Activity Review

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Firm Registration Renewal and Peer Review Compliance Reporting Due January 31

January 31, 2018, is the deadline by which each North Carolina CPA firm's registration must be renewed and peer review compliance information reported to the Board.

Access to the firm registration renewal and peer review reporting is available by clicking on the "Renew my Firm" link in the "How Do I" section of the Board's homepage, nccpaboard.gov.

During the CPA firm registration renewal process, users should check the peer review information listed to ensure that it is correct.

If the information is not correct, the appropriate documents should be sent to the Board as soon as possible. It is not necessary to wait until the information is updated in the Board's database to complete the firm registration renewal.

All CPA firms subject to peer review must provide the Board with the proper peer review documentation even if the firm has allowed state boards access to its peer review files.

Please direct questions about firm renewals and peer review compliance reporting to Cammie Emery at cemery@nccpaboard.gov.

Tax Preparers: Six Important Questions about Office Security

The following information is based on IRS Tax Tip 2018-01, published January 3, 2018.

Tax professionals can protect taxpayer data by simply looking around their own offices. Preparers can look for places where they store data. They should use a critical eye to assess whether that data is secure.

Tax preparers should also remember that unsecured data will not always be on a computer. Securing office space is as important as securing computers.

In assessing how secure an office is, preparers should consider these six questions. The answers can be very important to help preparers protect both their clients and their businesses.

- Are all the places where taxpayer information is located protected from unauthorized access and potential danger such as theft, flood and tornado?
- Are there written procedures that prevent unauthorized access and unauthorized processes?
- Is taxpayer information left unsecured? This includes data stored electronically. Check desks, photocopiers, mailboxes, vehicles, and trashcans. What about rooms in the office or at home where unauthorized access could occur?
- Who controls delivery and removal of taxpayer information, including data stored electronically?
- Are the doors to file rooms and computer rooms locked?
- Is there a secure disposal of taxpayer information, such as shredders, burn boxes, or secure temporary file areas for information until it can be properly disposed?

For more information on protecting taxpayer data, download IRS Publication 4557, *Safeguarding Taxpayer Data*.

Six Essential Security Controls

- Lock doors to restrict access to paper or electronic files;
- Require passwords to restrict access to computer files;
- Encrypt electronically stored taxpayer data;
- Keep a backup of electronic data for recovery purposes;
- Shred paper containing taxpayer information before throwing it in the trash; and
- Encrypt sensitive personal information before emailing.

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Disciplinary Actions

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CDM FINANCIALS | FAIRBURN, GA

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. CDM Financials, LLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), has a principal place of business outside of North Carolina and has no office in North Carolina. Respondent Firm is not a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. Respondent Firm performed an audit of a North Carolina company.
3. The North Carolina Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-10(c)(3), requires firms to provide notice without a fee to the Board prior to performing financial statement audits or other engagements performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards. The members or partners of Respondent Firm were unaware of the notice requirement.
4. Respondent Firm did not provide the Board with a Notification of Intent to Practice ("Notice") prior to performing the audit.
5. Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. By exercising the practice privilege afforded by N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act, Respondent Firm consented to comply with the laws of this State and to be subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board.
3. Respondent Firm's failure to comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-10(c) of the Accountancy Act as set out above constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent Firm's consent to this order, Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty.
2. Respondent Firm shall remit, with this signed Order, a five hundred dollar ($500) payment for administrative costs.

Approved by the Board December 18, 2017.

2018 Board Meetings

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Raleigh, NC Mon., Jan. 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Feb. 19 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Wed., Mar. 21 1:00 p.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Apr. 23 10:00 a.m.
MAY	**JUNE**	**JULY**	**AUGUST**
Raleigh, NC Thurs., May 24 10:00 a.m.	Winston-Salem, NC Fri., June 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., July 23 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 20 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 17 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 25 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 19 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend. Raleigh meetings are held at the Board office.

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To prevent the email version of the *Activity Review* from going to your spam or junk folder, add communications @nccpaboard.gov to your approved or safe senders list.

Licensees and candidates with non-US addresses will receive the newsletter by email only.

New Tax Law and the CPA Exam

The AICPA is working with its Board of Examiners (BOE) to determine the timeline for introducing the *Tax Cut and Jobs Act* into the CPA Exam. Once a final implementation timeline is determined, the AICPA will notify stakeholders. No testing of this legislation will occur prior to July 1, 2018.



