engage with peer regulators outside the United States without changing NASBA's primary focus on serving its 55 U.S. member boards.

Full membership would be intended for international licensing or regulatory bodies that perform functions comparable to U.S. Boards of Accountancy and could involve broader participation as established through the applicable governance framework and Board policy.

Neither category would result in automatic admission. Each applicant would need to meet applicable criteria and be approved by the NASBA Board of Directors. Specific privileges, participation rights and safeguards would be established through Board-approved policy.

## **What benefits would affiliate members receive?**

Affiliate members could receive NASBA communications and participate in conferences, webinars and other educational, networking or information-sharing opportunities as determined through Board policy.

The purpose of affiliate membership is to provide a structured way for NASBA and international regulators to collaborate and exchange information without necessarily providing the same level of participation associated with full membership.

Specific benefits and participation opportunities would be established through Board policy.

### **Who would be eligible?**

Eligibility would be limited to international licensing and regulatory authorities that perform functions comparable to U.S. Boards of Accountancy. Professional associations, advocacy organizations, and other organizations that do not perform a regulatory function do not qualify.

Admission would remain entirely within the discretion of the NASBA Board of Directors, under the eligibility requirements and safeguards established through Board policy.

### **Are any organizations currently being considered for admission?**

No. The proposed amendments would not admit any organization to membership and are not tied to any specific applicant. The purpose of the proposal is to establish a framework that would allow the NASBA Board of Directors to consider future applications from qualifying international regulatory bodies if and when such applications are received.

Any applicant would be subject to the eligibility criteria, review process, safeguards, and approval requirements established by Board policy.

### **Who decides whether an international organization is admitted?**

Under the proposal, each admission would require approval by the NASBA Board of Directors. Admission would not be automatic, and applicants would need to meet the applicable criteria established in Board policy.

The proposed Bylaws amendments would not admit any organization into NASBA. They would authorize the NASBA Board of Directors to consider qualifying international regulatory bodies for affiliate or full membership.

Admission decisions would be governed by Board-approved policy establishing eligibility criteria, the review process, safeguards and oversight requirements.

### **Why aren't all the eligibility requirements and safeguards written into the Bylaws?**

The proposed approach sets the membership framework in the Bylaws while placing detailed eligibility and admission criteria in Board policy, where they can be applied consistently and updated as needed without a full Bylaws amendment each time.

The proposed Bylaws amendment is not intended to establish every operational requirement for international membership. Instead, it grants NASBA's Board of Directors the authority to consider international regulatory bodies for affiliate or full membership.

More detailed requirements, including eligibility criteria, admission and review procedures, participation rights, safeguards and oversight requirements, would be established through Board-

approved policy. That policy would also establish safeguards intended to preserve the governance role of NASBA's U.S. member boards.

## **Why is NASBA asking members to approve the framework before all policies are finalized?**

The proposed amendments do not admit any organization to membership and do not establish all eligibility requirements or participation rights. Instead, they provide the authority for NASBA to create affiliate and full international membership categories. If approved, the NASBA Board of Directors would then develop the detailed policies, safeguards, review procedures, and eligibility standards necessary to implement the framework before any organization could be considered for admission.

## **Will member boards approve the policies that implement these amendments?**

The proposed Bylaws amendments establish the framework for international membership. If approved by the membership, the NASBA Board of Directors would be responsible for developing and approving the detailed implementing policies, including eligibility criteria, admission procedures, participation rights, safeguards, oversight requirements, and any conditions for ongoing membership. Those policies would not require a separate vote of membership. However, the Board recognizes the importance of these policies and will seek input and feedback from member boards as the policies are developed. The proposed Bylaws amendments themselves must first be approved by the membership before any implementing policies could be adopted.

## **What safeguards will be in place to protect the interests of U.S. Boards of Accountancy?**

The proposal does not change the authority of any Board of Accountancy, CPA licensure requirements, mobility laws, reciprocity arrangements, or Mutual Recognition Agreements. Admission would not be automatic, all applicants would be subject to Board-approved eligibility requirements, and the NASBA Board of Directors would retain authority over admissions and ongoing oversight. Additional safeguards and participation requirements would be established through Board-approved policy before any organization could be admitted.

## **Could international members vote, or serve on NASBA committees or the Board?**

The proposed amendments create a framework for international membership, but they do not themselves establish all voting, Board or committee participation rights.

Affiliate membership is intended primarily to provide opportunities for regulatory collaboration, information sharing and engagement. Full members could be considered for broader participation because they perform regulatory functions comparable to U.S. Boards of Accountancy.

The proposed amendments themselves do not grant voting rights, Board seats or committee eligibility. Those specific participation and governance rights would need to be established through the applicable governance framework and Board policy.

## **Could international membership dilute the influence of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions?**

No organization would join automatically, and every admission would require Board approval by the NASBA Board of Directors. Participation rights and safeguards would be established in Board policy.

The 55 U.S. jurisdictions would remain NASBA's core constituency. The objective is to provide U.S. boards broader regulatory insight and a stronger voice in an increasingly global environment, not to transfer influence away from existing member boards.

The proposal does not diminish the voice of the 55 boards of accountancy. It creates a mechanism for NASBA to engage with peer regulators around the world while maintaining governance control within NASBA.

## **Does this affect state authority, CPA licensure, MRAs, or reciprocity?**

No. International membership in NASBA would not change the statutory authority of any state board. International membership and Mutual Recognition Agreements serve different purposes: MRAs address recognition of professional credentials between jurisdictions, while NASBA membership concerns participation in the Association.

The proposed international membership categories do not affect the authority of any Board of Accountancy, CPA licensure requirements, mobility laws, reciprocity agreements, or Mutual Recognition Agreements. Regulatory authority remains with the individual Boards of Accountancy, and any changes to licensure, mobility, or recognition agreements would continue to require their own separate review and approval processes.

NASBA does not promulgate regulations for individual jurisdictions. Those regulatory powers remain with the Boards of Accountancy and the governmental authorities in their respective jurisdictions.

## **What happens if an international member no longer meets the requirements?**

International membership would remain subject to ongoing compliance with the applicable eligibility, participation and oversight requirements.

The NASBA Board of Directors would retain authority to review a member's continued eligibility and, when appropriate, terminate membership if the organization no longer satisfies the applicable requirements.

## **How have other organizations like NASBA approached international or affiliate membership for regulatory bodies?**

NASBA's Board reviewed membership models used by organizations serving licensing and regulatory boards in other professions, including nursing (NCSBN), engineering and surveying (NCEES), and psychology (ASPPB), several of which NASBA already works alongside. Several provide full and/or affiliate membership opportunities for regulatory bodies outside the United States, including Canadian regulators.

While the specific structures vary, these organizations demonstrate how different membership categories can engage regulatory bodies with different roles and levels of participation. In many

models, full membership is intended for entities performing regulatory functions comparable to a jurisdictional licensing board, while affiliate membership provides opportunities for collaboration and information-sharing without the same level of participation.

The Board considered these models in developing NASBA's proposed framework. The proposal would not automatically admit any international regulatory organization; applicants would remain subject to NASBA's eligibility criteria and approval process.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF ACCOUNTANCY**

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**INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE**

**September 2, 2026**

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

## SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

**1.1 Purpose.** This Procedure establishes the procedural details applicable to international licensing and regulatory bodies' membership in NASBA.

**1.2 International Membership Framework.** NASBA recognizes two forms of international membership: Affiliate International Membership and Full International Membership.

**1.3 Procedure Objectives.** This Procedure shall be administered to advance NASBA's mission of supporting state boards of accountancy and protecting the public. Administration will preserve NASBA's primary responsibility to its United States Member Boards. It will establish objective, transparent, and documented review standards.

**1.4 Authority.** This Procedure is adopted under authority granted to the Board by the NASBA Bylaws. If any provision conflicts with the Bylaws, the Bylaws shall govern.

**1.5 No Automatic Admission.** Neither authorization of international membership categories in the Bylaws nor adoption of this Procedure shall constitute admission of any organization. Each applicant shall be reviewed separately and admitted only upon affirmative approval by the Board.

## SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

**2.1 Affiliate International Member.** An international licensing or regulatory body, as defined in Sec. 3.1.2 of the Bylaws, admitted for limited engagement, collaboration, regulatory dialogue, and information sharing.

**2.2 Board.** The NASBA Board of Directors.

**2.3 Full International Member.** An international licensing or regulatory body admitted to Full International Membership after satisfying the eligibility, comparability, and approval requirements established by this Procedure.

**2.4 International Licensing or Regulatory Body.** As defined in Sec. 3.1.2 of the Bylaws, an organization located outside the United States that is established or recognized by statute, regulation, governmental authority, charter, or other legally recognized authority and that performs licensing, registration, oversight, enforcement, disciplinary, or public protection functions related to accountancy or a substantially equivalent profession.

**2.5 International Region.** A region, as established in Article 5 of the NASBA Bylaws, created by the Board to include only international members. The purpose is to facilitate communication, coordination, and engagement among international members.

**2.6 Supermajority Vote.** For purposes of this Procedure, "Supermajority Vote" means the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors.

**2.7 United States Member Boards.** The boards of accountancy of the states, territories, and other United States jurisdictions holding membership in NASBA under the Bylaws.

## SECTION 3. GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

**3.1 Administration.** The Board shall administer this Procedure consistent with protection of the public interest; support for effective, independent, and accountable regulation; and preservation of NASBA's core mission of support to the United States Member Boards. The Board recognizes that international membership is a privilege and not a right, and the admission of international licensing or regulatory bodies must protect against dilution of the governance authority of the United States Member Boards.

**3.2 Significant Governance Actions.** The Board recognizes that the admission, advancement, reclassification, suspension, and termination of international members are matters of significant governance importance. The member boards, through adoption of the NASBA Bylaws, establish the membership classifications, eligibility framework, and governance protections applicable to international membership. Consistent with authority delegated by the member boards through the Bylaws, the Board shall be responsible for reviewing and acting upon individual membership applications and membership-status determinations. Such actions shall be subject to the enhanced voting requirements established by this Procedure.

## SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

**4.1 Authorized Classifications.** Pursuant to NASBA Bylaws Sec. 3.1.2, the international membership classifications are Affiliate International Membership and Full International Membership.

**4.2 Separate Determination Required.** Admission to Affiliate International Membership shall not constitute admission to Full International Membership. Consideration for Full International Membership shall require a separate assessment and affirmative approval by the Board.

**4.3 Affiliate International Membership.** Affiliate International Membership provides a limited and flexible framework for engagement with qualifying International Licensing or Regulatory Bodies. Affiliate International Membership shall not confer any governance authority and shall not create an expectation of entitlement to Full International Membership.

**4.4 Full International Membership.** Full International Membership is reserved for an International Licensing or Regulatory Body determined by the Board to have authority, governance, accountability, independence, public protection responsibilities, and regulatory functions substantially comparable to those of a United States Board of Accountancy and compatible with the governing principles set forth in Sec. 3 of this Procedure. Admission shall require a separate application and affirmative Board approval.

**4.5 No Entitlement.** Factors such as length of Affiliate International Membership; participation in NASBA activities; payment of dues; participation in a Mutual Recognition Agreement; or satisfaction of minimum eligibility requirements shall not create a right to Full International Membership.

## SECTION 5. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**5.1 Organizational Eligibility.** As set forth in Sec. 3.1.2 of the Bylaws, an applicant for Affiliate International Membership or Full International Membership shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that it:

- Is located outside the United States;
- Is established or recognized by statute, regulation, governmental authority, charter, or other legally recognized authority which passes on the qualifications of, or examines applicants for certification or licensure as certified public accountants or similar licensed categories, or regulates the practice of public accountancy within their jurisdiction;
- Maintains appropriate governance and accountability structures; possesses the legal and organizational capacity to fulfill membership obligations;
- Supports public protection and effective professional regulation;
- Agrees to comply with NASBA's governing documents and policies;
- Agrees to pay applicable dues and assessments; and
- Provides complete, accurate, and timely information.

**5.2 Additional Requirements.** The Board may impose additional eligibility requirements when necessary to protect NASBA, the United States Member Boards, or the public interest.

**5.3 Ineligible Organizations.** Unless otherwise authorized by the Bylaws and expressly approved by the Board, an organization whose principal purpose is commercial promotion, professional advocacy, education, or member services without a material legally recognized regulatory or public protection function shall not be eligible.

## SECTION 6. MEMBERSHIP PROGRESSION

**6.1 General Framework.** The Board may use the following progression framework: Affiliate International Membership to Full International Membership.

**6.2 Factors Relevant to Advancement.** In considering an Affiliate International Member for Full International Membership, the Board may evaluate the following factors:

- Commitment to public protection;
- Duration and quality of the organization's relationship with NASBA;
- Participation in NASBA initiatives;

- Regulatory cooperation and information sharing;
- Compliance with NASBA policies and obligations;
- Governance stability and organizational maturity;
- Regulatory independence; responsiveness to NASBA requests;
- Material organizational changes; and
- Any other matter the Board considers relevant.

**6.3 Prior Engagement.** The Board may require a period of Affiliate International Membership or other sustained engagement before considering an organization for Full International Membership. The Board may waive such requirement when sufficient evidence exists to complete the required review, the applicant has an established record of regulatory cooperation, and waiver is in NASBA's best interests.

**6.4 No Automatic Advancement.** Advancement from Affiliate International Membership to Full International Membership shall require a separate application, completion of all applicable review requirements, and approval by a Supermajority Vote of the Board.

## SECTION 7. FULL INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMPARABILITY REVIEW

**7.1 Required Review.** An applicant for Full International Membership shall undergo a formal assessment of functional comparability to the United States Member Boards. Functional comparability shall not require an identical organizational structure.

**7.2 Review Criteria.** The assessment may address the criteria set forth in Sec. 5.1 of this Procedure, as well as the following in terms of law and actual practice:

- Legal authority;
- Licensure and registration qualifications procedures, including regarding examination, education, and experience requirements;
- Continuing competence criteria;
- Professional and ethical standards;
- Enforcement procedures, including requirements and practices regarding complaint, investigation, enforcement, discipline, sanctions, due process, and appeals;
- Public transparency and accountability;
- Governing-body composition;
- Operational and decision-making independence and conflict-of-interest controls;
- Practices regarding the separation of regulatory responsibilities from advocacy or commercial activities;
- Information-sharing capacity;
- Regulatory stability; and
- Any other relevant public protection considerations.

**7.3 Mutual Recognition Agreements.** NASBA membership and participation in a Mutual Recognition Agreement are separate matters. An MRA or related comparability assessment may be considered as evidence as part of this Sec. 7 comparability review. But it shall not automatically qualify an applicant, replace the full review required by this Procedure, create a presumption of admission; confer licensure or practice rights; alter the authority of a United States Member Board, or limit Board discretion.

**7.4 Written Review Report.** Management shall provide a written report to the Board addressing eligibility, comparability findings, material alignments and differences, identified legal, governance, financial, operational, or reputational risks, proposed conditions or limitations, and management's recommendation.

## SECTION 8. APPLICATION, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL

**8.1 Application.** An applicant for full or affiliate international membership shall submit the form, certifications, authorizations, documents, and supplemental information prescribed by NASBA.

**8.2 Completeness.** NASBA may decline to process an incomplete application. Failure to provide requested information may result in deferral or denial.

**8.3 Staff Review.** Management shall conduct or coordinate a review appropriate to the membership classification sought, including verification of legal authority, governance, regulatory functions, independence, accountability, material risks, and other relevant information.

**8.4 Committee Review.** The Board may refer an application to the NASBA IQAB Committee or another committee. The committee may recommend approval, denial, deferral, approval with conditions, or admission as Affiliate International Membership when Full International Membership was requested.

**8.5 Board Action.** The Board may approve, conditionally approve, approve at a different classification, defer, deny, or take any other action permitted by the Bylaws.

**8.6 Approval Thresholds.** Unless a greater vote is required by the Bylaws, admission to Affiliate International Membership or Full International Membership shall require a Supermajority Vote of the Board. No international membership shall be granted without such approval.

**8.7 Conditions of Approval.** The Board may impose participation limits, reporting or certification requirements, corrective action, periodic review, conflict controls, information-access limits, or other appropriate conditions.

**8.8 Notice and Reapplication.** NASBA shall provide written notice of the Board's decision. Following denial or termination, the Board may establish a waiting period. Any later submission shall be treated as a new application and must address the grounds for the prior action.

**8.6A Reserved Membership Actions.** Admission to Affiliate International Membership, admission to Full International Membership, advancement to Full International Membership, reclassification, suspension, and termination are matters of significant governance importance and shall be subject to the Supermajority Vote requirements established by this Procedure.

## SECTION 9. PARTICIPATION RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS

**9.1 Source of Rights.** International members possess only those rights expressly granted by the Bylaws, this Procedure, the Board action approving the organization's membership, or another applicable Board policies or procedures.

**9.2 Potential Participation Rights.** Subject to authorization, rights may include attendance at meetings and educational programs, receipt of designated communications, participation in regulatory dialogue, service on designated committees, advisory groups, or task forces, and other approved activities.

**9.3 Affiliate International Member Limitations.** Unless expressly authorized by the Bylaws, an Affiliate International Member may not vote on governance or Bylaws matters; serve as a NASBA officer or voting director; chair a governance committee; or exercise authority over NASBA governance, finances, strategic direction, or services to United States Member Boards.

**9.4 Full International Member Rights.** A Full International Member may exercise only those participation or governance rights expressly authorized by the Bylaws, this Procedure, and the Board's action approving the organization. Full International Membership shall not, by itself, confer rights identical to those of a United States Member Board.

**9.5 Reserved Matters.** As set forth in the Bylaws, the Board may reserve matters directly affecting United States statutory authority, licensure, mobility, enforcement, NASBA governance control, or other uniquely domestic issues exclusively to representatives of the United States Member Boards.

## SECTION 10. INTERNATIONAL REGION

**10.1 Authority to Establish.** Subject to Article 5 of the Bylaws, the Board may establish an International Region if the number, geographic distribution, or level of participation of international members warrants a formal structure for coordination, communication, or engagement. Creation shall require affirmative Board action and shall not occur automatically.

**10.2 Required Findings.** Before establishing an International Region, the Board shall determine that the region would advance NASBA's mission; provide an effective means of coordination; operate under adequate

governance and operating procedures; not diminish the authority of the United States Member Boards; and provide benefits proportionate to its administrative, financial, and governance responsibilities.

**10.3 Establishing Resolution.** The resolution establishing an International Region shall address its purpose and scope; eligibility; leadership; meetings and operating procedures; reporting; funding and administrative support; recommendation or voting rights, if any; relationship to the Board; limitations; and procedures for review, modification, suspension, or dissolution.

**10.4 Permitted Functions.** An International Region may facilitate information sharing, support regulatory dialogue, coordinate international-member engagement, cooperate with other NASBA regions to identify matters of common regulatory interest, develop advisory recommendations for the Board, and perform other functions assigned by the Board.

**10.5 Limitations.** An International Region shall not:

- Constitute a United States Member Board;
- Bind NASBA or the Board;
- Independently establish NASBA policies or procedures or otherwise act without following NASBA policies and procedures;
- Alter the statutory authority of any United States Member Board;
- Grant licensure, mobility, reciprocity, or practice rights; or
- Diminish the governance authority of the United States Member Boards.

**10.6 Review and Dissolution.** The Board may modify, suspend, reorganize, or dissolve an International Region when it determines that such action is in NASBA's best interests.

## SECTION 11. GOVERNANCE PROTECTIONS

**11.1 Continued Control.** The United States Member Boards shall retain governance control of NASBA consistent with the Bylaws.

**11.2 No International Control.** International members, individually or collectively, shall not possess authority sufficient to control NASBA or the Board, or diminish United States Member Board governance.

**11.3 No Jurisdictional Effect.** International membership shall not:

- Alter or limit the statutory authority of any United States Member Board in any way;
- Modify United States CPA licensure requirements;
- Establish or modify mobility, reciprocity, or a Mutual Recognition Agreement;
- Confer authority to regulate accountancy within a United States jurisdiction; or
- Authorize NASBA or any other non-governmental body to exercise regulatory authority reserved to a governmental licensing body.

**11.4 Additional Safeguards.** The Board may adopt additional safeguards necessary to protect NASBA's governance, United States Member Boards, confidential or privileged information, program integrity, legal, financial, or reputational interests, or the public interest.

**11.5 Delegated Membership Authority.** The Board's authority to admit, advance, reclassify, suspend, or terminate international members derives from authority delegated by the member boards through the NASBA Bylaws. The Board shall exercise such authority in a manner that preserves the governance authority of the United States Member Boards and the mission of NASBA.

## SECTION 12. CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS AND PERIODIC REVIEW

**12.1 Continuing Compliance.** Each international member shall continuously satisfy the eligibility requirements applicable to its classification and comply with the Bylaws, this Procedure, any other applicable policies or conditions, including applicable dues, reporting, certification, and participation requirements.

**12.2 Notice of Material Change.** An international member shall promptly notify NASBA in writing of a material change involving legal or statutory authority; regulatory, licensing, enforcement, or disciplinary responsibilities;

governance; ownership or control; governmental recognition; independence; public protection; separation of regulatory and advocacy functions; financial or operational viability; or ability to comply with NASBA requirements.

**12.3 Annual Certification and Periodic Review.** The Board may require annual certification of continuing eligibility and compliance and may review eligibility at any time. Each Full International Member shall undergo a comprehensive eligibility and comparability review at least once every five years, or more frequently as directed by the Board.

**12.4 Available Actions.** Following a review, the Board may continue membership without modification; impose or modify conditions; require corrective action; restrict participation rights; place the member on probation; reclassify the member; suspend membership; or terminate membership.

## SECTION 13. RECLASSIFICATION

**13.1 Authority.** The Board may reclassify an international member when an Affiliate International Member is approved for Full International Membership; a Full International Member no longer satisfies Full International Membership requirements but remains eligible for Affiliate International Membership; a material change occurs regarding the requirements set forth in Sec. 7.2 of this Procedure; or reclassification is otherwise determined by the Board to be in NASBA's best interests.

**13.2 Advancement.** Advancement from Affiliate International Membership to Full International Membership shall be subject to all review and approval requirements applicable to Full International Membership, as set forth in Sec. 7.2 of this Procedure.

**13.3 Reclassification to Affiliate International Membership.** The Board may by Supermajority Vote reclassify a Full International Member as an Affiliate International Member.

**13.4 Effect of Reclassification.** Upon reclassification, the international member shall be subject to the rights, obligations, limitations, dues, and participation requirements applicable to its new classification, together with any additional Board conditions.

## SECTION 14. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

**14.1 Grounds.** The Board may suspend or terminate an international member for any of the following criteria:

- Loss of eligibility;
- Cessation of relevant regulatory functions;
- Material changes in comparability, governance, independence, accountability, or legal status;
- Noncompliance with the Bylaws, this Procedure, another NASBA policy or procedure, or a Board condition of membership;
- Nonpayment;
- Materially false, incomplete, or misleading information;
- Failure to disclose a material change;
- Misuse of NASBA's name, marks, or status;
- Conduct materially inconsistent with NASBA's mission;
- Material harm or unreasonable risk to NASBA, its members, or the public interest; or
- Failure to cooperate with a review.

**14.2 Initiation.** A review may be initiated by the Board, the Executive Committee subject to Board review, the President and Chief Executive Officer, an authorized committee, or another process established by the Board.

**14.3 Notice and Opportunity to Respond.** Except when interim action is necessary, NASBA shall provide written notice of the principal grounds and a reasonable opportunity for written response.

**14.4 Recommendation and Board Determination.** Management or a designated committee may provide a recommendation. The Board may take no action; issue a warning; require corrective action; impose or modify conditions; restrict participation; place the member on probation; reclassify the member; suspend membership; or terminate membership.

**14.5 Vote Required.** Unless a greater vote is required by the Bylaws, suspension, reclassification, or termination of an international member shall require a Supermajority Vote of the Board.

**14.6 Interim Action.** When reasonably necessary to protect NASBA, its members, confidential information, or the public interest, the Board, Executive Committee, or President and Chief Executive Officer may temporarily restrict participation or suspend specified privileges pending completion of review. Any interim action taken without prior Board approval shall be presented to the Board at the earliest practicable opportunity.

**14.7 Effect.** During suspension, the member may not exercise any rights afforded to it under this Procedure or any other agreement it has regarding NASBA membership. Upon termination, all membership rights cease, the former member shall discontinue representations of membership and unauthorized use of NASBA's name and marks, and surviving financial, confidentiality, intellectual-property, and contractual obligations remain enforceable.

**14.8 Finality.** The Board's determination shall be final unless the Board establishes a reconsideration process or unless an applicable law or the Bylaws require otherwise.

## SECTION 15. VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

**15.1 Withdrawal.** An international member may withdraw by written notice in the form required by NASBA. Withdrawal becomes effective on the date established by NASBA and does not discharge obligations accrued before that date.

**15.2 Future Application.** A former member seeking to return shall submit a new application under the NASBA policies and procedures then in effect.

## SECTION 16. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

**16.1 Establishment.** In accordance with Sec. 9.2 of the Bylaws, the Board shall establish dues and charges applicable to each international membership classification and may differentiate them based on participation rights, services, administrative costs, or other reasonable factors.

**16.2 Nonpayment.** Failure to satisfy required financial obligations may result in restriction, suspension, or termination in accordance with this Procedure and applicable financial policies.

## SECTION 17. USE OF NASBA NAME AND MEMBERSHIP STATUS

**17.1 Authorized Description.** An international member may describe its membership only as authorized by NASBA and shall accurately identify its membership classification.

**17.2 No Regulatory Endorsement.** NASBA will document with all international members that international membership shall not be represented as NASBA endorsement of the member's entire framework; substantial equivalency for licensure; recognition of individual credentials; authorization to practice; participation in or qualification under a Mutual Recognition Agreement; or approval by a United States Member Board.

**17.3 Corrective Action.** NASBA may require correction or cessation of inaccurate, misleading, or unauthorized use of its name, marks, or membership designations.

## SECTION 18. ADMINISTRATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

**18.1 Administrative Authority.** The President and Chief Executive Officer, or designee, may develop forms and administrative procedures; conduct or coordinate reviews; request supplemental information; maintain records; monitor compliance; administer certifications and periodic reviews; and present recommendations.

**18.2 Reserved Authority.** Administrative authority under this Sec. 18 does not include final authority expressly reserved to the Board by the Bylaws or this Procedure.

**18.3 Confidentiality.** Information received or developed in connection with an application, assessment, investigation, review, or membership action shall be handled in accordance with applicable law, NASBA policy or procedure, confidentiality obligations, privilege, agreements, and Board direction.

## SECTION 19. INTERPRETATION AND BOARD AUTHORITY

**19.1 No Right to Membership.** Nothing in this Procedure creates a contractual, property, or other right to admission, continued membership, advancement, specified participation or governance rights, committee or leadership service, or creation or continuation of an International Region.

**19.2 Board Authority.** Subject to the Bylaws and applicable law, the Board retains authority to interpret and amend this Procedure; determine eligibility and comparability; approve, deny, defer, or condition applications; define and limit participation rights; establish dues and obligations; create, modify, suspend, or dissolve an International Region; review and reclassify international members; and suspend or terminate membership.

**19.3 Exceptions.** The Board may approve a documented exception when the exception is consistent with the Bylaws, advances NASBA's mission and public protection objectives, and does not materially diminish the governance authority of the United States Member Boards.

## SECTION 20. PROCEDURE REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

**20.1 Periodic Review.** The Board shall review this Procedure periodically and may direct an earlier review when creation of an International Region is proposed, a material change occurs in the Bylaws, experience identifies a need for revision, or new governance, operational, legal, or regulatory considerations arise.

**20.2 Amendment.** The Board may amend this Procedure in accordance with the voting requirements applicable to Board policies, provided that no amendment may conflict with the Bylaws.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

# NASBA INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FRAMEWORK

PROPOSED BOARD PROCEDURE | MEMBER BOARD SUMMARY

A controlled framework for international regulatory collaboration that preserves NASBA's primary responsibility to the U.S. Member Boards.

## PURPOSE

### NO AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Separate application and review required
- ✓ Independent due diligence conducted
- ✓ Supermajority Board approval required for admission
- ✓ No organization is admitted automatically

*Creation of membership categories does not admit any organization.*

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### AFFILIATE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Regulatory engagement and collaboration
- Information sharing and participation
- No governance authority
- No entitlement to Full International Membership

### FULL INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Reserved for substantially comparable regulatory bodies
- Separate application and comparability review
- Supermajority (2/3) Board approval required
- Rights only as expressly authorized

## APPROVAL & ADVANCEMENT

### APPLICATION → REVIEW → BOARD ACTION

**Full International Membership review evaluates:**

- ✓ Regulatory authority and public protection
- ✓ Governance, accountability, and independence
- ✓ Licensing, oversight, and enforcement
- ✓ Comparability, risks, and safeguards

### ADVANCEMENT REQUIRES

- ✓ Separate application and formal review
- ✓ Supermajority (2/3) Board approval
- ✓ Case-by-case Board discretion

*Eligibility, participation, tenure, or dues payment do not guarantee admission or advancement.*

## GOVERNANCE SAFEGUARDS

- ✓ U.S. Member Boards retain governance control
- ✓ International members cannot control NASBA
- ✓ U.S. Member Board authority remains unchanged
- ✓ Licensure, mobility, reciprocity, and MRAs remain unchanged
- ✓ The Member Boards establish the framework through the Bylaws
- ✓ The Board acts under authority delegated by the Member Boards through the Bylaws
- ✓ Significant Governance Actions require a Supermajority Vote
- ✓ International members do not receive rights identical to U.S. Member Boards

## INTERNATIONAL REGION

The Board may establish an International Region if warranted for coordination and engagement.

### AN INTERNATIONAL REGION WOULD NOT:

- ✗ Create a new jurisdiction
- ✗ Alter NASBA governance
- ✗ Affect U.S. Member Board authority
- ✗ Grant regulatory authority
- ✗ Dilute U.S. Member Board governance authority

## CONTINUING OVERSIGHT

**The Board may:**

- Impose conditions or corrective action
- Restrict participation rights
- Reclassify, suspend, or terminate membership\*

*\*Supermajority (2/3) Board approval required.*

*Full International Members undergo comprehensive review at least every five years.*

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 NO AUTOMATIC ADMISSION
- 2 RIGOROUS COMPARABILITY REVIEW
- 3 SUPERMAJORITY APPROVAL
- 4 U.S. GOVERNANCE PROTECTED
- 5 CONTINUING ACCOUNTABILITY

## BOTTOM LINE

A measured framework that supports international regulatory collaboration while protecting NASBA governance, preserving the authority of the 55 U.S. Member Boards, and requiring enhanced oversight of Significant Governance Actions.

# Big Four's Past Climate Reporting Support Draws State Scrutiny

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August 24, 2026

More than a dozen Republican state attorneys general told the Big Four accounting firms Monday that they may have violated state laws by asserting independence while signaling support for climate-related disclosures in corporate financial reporting.

Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG, and PricewaterhouseCoopers' commitments "to push for climate-related disclosures" may run afoul of state consumer protection laws by misrepresenting the firms' independence to customers when performing audits, according to a [letter](#) by a coalition of 16 attorneys general, including those of Alaska and Texas.

The Big Four also may have violated state contractual terms, which could result in penalties and contract terminations, the letter said. The companies were asked to provide copies of all contracts signed since 2020 with state or municipal bodies.

The state officials pointed to several of the Big Four's commitments, including to the International Sustainability Standards Board. The firms joined other businesses and trade groups in 2023 [in signing](#) a declaration committed to advancing the adoption or use of ISSB's climate-related reporting at a global level.

About 45 jurisdictions have said they intend to use [ISSB reporting](#), aimed at helping investors understand how companies are performing on climate and other sustainability issues. The US is not among them.

Burdensome climate disclosures "drive up the costs of their services and place onerous requirements on farmers and small businesses," Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers, a co-leader of the coalition, [said](#) in a statement Monday.

Deloitte, EY, and PwC didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. KPMG declined to comment.

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Paul Atkins [has criticized](#) the accounting industry's past support of climate-related disclosures. The SEC under the Trump administration [has moved to](#) scrap Biden-era regulations that would have required public companies to report climate-related risks to their operations.

Accounting firms were [set to benefit](#) under the rules by providing services to Wall Street clients focused on detailing climate concerns.

Firms continue to help clients around the world comply with international climate-related rules, however. Demand for environmental, social, and governance-related services is growing, KPMG Australia [said](#) in annual results released Monday.

The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA & CIMA) actively pushes for the adoption, standardization, and professional assurance of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) and sustainability reporting.

### Key Drivers and Actions by the AICPA

- **Global Standardization:** The AICPA supports moving toward globally recognized frameworks—such as those from the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)—to bring structure and reliability to fragmented sustainability disclosures.
- **The Role of CPAs in Assurance:** Studies co-published by AICPA & CIMA show that a large majority of global companies now obtain outside assurance on sustainability disclosures, with audit and accounting firms leading these validations. The AICPA positions CPAs as the gold standard for verifying non-financial data due to their established independence and rigor.
- **Education and Resources:** To prepare professionals, AICPA & CIMA have introduced educational assets like the *Fundamentals of ESG Certificate* and specialized executive programs focused on sustainability reporting and data management.
- **Navigating Regulations:** The organization tracks and responds to major regulatory shifts—such as the European Union’s Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and state-level climate disclosure rules in the U.S.—helping member CPAs guide corporate clients through complex compliance landscapes.

### Emerging Pushback and Challenges

- **Political Pressure in the U.S.:** The accounting profession's push toward ESG has met political resistance. A coalition of state Attorneys General issued warnings to major accounting firms regarding climate disclosure advocacy and adherence to international sustainability standards, reflecting ongoing domestic friction over climate-related reporting rules.

**ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) reporting** in the accounting industry has evolved from voluntary, fringe corporate social responsibility efforts into a formalized, regulated component of mainstream financial auditing and corporate disclosure.

### **Origins and Early Voluntary Reporting (Late 1990s–2000s)**

- **The Late 1990s:** Non-financial sustainability reporting began with the 1997 establishment of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Early milestones included pioneering corporate publications like Dutch Shell's 1998 "Profits and Principles" report, which featured early external assurance from international accounting firms.
- **The 2004 "ESG" Birth:** The acronym was officially coined in the UN landmark report "*Who Cares Wins*", urging financial markets to integrate these non-financial factors into valuations.

### **Standardization and Professional Frameworks (2010s)**

- **2011 (SASB Foundation):** Jean Rogers founded the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) to develop industry-specific accounting metrics connecting sustainability performance to financial value.
- **2015–2017 (TCFD):** The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) was formed to structure voluntary climate-related financial risk metrics, shifting corporate focus toward climate as an enterprise risk.
- **The Voluntary Boom:** As noted by Harvard Law School *The Evolution of ESG Reports and the Role of Voluntary Standards*, S&P 500 companies releasing voluntary ESG disclosures surged from 35% to 86% between 2010 and 2021.

### **Transition to Mandated Assurance and Regulation (2020s–Present)**

- **Intersection with Financial Standards:** Major accounting bodies like the FASB issued guidance highlighting how environmental or regulatory shifts affect core financial concepts like "going concern" and inventory valuation.
- **Mandatory Reporting:** The landscape shifted from voluntary frameworks to strict legal mandates, such as the European Union's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), forcing companies to provide rigorous, auditable ESG data.
- **The Auditor's Role:** Accounting firms expanded past basic advisory into providing limited and reasonable assurance on non-financial metrics, turning ESG data verification into a core pillar of modern public accounting.