WEIXUAN LUO | L&L CPAs, PA | CORNELIUS, NC

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

1. Weixuan Luo, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 39714 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Respondent's firm, L&L CPAs, PA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered Certified Public Accounting firm in North Carolina. Hereinafter, Respondent and Respondent Firm shall collectively be referred to as the "Respondents."
3. The Respondent self-disclosed that she and the Respondent Firm had been sanctioned by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"). The sanction included a censure and five thousand dollar ($5,000) civil penalty due to violations of PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 7, which requires a two-year cooling off period between the time when a person is an audit engagement partner and the time when that person can be the engagement quality reviewer for the same client.
4. The Respondent served as the audit engagement partner for 2013 financial statements for two clients. She then served as the audit quality reviewer for the audit of those clients' 2014 financial statements.
5. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondents' failures to follow all applicable rules of the PCAOB constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0212.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondents are censured.
2. The Respondent shall remit, with this signed Consent Order, a two thousand dollar ($2,000) civil penalty.

Approved by the Board December 18, 2017.

Disciplinary Actions: CPE Audit

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee's record. In the record, click on the "Details" link and select "View" under the Public Documents heading.

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

DONNA JEAN EARP, #19135 | GREENSBORO, NC

The Board opened a case against Donna Jean Earp (Respondent Earp) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Earp signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Earp may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 43 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Earp's CPA license.

Approved by the Board December 18, 2017.

DOMENIC CAMPANILE, #20688 | CHARLOTTE, NC

The Board opened a case against Domenic Campanile (Respondent Campanile) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including at least two hours of ethics CPE, as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Campanile signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Campanile may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 80 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Campanile's CPA license.

Approved by the Board December 18, 2017.

WILLIAM M. MCCULLOUGH, III, #38003 | GASTONIA, NC

The Board opened a case against William M. McCullough, III, (Respondent McCullough) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent McCullough signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent McCullough may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 41.5 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

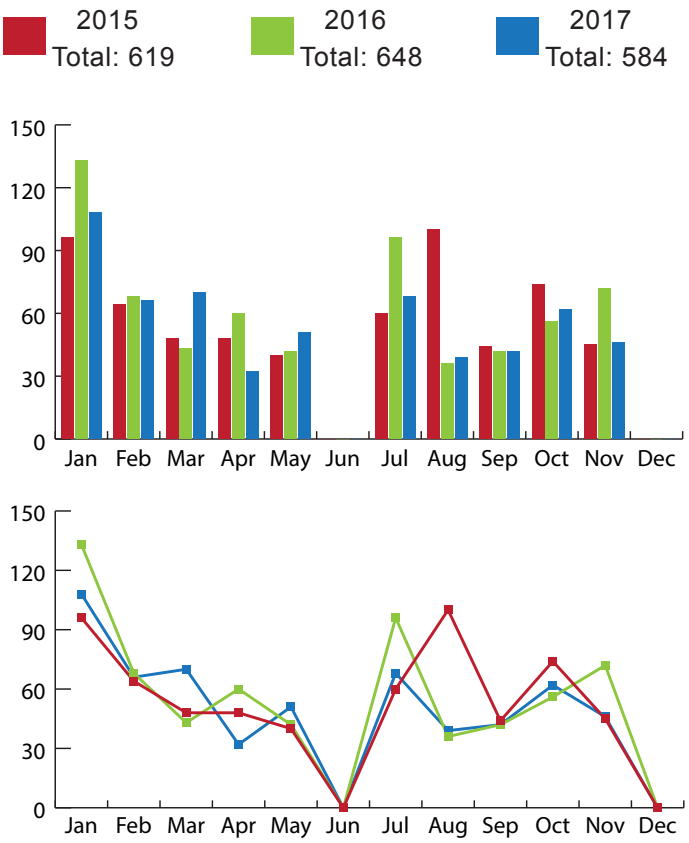
Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent McCullough's CPA license.

Approved by the Board December 18, 2017.