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## **NORTH CAROLINA**

State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

Hello,

On behalf of NASBA, we are sending out this invitation to all licensed CPAs within North Carolina to participate in a profession-wide survey on the future of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for CPAs. CPAs from across the country are also being invited to participate in this important research effort. The survey is being administered by ICF, an external independent contractor engaged by a NASBA/AICPA joint task force.

You are receiving this invitation because, as a CPA, your perspective is essential to developing a comprehensive understanding of current CPE experiences and identifying how CPE can continue to evolve to meet the needs of the profession. Your response will help inform profession-wide efforts to ensure that CPE remains relevant, effective, and aligned with the knowledge, skills, and professional capabilities CPAs need to maintain competence, adapt to change, and uphold public protection. Broad participation is important to ensure the findings reflect the range of CPA roles, practice settings, and career stages.

As part of this effort, the profession-wide survey seeks input on topics such as:

- The post-licensure knowledge and skill areas that are most important to competent CPA practice across roles, practice settings, and career stages.
- Knowledge and skill areas that may decline, become outdated, or require reinforcement over time after licensure.
- How CPAs currently use CPE to maintain knowledge and respond to changes in standards, technology, regulation, client needs, and professional practice.
- Perceptions of current CPE requirements, including relevance, flexibility, burden, quality, accountability, and alignment with public protection.
- Preferred learning modalities, formats, and supports that may improve transfer of learning and sustained ability to apply learning in practice.

The survey is voluntary and your responses will be submitted anonymously to ICF. Only fully anonymized, aggregated results will be shared with NASBA, AICPA, the Task Force, or other entities outside of ICF.

Please take the time to complete the survey using the link below by **September 30, 2026**. It is expected this survey will take up to 15 minutes. Your timely response will help ensure that future discussions about CPE reflect the experiences of CPAs across roles, practice settings, and career stages.

**BEGIN THE SURVEY NOW**

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to this important profession-wide effort. The North Carolina Board encourages you to have your opinions heard. Should you wish to provide any additional feedback directly to the Board, please provide those comments by email to [communications@nccpaboard.gov](mailto:communications@nccpaboard.gov).

Thank you,  
North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners

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# Survey Topics and Question Bank for the AICPA/NASBA Profession-Wide CPE Study

The survey is intended to gather broad input from CPAs and related professional audiences about post-initial licensure knowledge and skills, areas where knowledge and skills may decay over time, current and preferred CPE modalities, barriers to effective learning, and considerations for strengthening the future CPE framework.

## Industry-Wide Survey Objectives

- Identify post-initial licensure knowledge and skill areas that are most important to competent CPA practice across roles, practice settings, and career stages.
- Assess which knowledge and skill areas are most likely to decline, become outdated, or require reinforcement over time after licensure.
- Understand how CPAs currently use CPE to maintain knowledge and respond to changes in standards, technology, regulation, client needs, and professional practice.
- Evaluate perceptions of current CPE requirements including relevance, flexibility, burden, quality, accountability, and alignment with public protection.
- Explore preferred learning modalities, formats, and supports that may improve transfer of learning and sustained ability to complete the work.
- Identify differences in needs and perceptions across respondent groups, including public accounting, business and industry, government, education, not-for-profit, firm size, years since licensure, and jurisdiction.

## Demographic Items

1. Which of the following best describes your current employment setting? Please select one.
  - a. Public accounting
  - b. Privately held business or industry
  - c. Publicly traded company
  - d. Consulting/Advisory
  - e. Government
  - f. Education/Academia
  - g. Not-for-profit
  - h. Self-employed outside of public accounting
  - i. Retired or not currently practicing

- j. Currently unemployed, actively looking for work
- k. Other (Please specify)

2. Which of the following best describes your current role?

- a. Partner, owner, or executive
- b. Finance or accounting leadership
- c. Manager or supervisor
- d. Experienced professional or individual contributor
- e. Early career professional
- f. Educator or researcher
- g. Regulator or oversight professional
- h. Retired or not currently practicing
- i. Other (Please specify)

3. What is the current status of your CPA license?

- a. Active
- b. Inactive, Retired, or Lapsed/Expired
- c. I have never held a CPA license

4. (Only asked if response to Q3 is Active) How many years have you held an active CPA license?

- a. Less than 5 years
- b. 5–10 years
- c. 11–20 years
- d. More than 20 years

5. Which best describes your primary area of practice or expertise?

- a. Audit/assurance
- b. Tax
- c. Advisory/consulting
- d. Financial reporting
- e. Management accounting
- f. Financial planning and analysis
- g. Controllershship/Treasury
- h. Governmental accounting
- i. Internal audit
- j. Forensic accounting
- k. Information systems/technology

- l. Compliance/Risk management
- m. Sustainability or other emerging reporting
- n. Data, technology or cybersecurity
- o. Other (Please specify)

6. (Skip if Q1 response is I or J) What is the approximate size of your organization or firm?

- a. Sole practitioner/Self-employed with no employees
- b. 2–10 employees
- c. 11–50 employees
- d. 51–250 employees
- e. 251–1,000 employees
- f. More than 1,000 employees

7. (Only asked if Q3 = Active) In which jurisdiction is your primary CPA license held?

- a. Dropdown menu with 55 jurisdictions listed

8. (Only asked if Q3 = Inactive, Retired, or Lapsed/Expired) In which jurisdiction was your most recent primary CPA license held?

- a. Dropdown menu with 55 jurisdictions listed

9. Are you currently serving as a member or staff member of a state board of accountancy?

- a. Yes
- b. No

10. Do you supervise, train, or evaluate other CPAs or accounting professionals?

- a. Yes
- b. No

11. (Supervisors only) During the past 12 months, how often have you observed a meaningful knowledge or skill gap among CPAs or accounting professionals you supervise or evaluate?

- a. Never
- b. Rarely
- c. Sometimes
- d. Often
- e. Very often

- f. Not sure

12. (Supervisors only) In which areas have you most often observed gaps? Select up to three.

- a. Accounting and financial reporting standards
- b. Audit and assurance standards
- c. Tax laws and requirements
- d. Regulatory requirements
- e. Technology and artificial intelligence
- f. Cybersecurity and data privacy
- g. Data analytics
- h. Specialized industry requirements
- i. Professional judgment and skepticism
- j. Risk assessment
- k. Fraud identification
- l. Communication with clients or stakeholders
- m. Supervisory and review skills
- n. Use of specialized technology
- o. Ethical decision-making
- p. Critical thinking and problem-solving

13. (Supervisors only) How effective has CPE been in addressing the gaps you observed?

- a. Not at all effective
- b. Slightly effective
- c. Moderately effective
- d. Very effective
- e. Extremely effective
- f. Not enough experience to answer

## Topic Area 1: Current CPA Behaviors, Practices, and Experiences

14. Approximately how much CPE have you completed **per year** during your most recent reporting cycle (use average annual amount)?

- a. Fewer than 20 hours
- b. 21-40 hours
- c. 41-60 hours
- d. 61-80 hours
- e. More than 80 hours

- f. Not sure
- g. Not applicable

15. Thinking about the CPE you completed during the past 12 months, to what extent were your choices driven by satisfying CPE requirements versus addressing your own professional learning needs?

- a. Slide bar with the following anchors:
  - a. Selected primarily to satisfy CPE requirements
  - b. Selected equally to satisfy CPE requirements and address learning needs
  - c. Selected primarily to address specific professional learning needs

16. During the past 12 months, how much of your CPE cost was paid or reimbursed by your employer?

- a. None
- b. Some
- c. About half
- d. Most
- e. All
- f. Not sure
- g. Not applicable

17. How do you typically select CPE activities? Select up to three.

*Note: Response options will be shown in a random order for survey participants*

- a. Schedule and convenience
- b. Cost or employer reimbursement
- c. Employer requirements
- d. License renewal requirements
- e. Peer or employer recommendation
- f. Provider reputation
- g. Relevance to current role
- h. Anticipated future responsibilities or career development
- i. Ability to complete the jurisdiction's CPE requirement efficiently
- j. Other (Please specify)

18. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement.

The CPE activities I have completed in the past 12 months align with the knowledge and skills I need in my professional role.

- a. Strongly disagree

- b. Disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Agree
- e. Strongly agree

19. In your experience, what is the biggest limitation or pain point of the current CPE system?

- a. Open-ended response

## Topic Area 2: Knowledge and Skills Needs

20. Over the next three to five years, which knowledge or skills will be most important for competent CPA practice? Select up to three.

- a. Technical accounting and financial knowledge
- b. Ethics and professional responsibility
- c. Professional judgment and skepticism
- d. Critical thinking and problem-solving
- e. Business and organizational acumen
- f. Communication with clients and stakeholders
- g. Data literacy and analysis
- h. Effective and responsible use of technology and AI
- i. Cybersecurity and data protection
- j. Risk identification and management
- k. Leadership and collaboration
- l. Adaptability and continuous learning

21. If knowledge or skills are not maintained in each of the following areas, how much risk to clients, employers, financial information users, or the public would result?

(Risk scale for each)

- a. Technical accounting standards
- b. Audit methodology
- c. Tax law and planning
- d. Ethics and independence
- e. Professional judgment
- f. Risk assessment
- g. Use of specialized software
- h. Data analytics
- i. Technology and cybersecurity
- j. Regulatory requirements
- k. Communication with clients or stakeholders

l. Supervisory or review skills

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

22. The CPE available to me helps me maintain skills that might otherwise decline.
- a. Strongly disagree
  - b. Disagree
  - c. Neither agree nor disagree
  - d. Agree
  - e. Strongly agree
23. The CPE available to me helps me develop capabilities needed for new or emerging responsibilities.
- a. Strongly disagree
  - b. Disagree
  - c. Neither agree nor disagree
  - d. Agree
  - e. Strongly agree

### Topic Area 3: Learning Modalities, Formats, and Delivery Preferences

24. Which delivery formats have you used in the past 12 months for CPE-related learning? Select all that apply.
- a. In-person conference or seminar
  - b. Live virtual course
  - c. On-demand webinar
  - d. Self-study course
  - e. Nanolearning
  - f. Simulation or scenario-based training
  - g. Certificate or specialization program
  - h. Other (Please specify)
25. Which sources contributed most to your professional competence during the past 12 months? Select up to three.
- a. Formal CPE courses or conferences
  - b. Employer-provided training
  - c. Technical publications, alerts, or newsletters
  - d. Independent technical research
  - e. Professional standards or regulatory guidance

- f. Peer discussions or professional communities
- g. Coaching or mentoring
- h. On-the-job projects or new assignments
- i. Vendor, software, or technology training
- j. Podcasts, videos, or other informal media
- k. Certificate or specialization programs
- l. AI-enabled research or learning tools

26. How effective are each of the following formats for refreshing or addressing the listed learning needs? (Dropdown menu in each cell of the matrix; effectiveness scale)

|                                       | Refreshing or updating existing professional knowledge overall | Learning new or emerging topics (e.g., technology, data analytics, standards changes) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In-person conference or seminar       |                                                                |                                                                                       |
| Live virtual course                   |                                                                |                                                                                       |
| On-demand webinar                     |                                                                |                                                                                       |
| Self-study course                     |                                                                |                                                                                       |
| Nanolearning                          |                                                                |                                                                                       |
| Simulation or scenario-based training |                                                                |                                                                                       |
| Certificate or specialization program |                                                                |                                                                                       |

#### Topic Area 4: Relevance and Flexibility

27. Which factors, if any, should impact the ongoing learning expected of an individual CPA? Select up to three.

- a. Services performed
- b. Risk associated with those services
- c. Primary professional role
- d. Industry or area of specialization
- e. Level of responsibility
- f. Career stage
- g. Whether the CPA serves the public directly
- h. Recent changes affecting the CPA's work
- i. Requirements should be the same for all active CPAs

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement.

28. Current CPE requirements account for differences in CPA roles, services performed, and professional responsibilities.

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Agree
- e. Strongly agree

## Topic Area 5: Quality, Accountability, and Demonstration of Knowledge

Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements.

29. Completion of required CPE hours provides evidence that a CPA participated in learning activities.

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Agree
- e. Strongly agree

30. Completion of required CPE hours provides evidence that the CPA learned or retained the subject matter.

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Disagree
- c. Neither agree nor disagree
- d. Agree
- e. Strongly agree

31. Which of the following methods would provide the most effective evidence that meaningful learning has occurred? Select up to three.

- a. Attendance or completion record
- b. Short knowledge checks
- c. End-of-course assessment
- d. Applied exercise or case study
- e. Demonstration of a work-related capability
- f. Individual learning plan tied to professional responsibilities
- g. Employer or firm attestation
- h. Portfolio of completed learning and application

- i. Periodic skill assessment

32. How burdensome to individual CPAs would each of the following be if incorporated into a future CPE framework? (Not burdensome, Slightly, Moderately, Very, Extremely)

- a. Attendance or completion record
- b. Short knowledge checks
- c. End-of-course assessment
- d. Applied exercise or case study
- e. Demonstration of a work-related capability
- f. Individual learning plan tied to professional responsibilities
- g. Employer or firm attestation
- h. Periodic skill assessment

## Topic Area 6: Barriers, Supports, and Equity of Access

33. What barriers make it difficult to complete high-quality, relevant CPE? Select up to three.

- a. Cost
- b. Time constraints
- c. Limited or lack of employer support (e.g., funding, time)
- d. Limited availability of relevant courses
- e. Geographic access
- f. Technology access
- g. Administrative burden
- h. Uncertainty about requirements
- i. Course quality
- j. Scheduling
- k. I do not experience significant barriers
- l. Other (Please specify)

34. Have cost, access, employer support, technology, disability, caregiving responsibilities, or other circumstances ever prevented you from selecting the CPE most relevant to your work?

- a. Never
- b. Rarely
- c. Sometimes
- d. Often
- e. Prefer not to answer

35. (If responded sometimes or often to the previous question) Please briefly describe the barrier(s) you experienced.

36. What supports (e.g., from employers, coworkers, CPE providers) would make it easier for CPAs to complete CPE that is relevant, effective, and aligned with practice needs?

- a. Open-ended response

## Topic Area 7: Future Framework Considerations

37. What outcomes should be the highest priorities of any CPE framework for CPAs?

Select up to three.

- a. Maintain technical knowledge and skills
- b. Protect clients, employers, financial-information users, and the public
- c. Maintain professional judgment and other applied skills
- d. Promote ethical practice
- e. Support emerging knowledge needs
- f. Strengthen confidence in the CPA profession
- g. Other (Please specify)

38. Which design characteristics should receive the greatest consideration when considering a CPE framework for CPAs? Select up to three.

- a. Relevance to services performed
- b. Quality of learning
- c. Evidence that learning occurred
- d. Flexibility in how learning is completed
- e. Reasonable cost and administrative burden
- f. Consistency across jurisdictions
- g. Ease of regulatory oversight
- h. Accessibility across practice settings and career stages
- i. Other (Please specify)

Professions use a variety of approaches to help licensed professionals maintain current knowledge and skills throughout their careers. The following are examples of approaches used in professional regulation and oversight. They are presented for feedback only and do not represent proposed requirements.

Please review each approach. How confident would each approach make you that CPAs maintain the knowledge and skills needed for their work?

(Randomize the order of the approaches.)

- **Uniform hours**  
All active CPAs complete the same minimum number of approved learning hours over a specified period and document completion.
- **Common core plus role-relevant learning**  
All active CPAs complete learning in common public-protection areas, such as ethics, plus additional learning aligned with the services they perform and the risks associated with their work.
- **Demonstrated learning**  
Rather than relying primarily on a uniform number of hours, CPAs provide evidence of maintained knowledge through assessments, applied exercises, role-relevant learning, or other approved methods.

39. How effective do you believe each approach would be in helping CPAs maintain the knowledge and skills needed for their work?

a. (Matrix with Effectiveness scale from ineffective to effective)

40. How effective do you believe each approach would be in protecting the public?

a. (Matrix with Effectiveness scale from ineffective to effective)

41. How burdensome (e.g., time, effort) would each approach be for CPAs?

a. (Matrix with Burden scale from No burden to Significant burden)

42. Which approach do you believe warrants further consideration as the primary foundation of a future CPE framework?

- a. Uniform hours
- b. Common core plus role-relevant learning
- c. Demonstrated learning
- d. A combination of these approaches
- e. Retain the current framework without significant change
- f. Not sure

43. What concerns would you have about significantly changing the current CPE framework? Select up to three.

- a. Inconsistent implementation across jurisdictions
- b. Greater cost
- c. Greater administrative burden
- d. Requirements becoming too subjective
- e. Reduced accountability
- f. Difficulty verifying compliance
- g. Unequal treatment across roles or practice areas

- h. Insufficient regulator capacity
- i. Disruption for employers or CPE providers
- j. Risk that flexibility could reduce public protection
- k. I do not have significant concerns
- l. Other (Please specify)

44. What single change would most improve the effectiveness of CPE for CPAs?

- a. Open-ended response

45. Is there anything else you would like to share about your CPE experiences, the knowledge and skills CPAs need to maintain, or considerations for the future CPE framework?

- a. Open-ended response

## **NASBA Committee Updates**

Discussion - No Materials



## STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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**REVISED**  
**Via Email**

August 25, 2026

The Honorable Joshua H. Stein  
Governor of North Carolina  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

**Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Ms. Maria M. Lynch**  
**Member of the Certified Public Accountant Examiners Board**

Dear Governor Stein:

Our office has received 2025 and 2026 Statement of Economic Interest ("SEI") forms from **Ms. Maria M. Lynch** as a member of the **Certified Public Accountant Examiners Board (the "Board")**. We have reviewed it for actual and potential conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act (the "Act"), which requires that SEIs be evaluated every two years after initial evaluation.

Compliance with the Act and avoidance of conflicts of interest in the performance of public duties are the responsibilities of every covered person, regardless of this letter's contents. This letter, meanwhile, is not meant to impugn the integrity of the covered person in any way. This letter is required by N.C.G.S. § 138A-28(a) and is designed to educate the covered person as to potential issues that could merit particular attention. Advice on compliance with the Act is available to certain public servants and legislative employees under N.C.G.S. § 138A-13.

**We did not find an actual conflict of interest but found the potential for a conflict of interest. The potential conflict identified does not prohibit service with this entity.**

The North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners is responsible for the certification of persons engaged as public accountants in North Carolina. The Board has authority to administer certification examinations, issue, renew and revoke certifications, and otherwise regulate certified public accountants.

The Act establishes ethical standards for certain public servants and prohibits public servants from: (1) using their positions for their financial benefit or for the benefit of their extended family or business, N.C.G.S. § 138A-31; and (2) participating in official actions from which they or certain associated persons might receive a reasonably foreseeable financial benefit, N.C.G.S. § 138A-36(a). The Act also requires public servants to take appropriate steps to remove themselves from proceedings in which their impartiality might reasonably be questioned due to a familial, personal, or financial relationship with a participant in those proceedings. N.C.G.S. § 138A-36(c).

Ms. Lynch fills the role of Public Member on the Board. Ms. Lynch and her spouse are both partners with the law firm of Lynch and Eatman LLP. Thus, Ms. Lynch has a potential for a conflict of Interest. Ms. Lynch should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of her public duties should business involving Lynch and Eastman, LLP, come before the Board for official action.

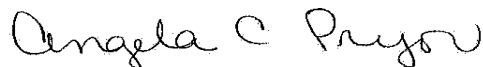
In addition to the conflicts standards noted above, the Act prohibits public servants from accepting gifts from (1) a lobbyist or lobbyist principal, (2) a person or entity that is seeking to do business with the public servant's agency, is regulated or controlled by that agency, or has financial interests that might be affected by their official actions, or (3) anyone in return for being influenced in the discharge of their official responsibilities. N.C.G.S. § 138A-32. Exceptions to the gifts restrictions are set out in N.C.G.S. § 138A-32(e).

When this letter cites an actual or potential conflict of interest under N.C.G.S. § 138A-24(e), the conflict must be recorded in the minutes of the applicable board and brought to the membership's attention by the board's chair as often as necessary to remind all members of the conflict and to help ensure compliance with the Act. N.C.G.S. § 138A-15(c).

Finally, the Act mandates that all public servants attend an ethics and lobbying education presentation. N.C.G.S. § 138A-14. Please review the attached document for additional information concerning this requirement.

Please contact our office if you have questions concerning our evaluation or the ethical standards governing public servants under the Act.

Sincerely,

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Angela C. Pryor, SEI Unit  
State Ethics Commission

cc: Maria Lynch  
David Nance, Ethics Liaison  
Scarlett Hargis, Office of the Governor

Attachment: Ethics Education Guide



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### Via Email

August 27, 2026

The Honorable Joshua H. Stein  
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**Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Mr. Donald M. Payseur  
Member of the Certified Public Accountant Examiners Board**

Dear Governor Stein:

Our office has received 2025 and 2026 Statement of Economic Interest ("SEI") forms from **Mr. Donald M. Payseur** as a member of the **Certified Public Accountant Examiners Board (the "Board")**. We have reviewed it for actual and potential conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act (the "Act"), which requires that SEIs be evaluated every two years after initial evaluation.

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Mr. Payseur fills the role of Certified Public Accountant on the Board. Mr. Payseur is the Sole Proprietor of D. Michael Payseur, CPA. Mr. Payseur is also a consultant for Butler and Stowe CPA firm. Because Mr. Payseur will serve on the licensing authority for members of his own profession, he has the potential for a conflict of interest. Thus, Mr. Payseur should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should business involving his certification or the certifications of any of his colleagues come before the Board for official action.

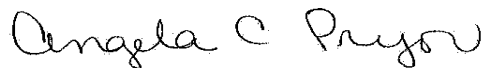
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**Re: Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed by Dr. Kecia Williams Smith  
Member of the Certified Public Accountant Examiners Board**

Dear Governor Stein:

Our office has received a 2026 Statement of Economic Interest ("SEI") and a 2025 No-Change form from **Dr. Kecia Williams Smith** as a member of the **Certified Public Accountant Examiners Board (the "Board")**. We have reviewed it for actual and potential conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act (the "Act"), which requires that SEIs be evaluated every two years after initial evaluation.

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The Honorable Joshua H. Stein  
August 27, 2026  
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Dr. Smith fills the role of Certified Public Accountant on the Board. Because she is licensed by the board Dr. Smith has the potential for a conflict of interest. Thus, Dr. Smith should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of her public duties should issues involving her certification or the certification of any of her colleagues come before the Board for official action .

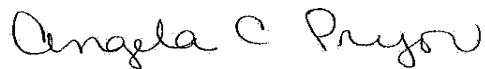
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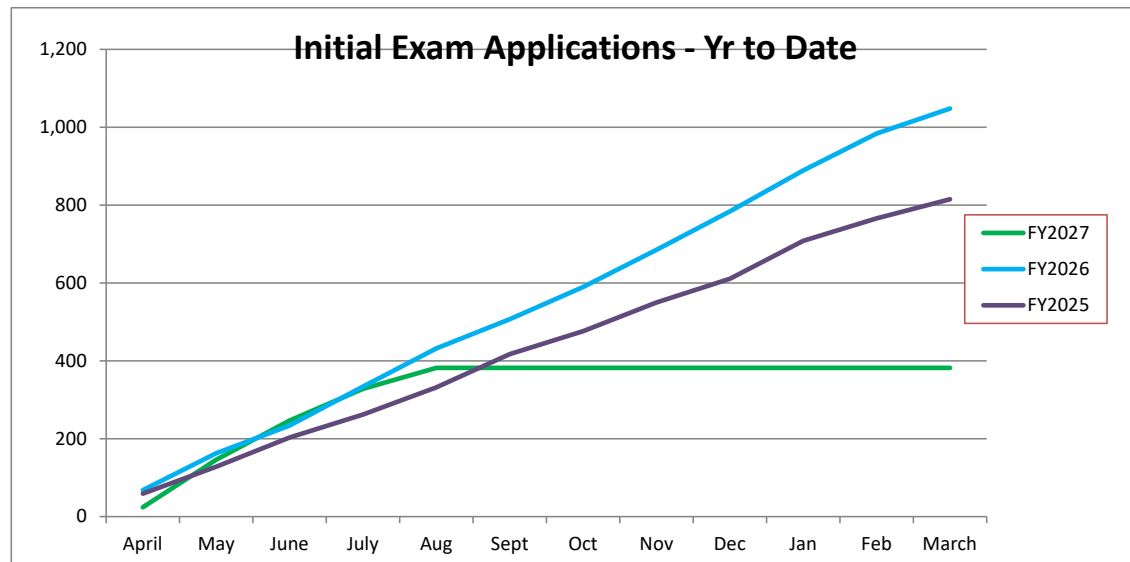
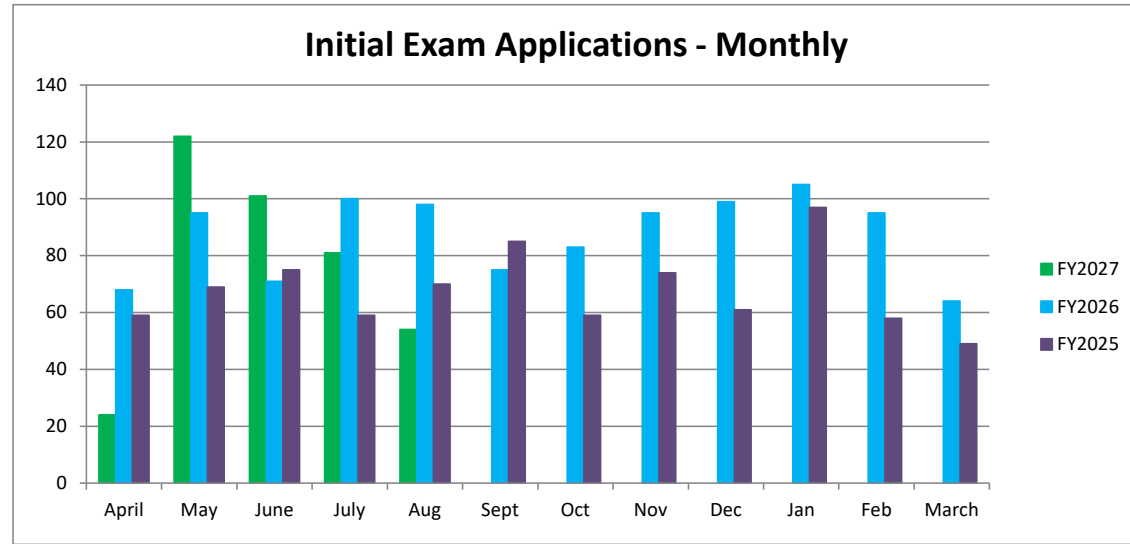
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**NC State Board of CPA Examiners**  
**Monthly and Year-to-Date Operational Metrics**

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| OrgEx             | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth               | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April             | 24   | 68   | 59   | 55   | 21   |
| May               | 122  | 95   | 69   | 78   | 84   |
| June              | 101  | 71   | 75   | 99   | 84   |
| July              | 81   | 100  | 59   | 61   | 67   |
| Aug               | 54   | 98   | 70   | 132  | 56   |
| Sept              | 0    | 75   | 85   | 128  | 57   |
| Oct               | 0    | 83   | 59   | 98   | 80   |
| Nov               | 0    | 95   | 74   | 38   | 87   |
| Dec               | 0    | 99   | 61   | 29   | 63   |
| Jan               | 0    | 105  | 97   | 74   | 75   |
| Feb               | 0    | 95   | 58   | 56   | 46   |
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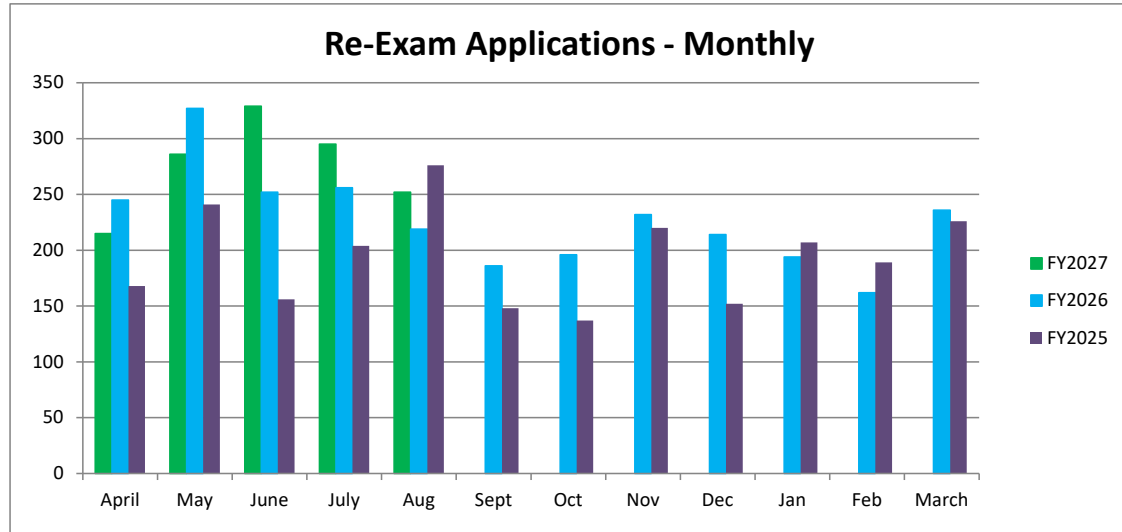
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| July              | 328  | 334  | 262  | 293  | 256  |
| Aug               | 382  | 432  | 332  | 425  | 312  |
| Sept              | 382  | 507  | 417  | 553  | 369  |
| Oct               | 382  | 590  | 476  | 651  | 449  |
| Nov               | 382  | 685  | 550  | 689  | 536  |
| Dec               | 382  | 784  | 611  | 718  | 599  |
| Jan               | 382  | 889  | 708  | 792  | 674  |
| Feb               | 382  | 984  | 766  | 848  | 720  |
| March             | 382  | 1048 | 815  | 881  | 769  |



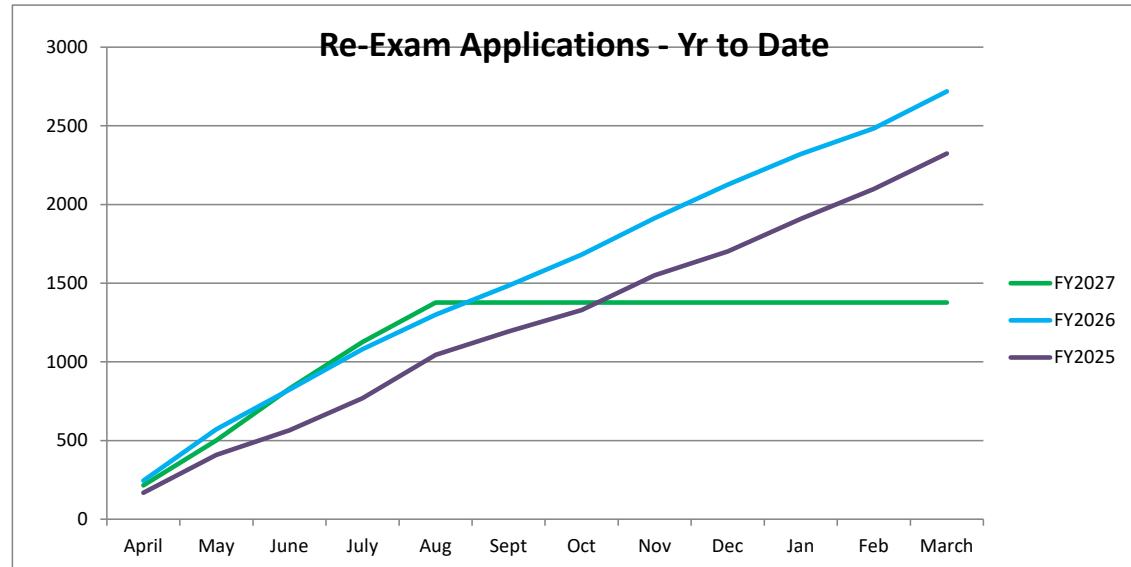
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| Exam Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Re-Ex             | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth               | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April             | 215  | 245  | 168  | 168  | 131  |
| May               | 286  | 327  | 241  | 208  | 178  |
| June              | 329  | 252  | 156  | 262  | 172  |
| July              | 295  | 256  | 204  | 222  | 187  |
| Aug               | 252  | 219  | 276  | 285  | 187  |
| Sept              | 0    | 186  | 148  | 242  | 140  |
| Oct               | 0    | 196  | 137  | 269  | 149  |
| Nov               | 0    | 232  | 220  | 147  | 169  |
| Dec               | 0    | 214  | 152  | 119  | 142  |
| Jan               | 0    | 194  | 207  | 227  | 156  |
| Feb               | 0    | 162  | 189  | 154  | 141  |
| March             | 0    | 236  | 226  | 111  | 192  |

| Avg | 275 | 227 | 194 | 201 | 162 |
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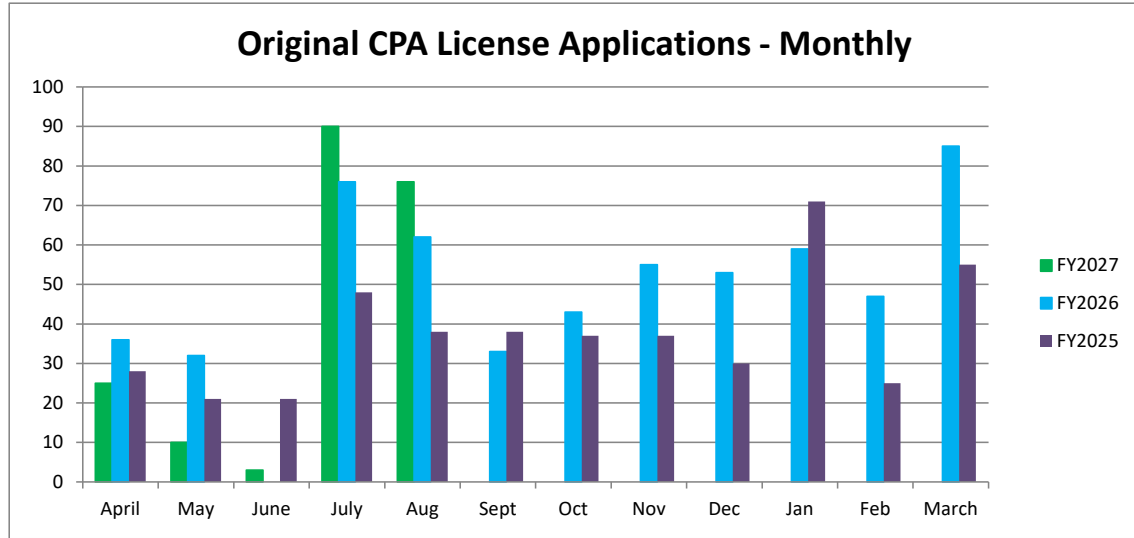


| Exam Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Re-Ex             | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth               | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April             | 215  | 245  | 168  | 168  | 131  |
| May               | 501  | 572  | 409  | 376  | 309  |
| June              | 830  | 824  | 565  | 638  | 481  |
| July              | 1125 | 1080 | 769  | 860  | 668  |
| Aug               | 1377 | 1299 | 1045 | 1145 | 855  |
| Sept              | 1377 | 1485 | 1193 | 1387 | 995  |
| Oct               | 1377 | 1681 | 1330 | 1656 | 1144 |
| Nov               | 1377 | 1913 | 1550 | 1803 | 1313 |
| Dec               | 1377 | 2127 | 1702 | 1922 | 1455 |
| Jan               | 1377 | 2321 | 1909 | 2149 | 1611 |
| Feb               | 1377 | 2483 | 2098 | 2303 | 1752 |
| March             | 1377 | 2719 | 2324 | 2414 | 1944 |