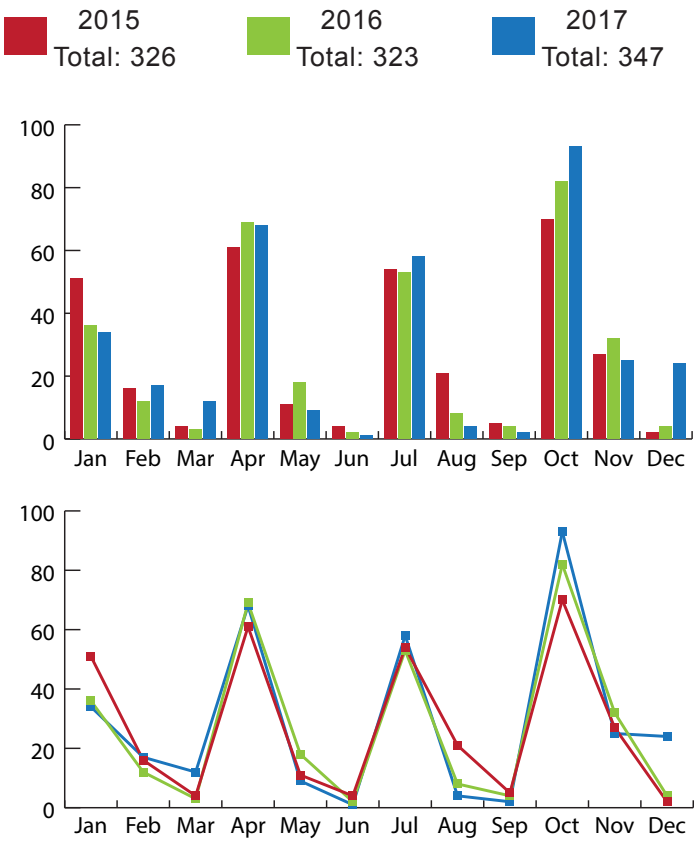
By the Numbers: NC CPA License Applications Approved

January 2015-December 2017

Original NC CPA License Applications Approved by Month

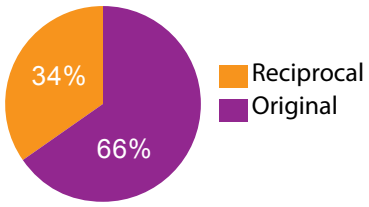


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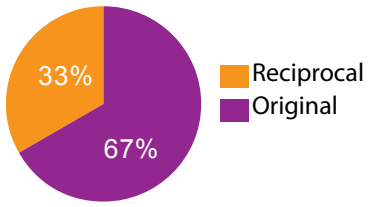
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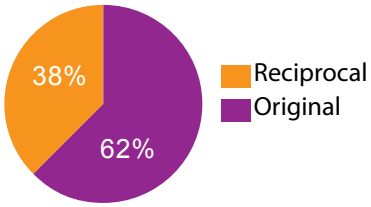
Original	Reciprocal
619	326

2016



Original	Reciprocal
648	323

2017



Original	Reciprocal
584	347

Certificates Issued

On December 18, 2017, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following applicants:

Dawn Denise Barnard
Patrick Lee Baryenbruch
Diane S. Bedard
Kathleen Frances Bruton
Dan Chen
Carolina Guimaraes Rolla Couto
Michael Paul DeRusso
H. Bruce Fielding
Linda Ann Goliver
Thomas Joseph Higgins
Collin Thomas Ivory
Clark Elliott Jernigan
Andrew James Kaczala
Thomas Richard Liddell
Scarlet Elizabeth Lipscombe
John Andrew Moore, III
Roy Nile Phillips
Catherine Elizabeth Porter
Spencer Allen Ross
Aaron Keith Smith
Kerri Barringer Snipes
Nicholas M. Stuart
Naoum Peter Tsaousis
Whitney Anne Walker

New CPA Exam User Experience Available April 1

On April 1, the AICPA will offer CPA Exam candidates an enhanced testing experience with the launch of new Exam software at all Prometric test centers.

The new software will enable a 16-to-9 screen aspect ratio that will allow candidates full use of the 23-inch HD monitors in the test centers.

In addition, the software will:

- Provide a modern and intuitive user interface familiar to digital native generations.
- Provide a dedicated, on-screen "workspace" for the candidates to review exam exhibits and documents. This will allow candidates to work with two documents at once on the same screen, mimicking the two-monitor environment that CPAs often use in their work.
- Add a tool that will allow users to highlight areas of text that they deem to be important.
- Provide seamless cut-and-paste functionality.
- Add Microsoft Excel as a tool. Microsoft Excel remains the current standard used by most, if not all, newly licensed CPAs.