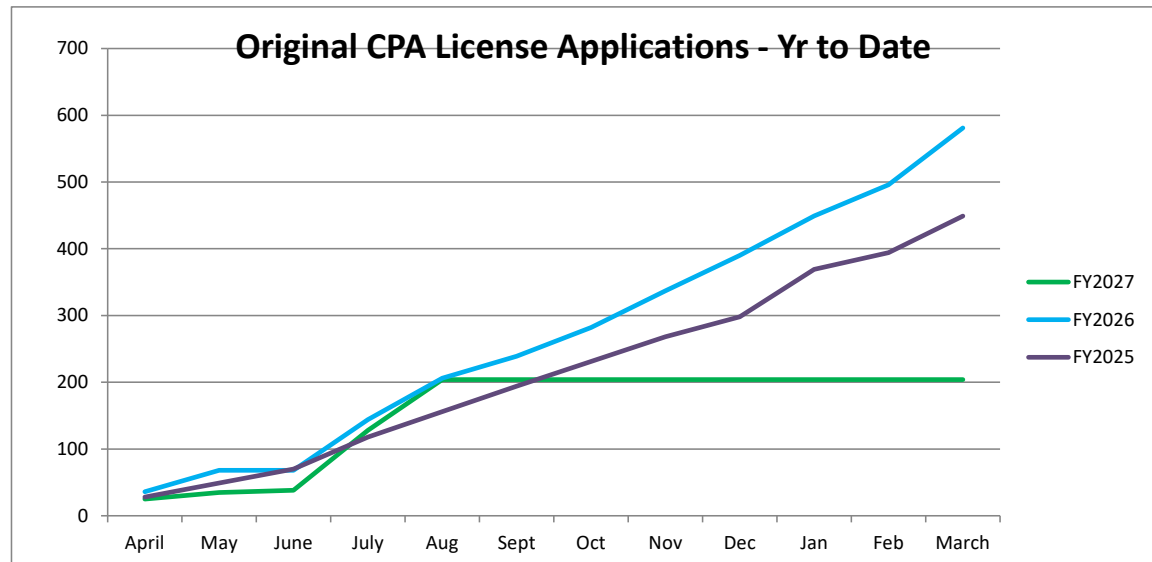


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| License Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| OrgL                 | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                  | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April                | 25   | 36   | 28   | 47   | 44   |
| May                  | 10   | 32   | 21   | 27   | 39   |
| June                 | 3    | 0    | 21   | 20   | 22   |
| July                 | 90   | 76   | 48   | 62   | 50   |
| Aug                  | 76   | 62   | 38   | 52   | 57   |
| Sept                 | 0    | 33   | 38   | 33   | 30   |
| Oct                  | 0    | 43   | 37   | 61   | 34   |
| Nov                  | 0    | 55   | 37   | 62   | 47   |
| Dec                  | 0    | 53   | 30   | 41   | 38   |
| Jan                  | 0    | 59   | 71   | 43   | 44   |
| Feb                  | 0    | 47   | 25   | 64   | 32   |
| March                | 0    | 85   | 55   | 28   | 40   |
| Avg                  | 41   | 48   | 37   | 45   | 40   |

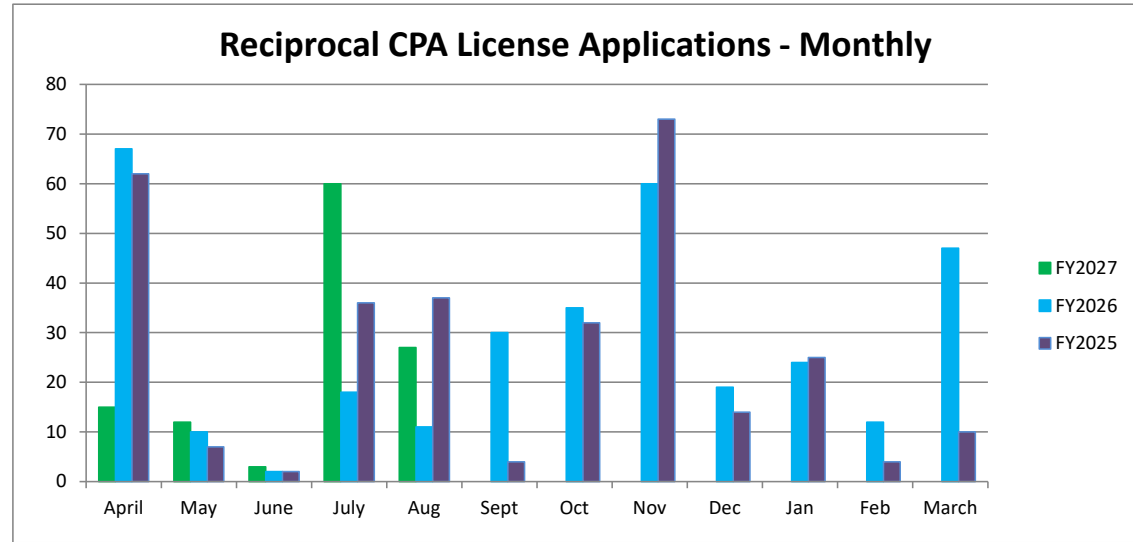


| License Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| OrgL                 | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April                | 25   | 36   | 28   | 47   | 44   |
| May                  | 35   | 68   | 49   | 74   | 83   |
| June                 | 38   | 68   | 70   | 94   | 105  |
| July                 | 128  | 144  | 118  | 156  | 155  |
| Aug                  | 204  | 206  | 156  | 208  | 212  |
| Sept                 | 204  | 239  | 194  | 241  | 242  |
| Oct                  | 204  | 282  | 231  | 302  | 276  |
| Nov                  | 204  | 337  | 268  | 364  | 323  |
| Dec                  | 204  | 390  | 298  | 405  | 361  |
| Jan                  | 204  | 449  | 369  | 448  | 405  |
| Feb                  | 204  | 496  | 394  | 512  | 437  |
| March                | 204  | 581  | 449  | 540  | 477  |

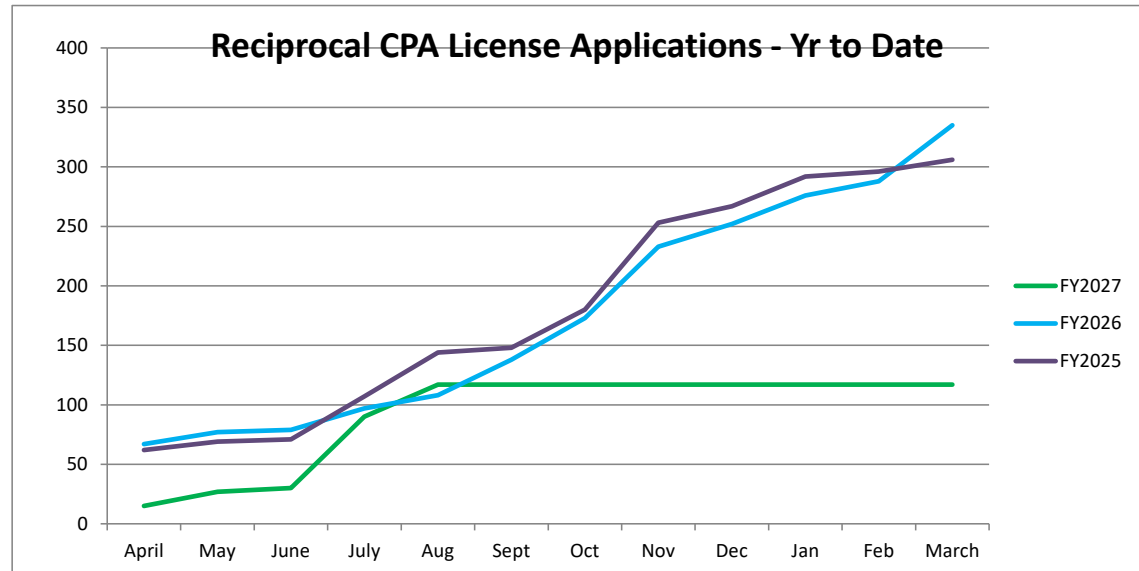


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| License Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Recp                 | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                  | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April                | 15   | 67   | 62   | 64   | 81   |
| May                  | 12   | 10   | 7    | 5    | 8    |
| June                 | 3    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    |
| July                 | 60   | 18   | 36   | 39   | 50   |
| Aug                  | 27   | 11   | 37   | 36   | 24   |
| Sept                 | 0    | 30   | 4    | 2    | 1    |
| Oct                  | 0    | 35   | 32   | 32   | 57   |
| Nov                  | 0    | 60   | 73   | 55   | 67   |
| Dec                  | 0    | 19   | 14   | 21   | 15   |
| Jan                  | 0    | 24   | 25   | 22   | 30   |
| Feb                  | 0    | 12   | 4    | 12   | 9    |
| March                | 0    | 47   | 10   | 4    | 11   |
| Avg                  | 23   | 28   | 26   | 25   | 30   |



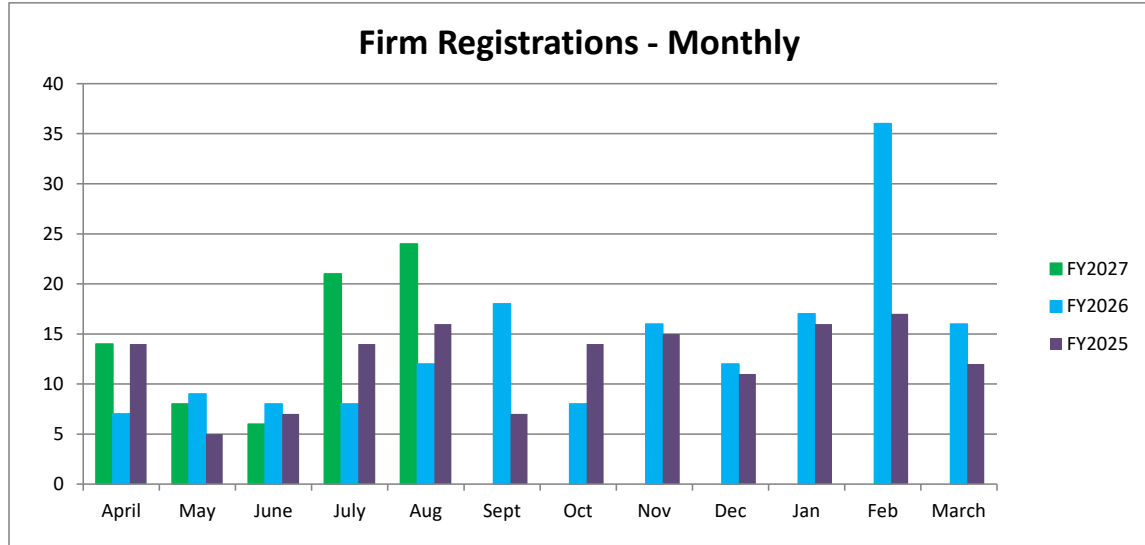
| License Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Recp                 | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April                | 15   | 67   | 62   | 64   | 81   |
| May                  | 27   | 77   | 69   | 69   | 89   |
| June                 | 30   | 79   | 71   | 71   | 92   |
| July                 | 90   | 97   | 107  | 110  | 142  |
| Aug                  | 117  | 108  | 144  | 146  | 166  |
| Sept                 | 117  | 138  | 148  | 148  | 167  |
| Oct                  | 117  | 173  | 180  | 180  | 224  |
| Nov                  | 117  | 233  | 253  | 235  | 291  |
| Dec                  | 117  | 252  | 267  | 256  | 306  |
| Jan                  | 117  | 276  | 292  | 278  | 336  |
| Feb                  | 117  | 288  | 296  | 290  | 345  |
| March                | 117  | 335  | 306  | 294  | 356  |



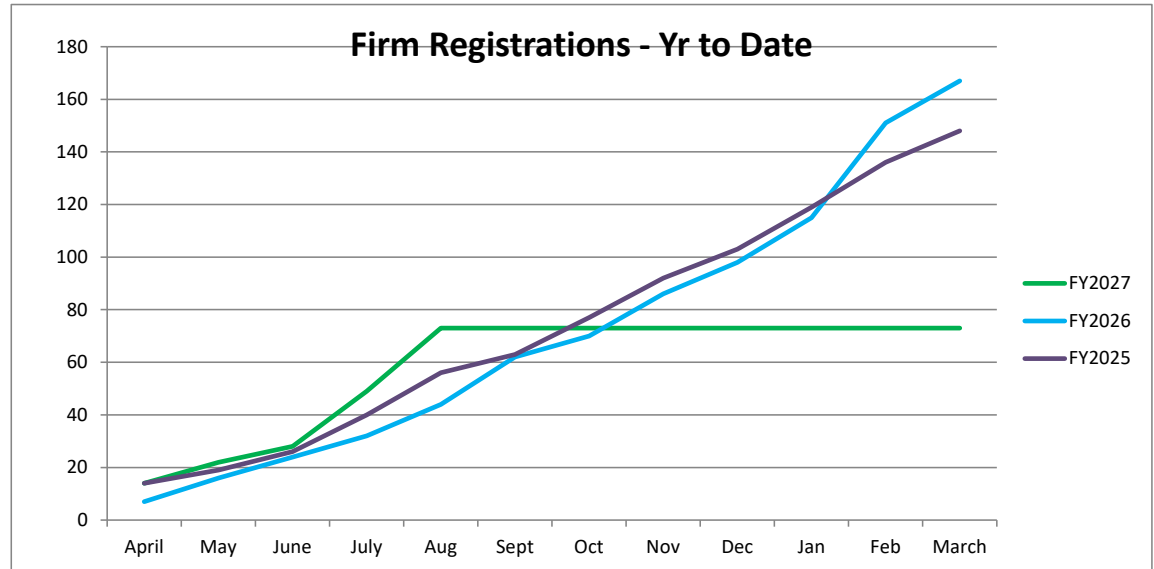
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## Monthly and Year-to-Date Operational Metrics

| Firm Registration |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Firm              | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth               | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April             | 14   | 7    | 14   | 6    | 7    |
| May               | 8    | 9    | 5    | 2    | 4    |
| June              | 6    | 8    | 7    | 4    | 11   |
| July              | 21   | 8    | 14   | 13   | 15   |
| Aug               | 24   | 12   | 16   | 14   | 10   |
| Sept              | 0    | 18   | 7    | 5    | 6    |
| Oct               | 0    | 8    | 14   | 11   | 4    |
| Nov               | 0    | 16   | 15   | 5    | 12   |
| Dec               | 0    | 12   | 11   | 18   | 25   |
| Jan               | 0    | 17   | 16   | 5    | 15   |
| Feb               | 0    | 36   | 17   | 22   | 7    |
| March             | 0    | 16   | 12   | 5    | 8    |
| Avg               | 15   | 14   | 12   | 9    | 10   |

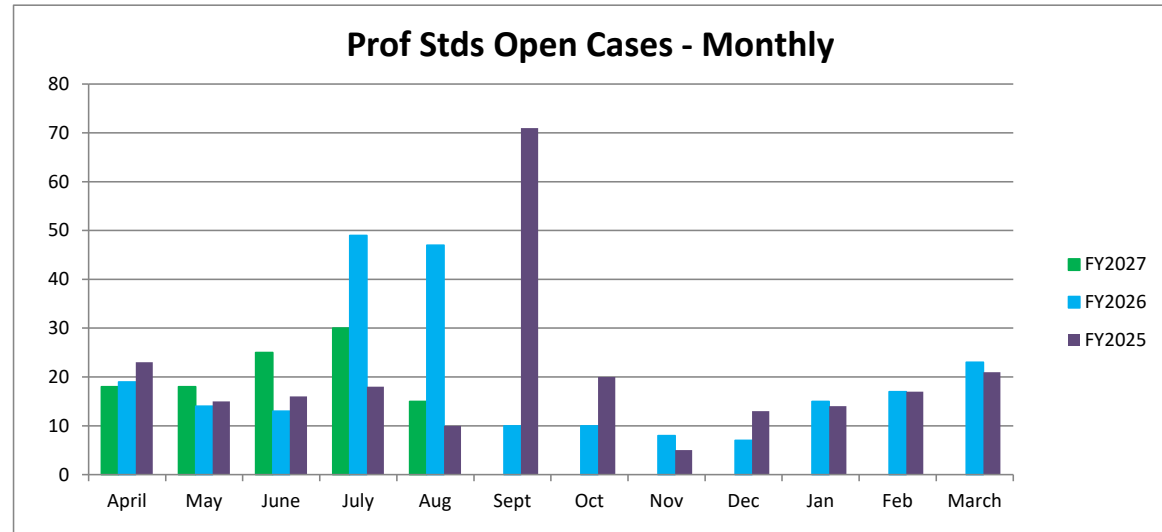


| Firm Registration |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Firm              | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth               | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April             | 14   | 7    | 14   | 6    | 7    |
| May               | 22   | 16   | 19   | 8    | 11   |
| June              | 28   | 24   | 26   | 12   | 22   |
| July              | 49   | 32   | 40   | 25   | 37   |
| Aug               | 73   | 44   | 56   | 39   | 47   |
| Sept              | 73   | 62   | 63   | 44   | 53   |
| Oct               | 73   | 70   | 77   | 55   | 57   |
| Nov               | 73   | 86   | 92   | 60   | 69   |
| Dec               | 73   | 98   | 103  | 78   | 94   |
| Jan               | 73   | 115  | 119  | 83   | 109  |
| Feb               | 73   | 151  | 136  | 105  | 116  |
| March             | 73   | 167  | 148  | 110  | 124  |