These tools will make the testing conditions and tools similar to a CPA's real work environment. The desktop at the test center will feature the same types of monitors that candidates use on the job.

A new platform is also available for visually impaired CPA candidates. The JAWS (Job Access With Speech) technology reads the material on the screen for visually impaired candidates. Previously, a human reader was provided for visually impaired candidates.

To aid candidates with Exam preparation, the AICPA has updated its tutorial topics to guide candidates through the coming changes. This tutorial is applicable to candidates who plan to test on or after April 1, 2018.

Candidates are also encouraged to practice with the new sample tests that present the Exam as it will appear in an actual test center.

Reclassifications

At its December 18, 2017, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reclassification submitted by the following individuals:

REINSTATEMENT

John Joseph Bernat, #37950	Charlotte, NC
William James Dulin, #14799	Laurinburg, NC
Cindy Sutton Duncan, #18216	Indian Harbour Beach, FL
Sarah J. Dusosky, #24328	Milwaukee, WI
Vallarie Dawn Massey, #18389	Wake Forest, NC
Angela Long Queen, #20578	Fort Mill, SC
Anita Michelle Silver-Barnwell, #29567	Asheville, NC
Russell Edward White, #22930	Belmont, NC

REISSUANCE

Anna Pearl Myers, #18619	Charlotte, NC
Earl Eugene Whitmire, #15647	Raleigh, NC

Uniform CPA Exam Score Release Dates for 2018

January 1 - March 10 (Q1) Testing Window		
If you take your Exam on/before:	And the AICPA receives your Exam data files from Prometric by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on:	Target score release date is:
January 20	January 20	February 6
February 14	February 14	February 23
February 28	February 28	March 8
March 10	March 11*	March 20

**Exam data files received by the AICPA after March 11 will be included in the final target score release date of March 23.*

April 1 - June 10 (Q2) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, & REG	June 27
BEC	June 29

July 1 - September (Q3) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	September 19

October 1 - December 10 (Q4) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	December 19

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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

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Amended Rules Effective February 1, 2018

Effective February 1, 2018, the Board has amended the rules cited as 21 NCAC 08F .0103, *Filing of Examination Applications and Fees,* and 21 NCAC 08F .0502, *Application for CPA Certificate*.

The text of the amended rules is shown below. Language that was removed is indicated by a strike-through (~~example~~) and new language is underlined (example).

21 NCAC 08F .0103 Filing of Examination Applications and Fees

(f) To document good moral character as required by G.S. 93-12(5), three persons not related by blood or marriage to the applicant shall sign the application certifying the good moral character of the ~~applicant.~~ applicant and the Board shall conduct a background check of the applicant including a check of criminal records.

21 NCAC 08F .0502 Application for CPA Certificate

(b) The application for a CPA certificate shall include three certificates of good moral character provided by the Board and completed by ~~CPAs.~~ CPAs and the Board shall conduct a background check of the applicant including a check of criminal records.

Please contact the Board's Executive Director, Robert N. Brooks, at **rbrooks @nccpaboard.gov** or the Board's Deputy Director, David R. Nance, CPA, at **dnance@nccpaboard.gov** with questions about the amended rules.

NASBA Updating Gateway System; *Notices to Schedule Unavailable*

As part of its effort to continually improve the systems surrounding the candidate experience with the Uniform CPA Examination, NASBA will launch a new version of the Gateway and National Candidate Database on March 5, 2018.

The new systems will include more user-friendly functionality and enhanced security measures to protect a candidate's personal data.

To migrate and deploy the new systems, the systems will be unavailable to candidates from 10 p.m. CST February 16, 2018, until 11:59 p.m. CST March 4, 2018.

New Notices to Schedule (NTSs) will not be issued and existing NTSs cannot be reprinted during this time.

The system conversion will not affect a candidate's ability to submit Exam applications and payments to the Board.

The Board will process applications as usual during the system conversion period, but Notices to Schedule will not be issued until March 5, 2018.

IMPORTANT NOTE: An NTS is required to schedule a testing appointment with Prometric. Candidates with an NTS issued before 10 p.m. CST on February 16, 2018, may continue to schedule appointments with Prometric. Candidate testing sessions will not be affected by the system conversion process.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Elliott at **phyllise @nccpaboard.gov**.