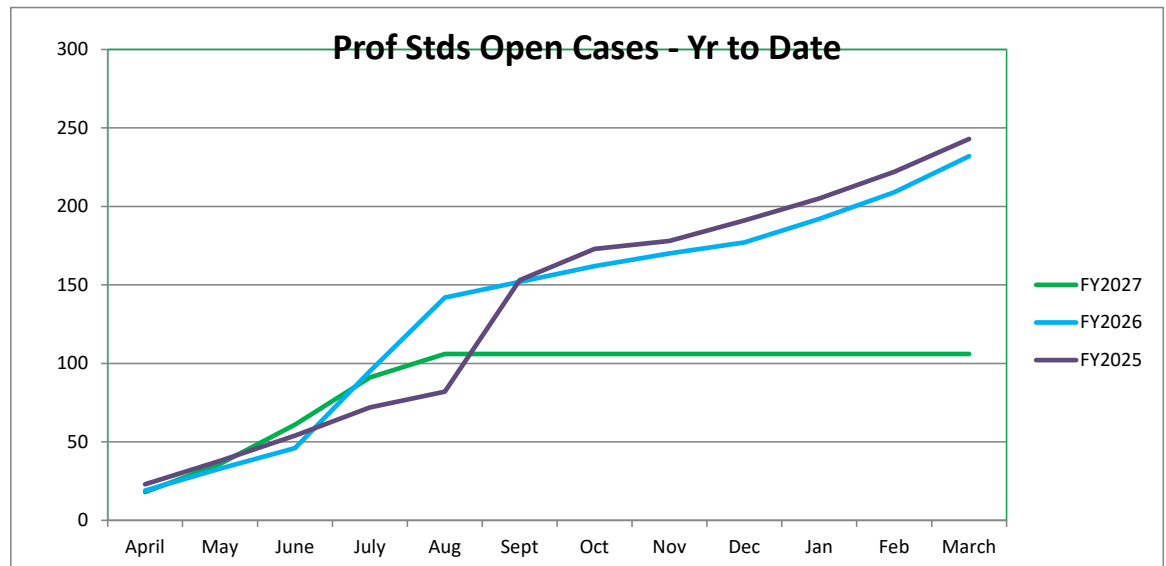


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| Prf Stds Cases |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open           | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth            | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April          | 18   | 19   | 23   | 22   | 21   |
| May            | 18   | 14   | 15   | 9    | 21   |
| June           | 25   | 13   | 16   | 12   | 35   |
| July           | 30   | 49   | 18   | 25   | 25   |
| Aug            | 15   | 47   | 10   | 38   | 35   |
| Sept           | 0    | 10   | 71   | 11   | 24   |
| Oct            | 0    | 10   | 20   | 9    | 24   |
| Nov            | 0    | 8    | 5    | 18   | 7    |
| Dec            | 0    | 7    | 13   | 15   | 23   |
| Jan            | 0    | 15   | 14   | 11   | 14   |
| Feb            | 0    | 17   | 17   | 19   | 12   |
| March          | 0    | 23   | 21   | 17   | 41   |
| Avg            | 21   | 19   | 20   | 17   | 24   |

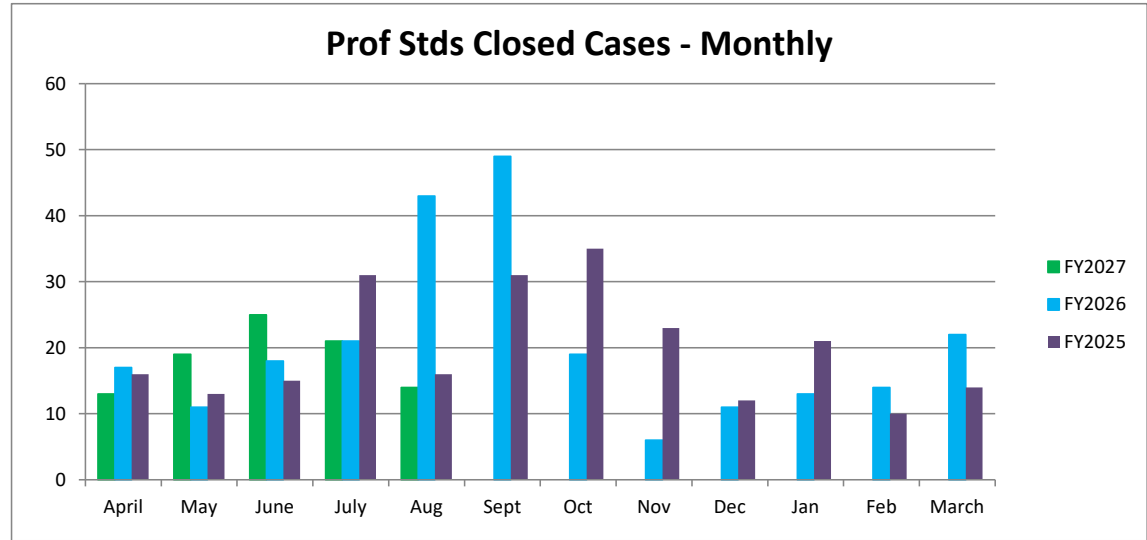


| Prf Stds Cases |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open           | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth            | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April          | 18   | 19   | 23   | 22   | 21   |
| May            | 36   | 33   | 38   | 31   | 42   |
| June           | 61   | 46   | 54   | 43   | 77   |
| July           | 91   | 95   | 72   | 68   | 102  |
| Aug            | 106  | 142  | 82   | 106  | 137  |
| Sept           | 106  | 152  | 153  | 117  | 161  |
| Oct            | 106  | 162  | 173  | 126  | 185  |
| Nov            | 106  | 170  | 178  | 144  | 192  |
| Dec            | 106  | 177  | 191  | 159  | 215  |
| Jan            | 106  | 192  | 205  | 170  | 229  |
| Feb            | 106  | 209  | 222  | 189  | 241  |
| March          | 106  | 232  | 243  | 206  | 282  |

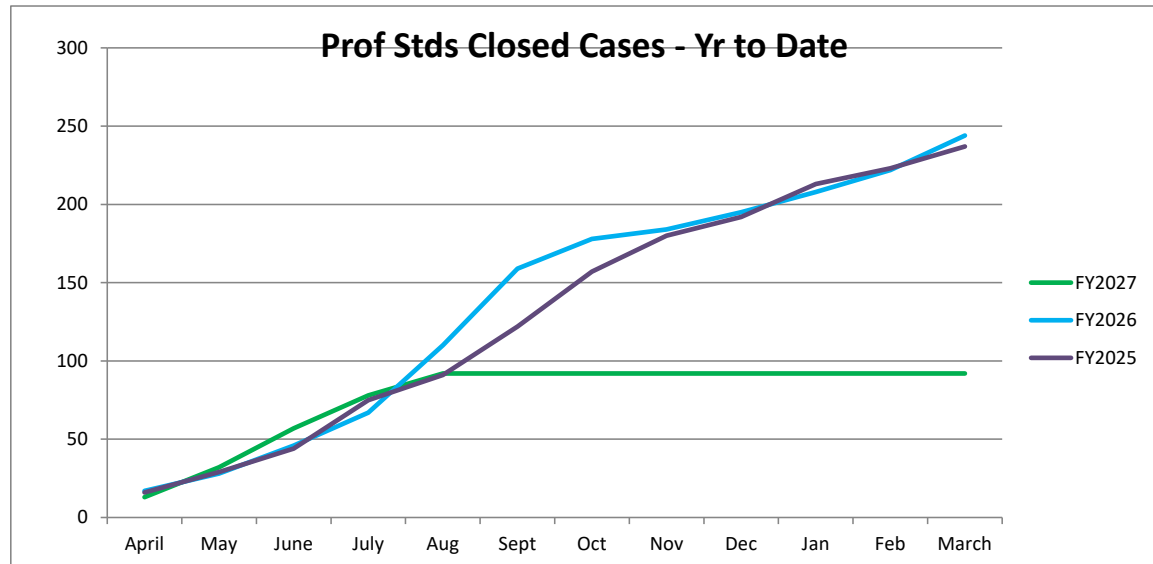


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| Prf Stds Cases |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Closed         | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth            | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April          | 13   | 17   | 16   | 30   | 38   |
| May            | 19   | 11   | 13   | 20   | 19   |
| June           | 25   | 18   | 15   | 16   | 15   |
| July           | 21   | 21   | 31   | 36   | 19   |
| Aug            | 14   | 43   | 16   | 21   | 21   |
| Sept           | 0    | 49   | 31   | 20   | 21   |
| Oct            | 0    | 19   | 35   | 25   | 12   |
| Nov            | 0    | 6    | 23   | 13   | 19   |
| Dec            | 0    | 11   | 12   | 15   | 33   |
| Jan            | 0    | 13   | 21   | 15   | 22   |
| Feb            | 0    | 14   | 10   | 22   | 21   |
| March          | 0    | 22   | 14   | 9    | 25   |
| Avg            | 18   | 20   | 20   | 20   | 22   |

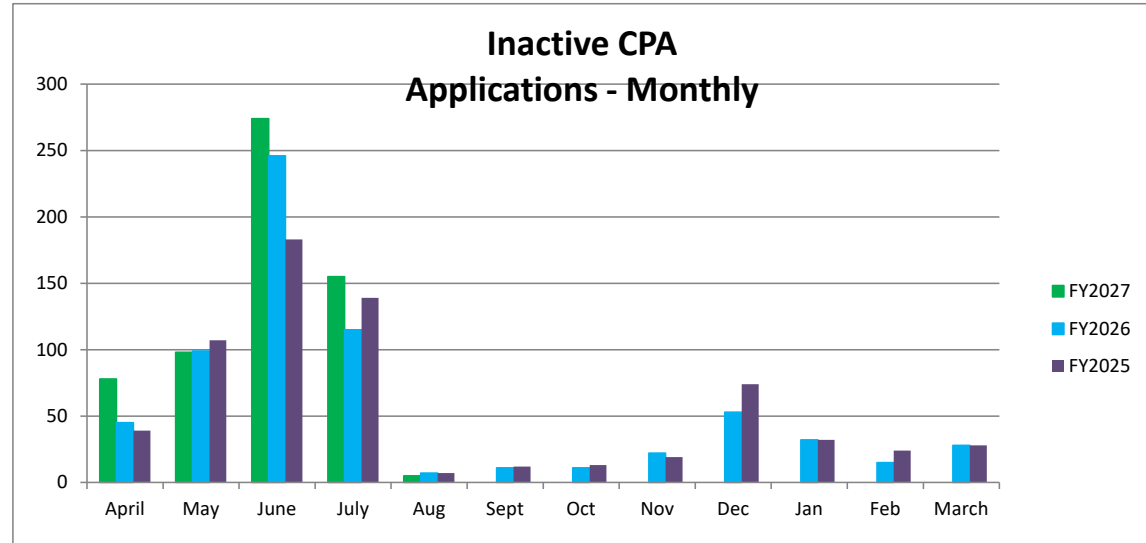


| Prf Stds Cases |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Closed         | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth            | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April          | 13   | 17   | 16   | 30   | 38   |
| May            | 32   | 28   | 29   | 50   | 57   |
| June           | 57   | 46   | 44   | 66   | 72   |
| July           | 78   | 67   | 75   | 102  | 91   |
| Aug            | 92   | 110  | 91   | 123  | 112  |
| Sept           | 92   | 159  | 122  | 143  | 133  |
| Oct            | 92   | 178  | 157  | 168  | 145  |
| Nov            | 92   | 184  | 180  | 181  | 164  |
| Dec            | 92   | 195  | 192  | 196  | 197  |
| Jan            | 92   | 208  | 213  | 211  | 219  |
| Feb            | 92   | 222  | 223  | 233  | 240  |
| March          | 92   | 244  | 237  | 242  | 265  |

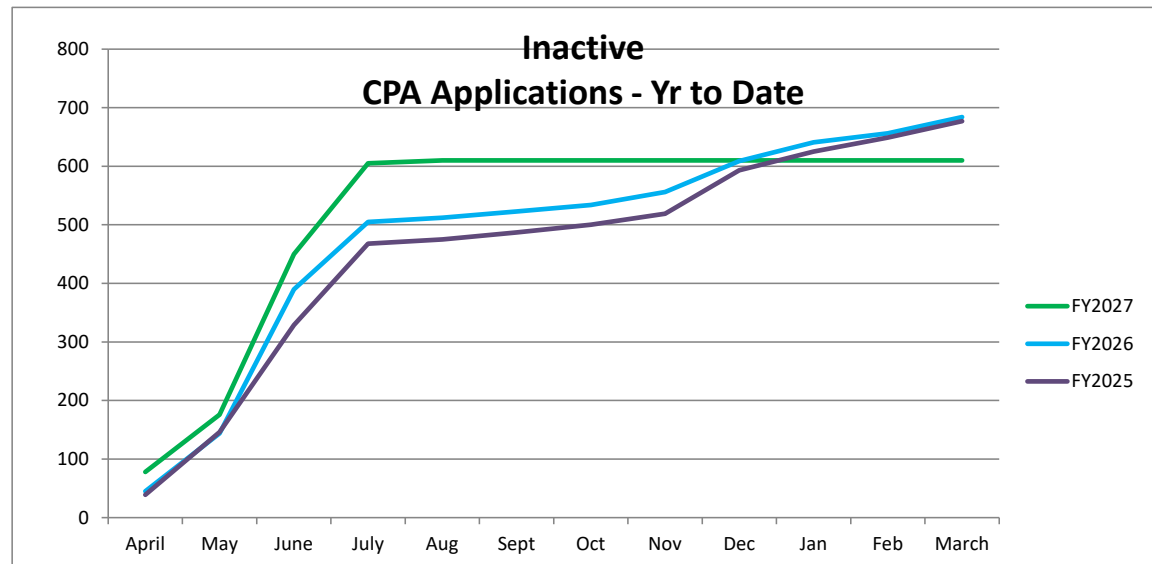


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| Inactive Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| InAct                 | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                   | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April                 | 78   | 45   | 39   | 49   | 30   |
| May                   | 98   | 99   | 107  | 114  | 67   |
| June                  | 274  | 246  | 183  | 227  | 309  |
| July                  | 155  | 115  | 139  | 98   | 98   |
| Aug                   | 5    | 7    | 7    | 21   | 14   |
| Sept                  | 0    | 11   | 12   | 9    | 7    |
| Oct                   | 0    | 11   | 13   | 19   | 9    |
| Nov                   | 0    | 22   | 19   | 15   | 25   |
| Dec                   | 0    | 53   | 74   | 45   | 52   |
| Jan                   | 0    | 32   | 32   | 45   | 78   |
| Feb                   | 0    | 15   | 24   | 15   | 18   |
| March                 | 0    | 28   | 28   | 18   | 19   |
| Avg                   | 122  | 57   | 56   | 56   | 61   |

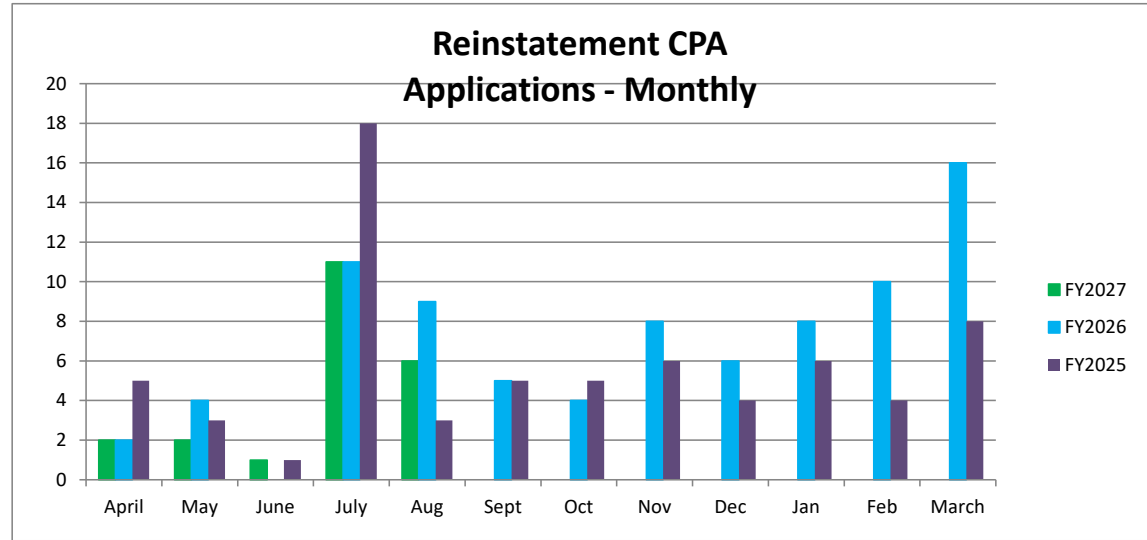


| Inactive Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| InAct                 | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                   | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April                 | 78   | 45   | 39   | 49   | 30   |
| May                   | 176  | 144  | 146  | 163  | 97   |
| June                  | 450  | 390  | 329  | 390  | 406  |
| July                  | 605  | 505  | 468  | 488  | 504  |
| Aug                   | 610  | 512  | 475  | 509  | 518  |
| Sept                  | 610  | 523  | 487  | 518  | 525  |
| Oct                   | 610  | 534  | 500  | 537  | 534  |
| Nov                   | 610  | 556  | 519  | 552  | 559  |
| Dec                   | 610  | 609  | 593  | 597  | 611  |
| Jan                   | 610  | 641  | 625  | 642  | 689  |
| Feb                   | 610  | 656  | 649  | 657  | 707  |
| March                 | 610  | 684  | 677  | 675  | 726  |

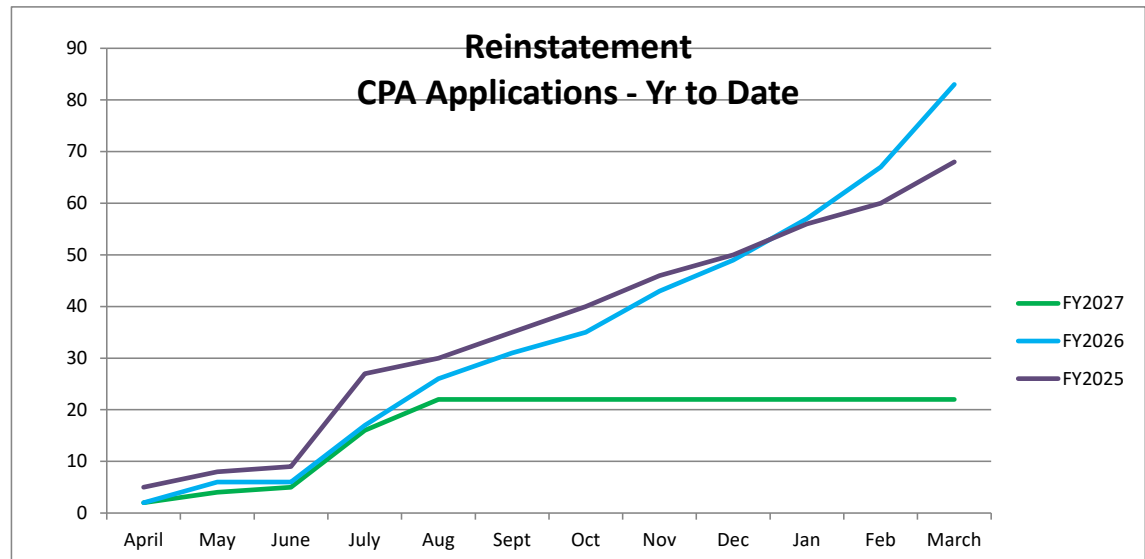


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| Reinstatement Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Re-Inst                    | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                        | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April                      | 2    | 2    | 5    | 8    | 8    |
| May                        | 2    | 4    | 3    | 3    | 6    |
| June                       | 1    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3    |
| July                       | 11   | 11   | 18   | 15   | 12   |
| Aug                        | 6    | 9    | 3    | 3    | 8    |
| Sept                       | 0    | 5    | 5    | 2    | 6    |
| Oct                        | 0    | 4    | 5    | 8    | 5    |
| Nov                        | 0    | 8    | 6    | 3    | 5    |
| Dec                        | 0    | 6    | 4    | 4    | 5    |
| Jan                        | 0    | 8    | 6    | 14   | 7    |
| Feb                        | 0    | 10   | 4    | 7    | 3    |
| March                      | 0    | 16   | 8    | 5    | 4    |
| Avg                        | 4    | 7    | 6    | 6    | 6    |



| Reinstatement Applications |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Re-Inst                    | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                        | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April                      | 2    | 2    | 5    | 8    | 8    |
| May                        | 4    | 6    | 8    | 11   | 14   |
| June                       | 5    | 6    | 9    | 13   | 17   |
| July                       | 16   | 17   | 27   | 28   | 29   |
| Aug                        | 22   | 26   | 30   | 31   | 37   |
| Sept                       | 22   | 31   | 35   | 33   | 43   |
| Oct                        | 22   | 35   | 40   | 41   | 48   |
| Nov                        | 22   | 43   | 46   | 44   | 53   |
| Dec                        | 22   | 49   | 50   | 48   | 58   |
| Jan                        | 22   | 57   | 56   | 62   | 65   |
| Feb                        | 22   | 67   | 60   | 69   | 68   |
| March                      | 22   | 83   | 68   | 74   | 72   |

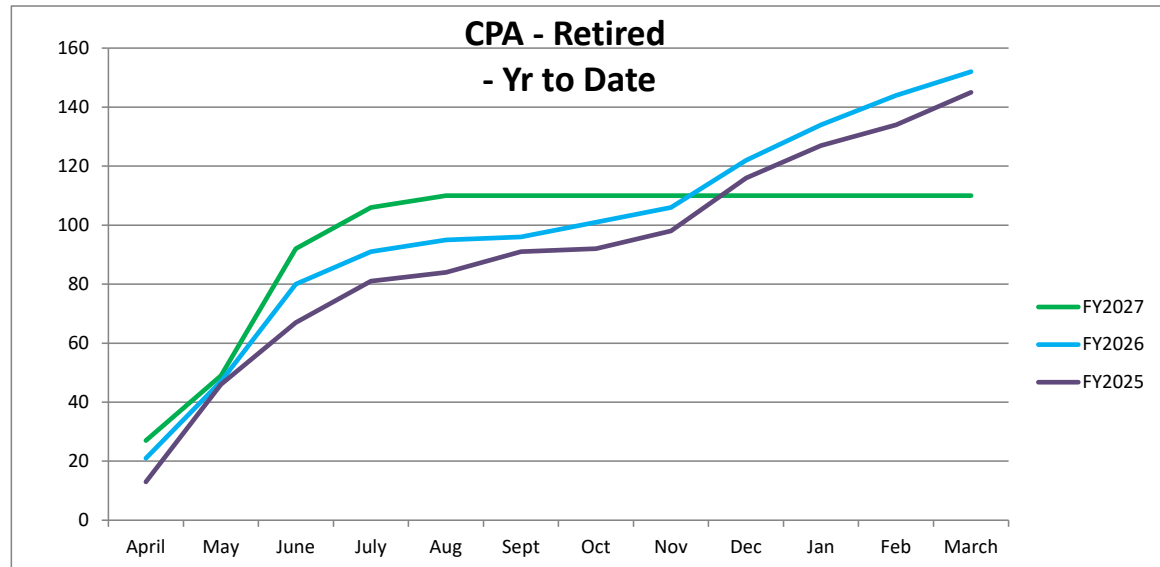
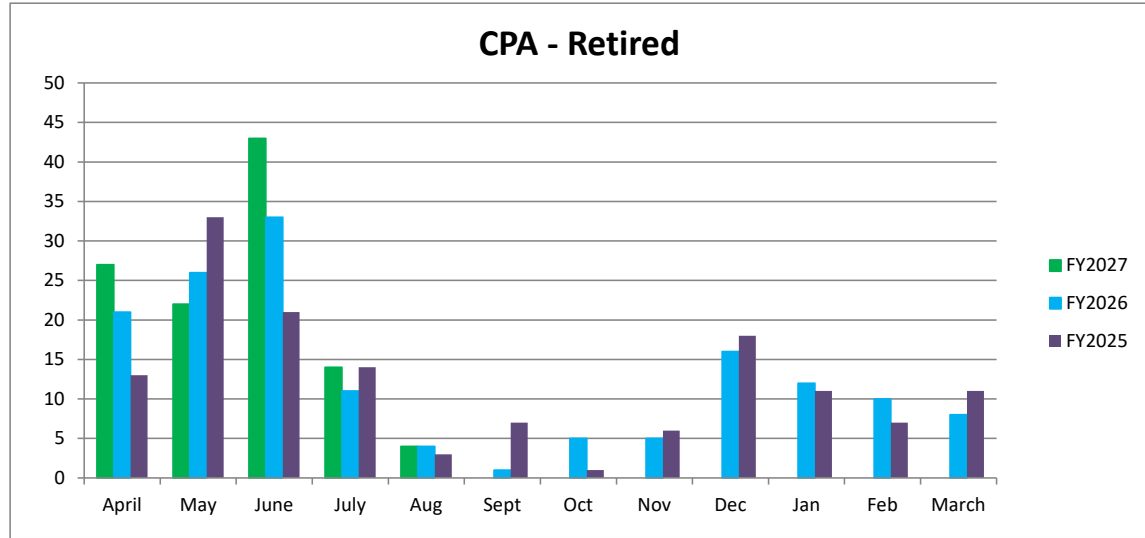


## NC State Board of CPA Examiners Monthly and Year-to-Date Operational Metrics

| CPA-Retired |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Count       | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth         | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April       | 27   | 21   | 13   | 0    | 0    |
| May         | 22   | 26   | 33   | 0    | 0    |
| June        | 43   | 33   | 21   | 0    | 0    |
| July        | 14   | 11   | 14   | 0    | 0    |
| Aug         | 4    | 4    | 3    | 0    | 0    |
| Sept        | 0    | 1    | 7    | 1    | 0    |
| Oct         | 0    | 5    | 1    | 16   | 0    |
| Nov         | 0    | 5    | 6    | 18   | 0    |
| Dec         | 0    | 16   | 18   | 27   | 0    |
| Jan         | 0    | 12   | 11   | 23   | 0    |
| Feb         | 0    | 10   | 7    | 15   | 0    |
| March       | 0    | 8    | 11   | 9    | 0    |
| Avg         | 22   | 13   | 21   | 9    | 0    |

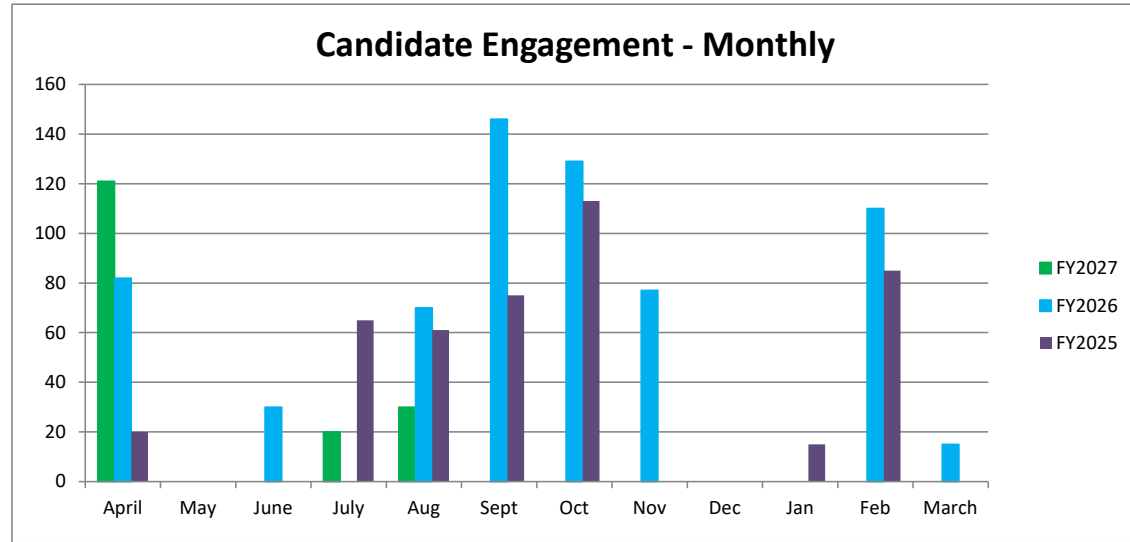
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| CPA Retired |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Count       | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth         | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April       | 27   | 21   | 13   | 0    | 0    |
| May         | 49   | 47   | 46   | 0    | 0    |
| June        | 92   | 80   | 67   | 0    | 0    |
| July        | 106  | 91   | 81   | 0    | 0    |
| Aug         | 110  | 95   | 84   | 0    | 0    |
| Sept        | 110  | 96   | 91   | 1    | 0    |
| Oct         | 110  | 101  | 92   | 17   | 0    |
| Nov         | 110  | 106  | 98   | 35   | 0    |
| Dec         | 110  | 122  | 116  | 62   | 0    |
| Jan         | 110  | 134  | 127  | 85   | 0    |
| Feb         | 110  | 144  | 134  | 100  | 0    |
| March       | 110  | 152  | 145  | 109  | 0    |



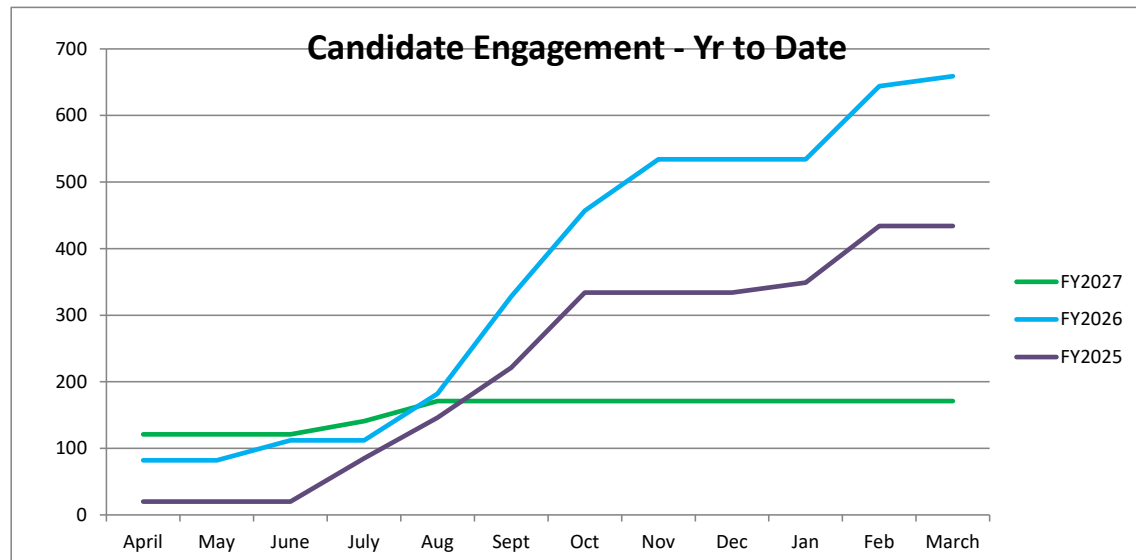
## NC State Board of CPA Examiners Monthly and Year-to-Date Operational Metrics

| Candidate Engagement* |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Count                 | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                   | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April                 | 121  | 82   | 20   | 74   | 0    |
| May                   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| June                  | 0    | 30   | 0    | 27   | 0    |
| July                  | 20   | 0    | 65   | 0    | 0    |
| Aug                   | 30   | 70   | 61   | 10   | 15   |
| Sept                  | 0    | 146  | 75   | 67   | 130  |
| Oct                   | 0    | 129  | 113  | 281  | 139  |
| Nov                   | 0    | 77   | 0    | 37   | 53   |
| Dec                   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Jan                   | 0    | 0    | 15   | 46   | 0    |
| Feb                   | 0    | 110  | 85   | 77   | 70   |
| March                 | 0    | 15   | 0    | 0    | 61   |
| Avg                   | 34   | 55   | 36   | 77   | 39   |



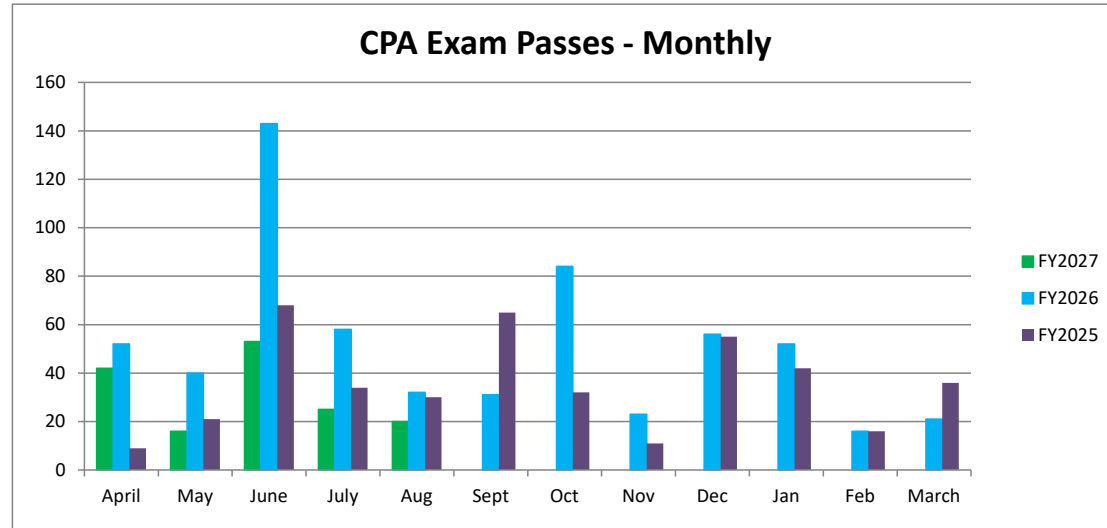
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| April                | 121  | 82   | 20   | 74   | 0    |
| May                  | 121  | 82   | 20   | 74   | 0    |
| June                 | 121  | 112  | 20   | 101  | 0    |
| July                 | 141  | 112  | 85   | 101  | 0    |
| Aug                  | 171  | 182  | 146  | 111  | 15   |
| Sept                 | 171  | 328  | 221  | 178  | 145  |
| Oct                  | 171  | 457  | 334  | 459  | 284  |
| Nov                  | 171  | 534  | 334  | 496  | 337  |
| Dec                  | 171  | 534  | 334  | 496  | 337  |
| Jan                  | 171  | 534  | 349  | 542  | 337  |
| Feb                  | 171  | 644  | 434  | 619  | 407  |
| March                | 171  | 659  | 434  | 619  | 468  |



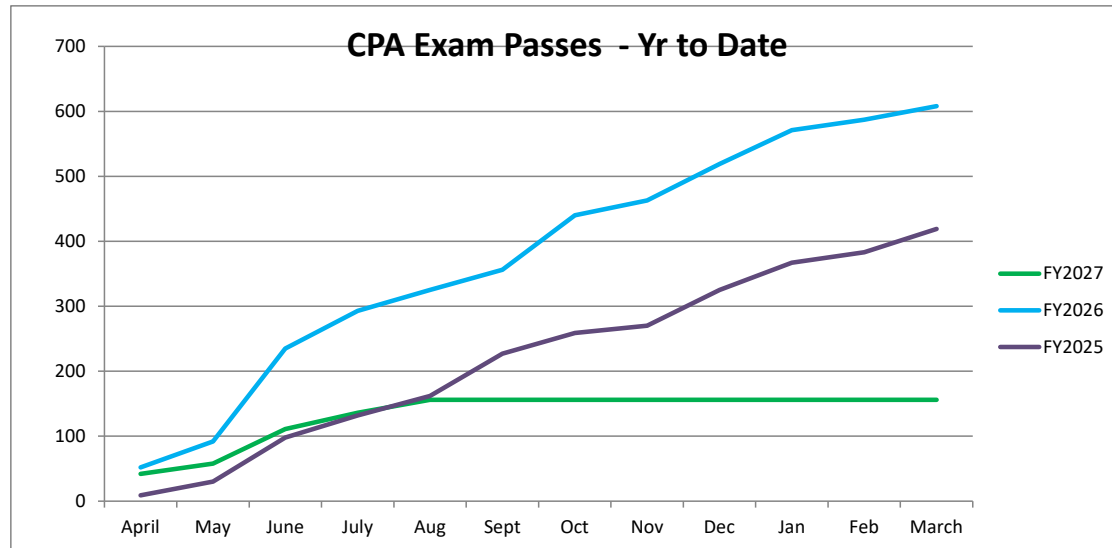
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| Exam Passes |      |      |      |      |      |
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| Count       | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth         | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April       | 42   | 52   | 9    | 13   | 12   |
| May         | 16   | 40   | 21   | 31   | 26   |
| June        | 53   | 143  | 68   | 68   | 46   |
| July        | 25   | 58   | 34   | 43   | 29   |
| Aug         | 20   | 32   | 30   | 49   | 51   |
| Sept        | 0    | 31   | 65   | 72   | 51   |
| Oct         | 0    | 84   | 32   | 41   | 30   |
| Nov         | 0    | 23   | 11   | 35   | 36   |
| Dec         | 0    | 56   | 55   | 86   | 48   |
| Jan         | 0    | 52   | 42   | 8    | 35   |
| Feb         | 0    | 16   | 16   | 18   | 21   |
| March       | 0    | 21   | 36   | 30   | 32   |
| Avg         | 31   | 51   | 35   | 41   | 35   |



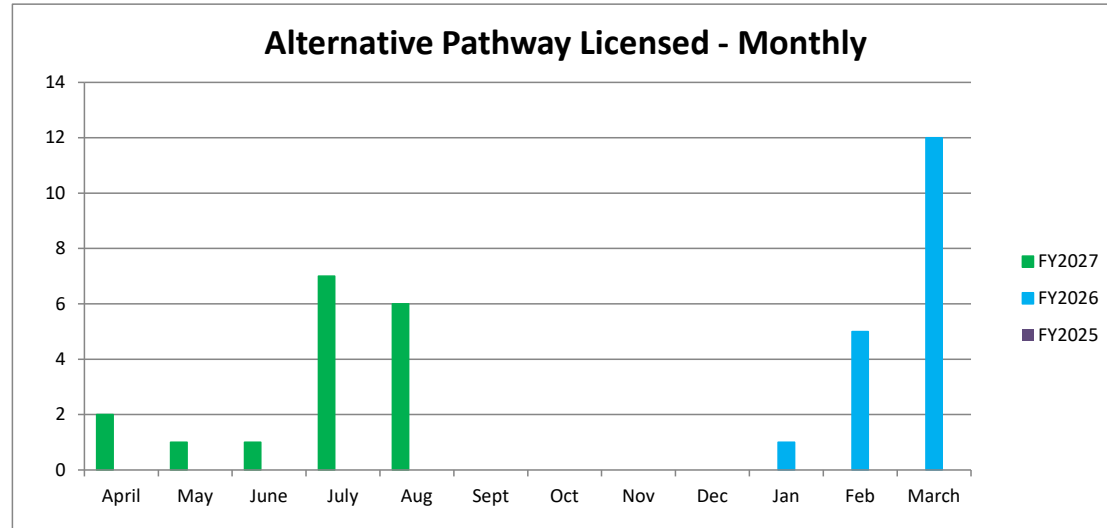
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| Mth         | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April       | 42   | 52   | 9    | 13   | 12   |
| May         | 58   | 92   | 30   | 44   | 38   |
| June        | 111  | 235  | 98   | 112  | 84   |
| July        | 136  | 293  | 132  | 155  | 113  |
| Aug         | 156  | 325  | 162  | 204  | 164  |
| Sept        | 156  | 356  | 227  | 276  | 215  |
| Oct         | 156  | 440  | 259  | 317  | 245  |
| Nov         | 156  | 463  | 270  | 352  | 281  |
| Dec         | 156  | 519  | 325  | 438  | 329  |
| Jan         | 156  | 571  | 367  | 446  | 364  |
| Feb         | 156  | 587  | 383  | 464  | 385  |
| March       | 156  | 608  | 419  | 494  | 417  |



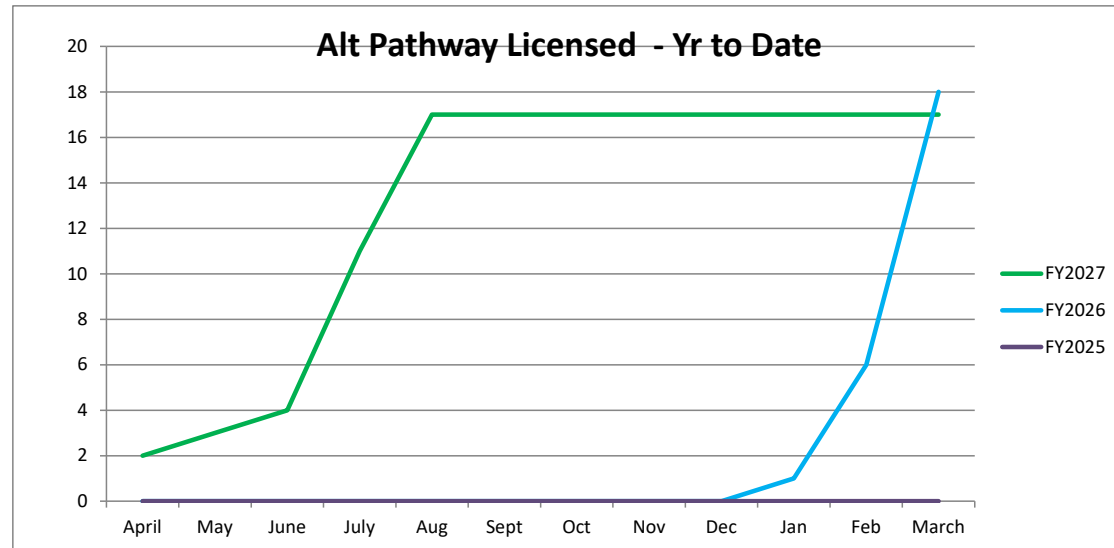
## NC State Board of CPA Examiners Monthly and Year-to-Date Operational Metrics

| Alternative Pathway |      |      |      |      |      |
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| Count               | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                 | #    | #    | #    | #    | #    |
| April               | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| May                 | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| June                | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| July                | 7    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Aug                 | 6    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Sept                | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Oct                 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Nov                 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Dec                 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Jan                 | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Feb                 | 0    | 5    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| March               | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Avg                 | 3    | 6    | 0    | 0    | 0    |



Alternative Pathway became available January 1, 2026

| Alternative Pathway |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Count               | 2027 | 2026 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
| Mth                 | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  | Sum  |
| April               | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| May                 | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| June                | 4    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| July                | 11   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Aug                 | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Sept                | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Oct                 | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Nov                 | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Dec                 | 17   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Jan                 | 17   | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Feb                 | 17   | 6    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| March               | 17   | 18   | 0    | 0    | 0    |







| Exam Applications |         |         | Certificate Applications |          |            | CPA Firm Registrations |       | Professional Stds Cases |           |      |        |         | Inactive |       | Reinstatement |       | CPA - Retired |       | Candidate Eng |       | Exam Passes |       | Pathway |       |
|-------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|----------|------------|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|------|--------|---------|----------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Month             | Initial | Re-Exam | Month                    | Original | Reciprocal | Month                  | Total | Month                   | Begin Bal | Open | Closed | End Bal | Month    | Total | Month         | Total | Month         | Total | Month         | Total | Month       | Total | Month   | Total |
| May-26            | 122     | 286     | May-26                   | 10       | 12         | May-26                 | 8     | May-26                  | 87        | 18   | 19     | 86      | May-26   | 98    | May-26        | 2     | May-26        | 22    | May-26        | 0     | May-26      | 16    | May-26  | 1     |
| Jun-26            | 101     | 329     | Jun-26                   | 3        | 3          | Jun-26                 | 6     | Jun-26                  | 86        | 25   | 25     | 86      | Jun-26   | 274   | Jun-26        | 1     | Jun-26        | 43    | Jun-26        | 0     | Jun-26      | 53    | Jun-26  | 1     |
| Jul-26            | 81      | 295     | Jul-26                   | 90       | 60         | Jul-26                 | 21    | Jul-26                  | 86        | 30   | 21     | 95      | Jul-26   | 155   | Jul-26        | 11    | Jul-26        | 14    | Jul-26        | 20    | Jul-26      | 25    | Jul-26  | 7     |
| Aug-26            | 54      | 252     | Aug-26                   | 76       | 27         | Aug-26                 | 24    | Aug-26                  | 95        | 15   | 14     | 96      | Aug-26   | 5     | Aug-26        | 6     | Aug-26        | 4     | Aug-26        | 30    | Aug-26      | 20    | Aug-26  | 6     |
| Sep-26            | 0       | 0       | Sep-26                   | 0        | 0          | Sep-26                 | 0     | Sep-26                  | 96        | 0    | 0      | 96      | Sep-26   | 0     | Sep-26        | 0     | Sep-26        | 0     | Sep-26        | 0     | Sep-26      | 0     | Sep-26  | 0     |
| Oct-26            | 0       | 0       | Oct-26                   | 0        | 0          | Oct-26                 | 0     | Oct-26                  | 96        | 0    | 0      | 96      | Oct-26   | 0     | Oct-26        | 0     | Oct-26        | 0     | Oct-26        | 0     | Oct-26      | 0     | Oct-26  | 0     |
| Nov-26            | 0       | 0       | Nov-26                   | 0        | 0          | Nov-26                 | 0     | Nov-26                  | 96        | 0    | 0      | 96      | Nov-26   | 0     | Nov-26        | 0     | Nov-26        | 0     | Nov-26        | 0     | Nov-26      | 0     | Nov-26  | 0     |
| Dec-26            | 0       | 0       | Dec-26                   | 0        | 0          | Dec-26                 | 0     | Dec-26                  | 96        | 0    | 0      | 96      | Dec-26   | 0     | Dec-26        | 0     | Dec-26        | 0     | Dec-26        | 0     | Dec-26      | 0     | Dec-26  | 0     |



## North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

### Executive Staff Report

#### NASBA Events

2026 NASBA Annual Meeting – October 25-28, 2026, Litchfield Park, AZ

Meeting registrations and hotel accommodations are complete for all staff, Board members, and guests. The events begin on Sunday evening, October 25, at 6:00 pm and conclude on Wednesday, October 28, at 12:30 pm.

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#### Campus Presentation Schedule – Fall 2026

October 1: University of Mount Olive – Accounting Society

November 18: Meredith College – Accounting Class

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#### *Lisa Hearne-Bogle Hits the Big 3-0!*

September 1 marked a special milestone—Lisa Hearne-Bogle's 30th anniversary with the Board! As our Communications Officer, Lisa has a special talent for making all of us sound—and look—good! Through our newsletters, social media posts, and other communications, she helps ensure the Board always puts its best foot forward. Lisa's talents extend well beyond communications. On Board meeting days, her exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail bring a welcome sense of calm to the office. Thanks to Lisa, we can count on everything being organized so we are prepared for each meeting.

Outside of work, Lisa is a devoted supporter of all things Wolfpack and enjoys making memories with her husband, family, friends, and her two spoiled pups, Mollie and Piper. As a breast cancer survivor, she is passionate about supporting fundraising events and activities that benefit breast cancer causes. And if you happen to have a good—or wonderfully bad—dad joke, you've found your audience: Lisa is always ready for a laugh!

#### *Jeffrey Tankard Celebrates Five Years*

Exactly 25 years after Lisa joined the Board, Jeffrey joined us in our Professional Standards Division. As a Professional Standards Specialist, Jeffrey plays an important role in the Board's complaint and compliance process. He handles third-party complaints and CPE cases, monitors cases to ensure timely responses from CPAs and complainants, gathers information from the parties involved, and prepares case summaries for the Professional Standards Committee's review. His work helps keep cases organized and moving through the process from start to finish.

Outside of work, Jeffrey enjoys spending time with friends, catching up on his favorite TV and streaming shows, going to the movies, and listening to music. He's also a fan of dining out—with local restaurants winning out over chains whenever possible. Jeffrey enjoys getting out on the road for a good road trip, hitting the trails for a hike, and spending time with his parents in the Wilmington area.

## **Sunday, October 25, 2026**

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Annual Golf Tournament     |
| 1:00 - 2:00 PM    | Lunch (Golfers)            |
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| 4:00 - 5:30 PM    | CPT Ethics Workshop        |
| 6:00 - 8:00 PM    | Welcome Reception & Dinner |

## **Monday, October 26, 2026**

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| 7:50 - 8:50 AM      | Breakfast (All Welcome)                                                  |
| 9:00 - 12:15 PM     | <b>OPENING PLENARY SESSION</b>                                           |
| 9:00 - 9:15 AM      | Welcome to Litchfield Park                                               |
| 9:15 - 9:30 AM      | Call to Order and Introductions                                          |
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| 3:10 - 3:40 PM      | <b>BREAK</b>                                                             |
| 3:40 - 4:30 PM      | An International Update                                                  |
| 4:30 PM             | <b>RECESS</b>                                                            |

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| <b>10:00 - 11:25 AM</b>     | <b>Annual Business Meeting</b><br><b>Minutes of the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting</b><br><b>NASBA Awards</b><br><b>Election of NASBA Board Members</b><br><b>Bylaws Committee Report</b><br><b>Administration &amp; Finance Committee Report</b><br><b>Audit Committee Report</b>                                                                                                             |
| <b>11: 25 AM - 12:00 PM</b> | <b>The State of NASBA</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>2:00 - 2:30 PM</b>       | <b>Legal Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>9:05 - 10:20 AM</b>     | <b>Jurisdictional Breakouts</b><br><br>Large Jurisdictions: CA, FL, IL, MI, NJ, NY, OH, PA, TX, VA<br>Medium Jurisdictions: AL, AZ, CO, CT, GA, IN, KS, MA, MD, MN, MO, NC, TN, WA, WI<br>Small Jurisdictions: AK, AR, CNMI, DC, DE, GU, HI, IA, ID, KY, LA, ME, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, PR, RI, SC, SD, UT, VI, VT, WV, WY |
| <b>10:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b> | <b>MORNING PLENARY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>    | <b>SOC2 Panel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> | <b>NASBA Accounting Education Research Grant Recipients:<br/>A Report of Their Findings</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>12:00 – 12:15 PM</b>    | <b>Relying on the CPA Exam:<br/>A Report from the CPA Examination Review Board</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>12:15 – 12:20 PM</b>    | <b>2026 Annual Meeting Closing Remarks<br/>Invitation to 2027 Annual</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>12:20 PM</b>            | <b>Final Recap</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>12:30 PM</b>            | <b>ADJOURN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <b>7:45 - 8:00 AM</b>      | <b>Executive Director &amp; State Board Staff Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>      | <b>State Board President &amp; Chair Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b>      | <b>Executive Director &amp; State Board Staff Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>8:00 - 10:00 AM</b>     | <b>Breakfast (All Welcome)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>9:05 - 10:20 AM</b>     | <b>Jurisdictional Breakouts</b><br><br>Large Jurisdictions: CA, FL, IL, MI, NJ, NY, OH, PA, TX, VA<br>Medium Jurisdictions: AL, AZ, CO, CT, GA, IN, KS, MA, MD, MN, MO, NC, TN, WA, WI<br>Small Jurisdictions: AK, AR, CNMI, DC, DE, GU, HI, IA, ID, KY, LA, ME, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, PR, RI, SC, SD, UT, VI, VT, WV, WY |
| <b>10:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b> | <b>MORNING PLENARY SESSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>10:30 - 11:30 AM</b>    | <b>SOC2 Panel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> | <b>NASBA Accounting Education Research Grant Recipients:<br/>A Report of Their Findings</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>12:00 – 12:15 PM</b>    | <b>Relying on the CPA Exam:<br/>A Report from the CPA Examination Review Board</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>12:15 – 12:20 PM</b>    | <b>2026 Annual Meeting Closing Remarks<br/>Invitation to 2027 Annual</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>12:20 PM</b>            | <b>Final Recap</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>12:30 PM</b>            | <b>ADJOURN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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### Proposed 2027 Board Meetings

| Day of Week | Date         | Time    | Event         | Location |
|-------------|--------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| Wednesday   | January 20   | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | February 22  | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | March 22     | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | April 19     | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | May 17       | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | June 21      | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | July 19      | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | August 23    | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Wednesday   | September 20 | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | October 18   | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | November 15  | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |
| Monday      | December 13  | 10 a.m. | Board Meeting | Raleigh  |

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### Recognition of NC CPA Licensure Milestones September 2026

| Name                                  | Years of NC CPA Licensure |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| John Delyott Adams, #2798             | 60                        |
| James Edward Neal, #2807              | 60                        |
| William Paul Brown, #8141             | 54                        |
| Michael John Magruder, #6855          | 54                        |
| Robert Lee Page, #6833                | 54                        |
| Edmund John Piaski Jr., #6851         | 54                        |
| James Ronald Padrick, #7434           | 53                        |
| Anselm Christian H. Staack, #7416     | 53                        |
| Barry Keith Cummins, #7975            | 52                        |
| Kent Lyle Dewey, #7976                | 52                        |
| James Arthur Lee, #7995               | 52                        |
| Dan Eldridge Minor, #8149             | 52                        |
| Steven Dale Scarboro, #7987           | 52                        |
| Joseph Washington Chandler III, #9501 | 50                        |
| Stephen Wiles Dixon, #9520            | 50                        |
| Robert Lewis Harvey, #9504            | 50                        |
| Alan Sanford Livingston, #9516        | 50                        |
| Elton Caron Parker Jr., #9498         | 50                        |