GATEWAY MIGRATION TIMELINE

February 16

NTSs
Must be printed by 10:00 p.m. CST

February 17 – March 4

NTS
NO Issuing
NO Reprinting
X

March 5

New Gateway launches at 12:00 a.m. CST

NTSs available

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CARL FREDERICK ROOT, JR., #10972 | CARL F. ROOT, JR., PA | BREVARD, NC

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1. Carl Frederick Root, Jr., CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 10972 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Carl F. Root, Jr. PA (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. The Respondent and the Respondent firm are collectively referred to as the "Respondents."
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Respondent firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
4. The Respondent firm had received an engagement peer review for the year ended December 31, 2013. However, it was later discovered that the Respondent firm had been providing ERISA audit services to at least two (2) employee benefit plans for a number of years (at least the last two (2) peer review cycles) and had not included them on its engagement listing for peer reviews.
5. Per the peer review rules, if a firm performs an audit of an employee benefit plan during the relevant time period, at least one such plan must be subjected to peer review.
6. At the beginning of the peer review process, firms must complete a questionnaire. The questionnaire specifically requires the firm to review a list of audit engagements, including employee benefit plan audits, and identify whether the firm has performed any of those engagements.
7. As a result of the failure to identify its employee benefit plan audit engagements, the Respondent firm's peer review was recalled.
8. The Respondent firm has subsequently been terminated from the peer review program.
9. The Respondent firm has not taken appropriate action to address its termination from the peer review program.
10. The Respondent firm has continued to perform audits of employee benefit plans. The United States Department of Labor (hereinafter "DOL") has reviewed a more recent engagement performed by the Respondent firm and determined the engagement to be substandard.
11. Despite repeated attempts to address the issue with the Respondents, there were no substantive communications from the Respondents to the Board staff for a period of twelve (12) months.
12. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent should have known that the Respondent firm conducted an employee benefit plan audit during the relevant peer review period, and further should have known that the audit was required to be disclosed to the peer reviewer. The failure to disclose the employee benefit plan audit to the peer reviewer constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a).
3. The determination of the DOL that the Respondents performed substandard audit services, if proven at

hearing, would constitute a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.

4. The failure to fully communicate with the Board staff constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.

5. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent's CPA certificate and the Respondent firm's registration shall be revoked until the Respondent firm complies with the Board's peer review requirements.
2. The Respondent firm shall pay a two thousand dollar ($2,000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. The Respondent firm shall pay a five hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
4. The Respondents shall not perform, or participate in, an audit of an employee benefit plan for three (3) years from the date the Consent Order is signed. If the Respondents' ability to perform employee benefit plans is ever reinstated, then each CPA participating in that audit must first take at least eight (8) hours of CPE pertaining to employee benefit plan audits.
5. In the event that the Respondent firm is reinstated to a peer review program, prior to the Respondent firm's completion of its next peer review, the Respondent must take four (4) hours of group-study CPE, specifically covering the peer review process and/or getting ready for peer review and must take at least twelve (12) hours of group-study Accounting and Auditing CPE.
6. In the event that the Respondent firm's registration is reinstated by the Board, any audits performed by the Respondent firm must undergo a pre-issuance review pursuant to the pre-issuance review procedures adopted by the Board. The pre-issuance reviews must continue until the Board releases the Respondent firm from this requirement.
7. The Respondents agree that failure to comply with any terms of this agreement will be sufficient grounds for permanent revocation of the Respondent's CPA certificate and the Respondent firm's registration.

Approved by the Board January 22, 2018.

MASON L. BRADLEY, #38944 | MATTHEWS, NC

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

1. Mason L. Bradley (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 38944 as a Certified Public Accountant.

2. The Respondent self-reported on his annual renewal that he had admitted to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. He subsequently made that same admission to the Board.

3. The Respondent has asserted that his actions were the result of a dependency on a controlled substance, for which he is currently receiving treatment.

4. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. 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 misrepresentations in order to obtain controlled substances constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202. The other facts, as set forth above, constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201 and .0203.

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 Respondent agree to the following Order:

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Disciplinary Actions: *continued from page 3*

1. The Respondent, Mason L. Bradley, is censured.
2. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent is suspended for five (5) years. That suspension is stayed. The stay will be lifted in the event that the Respondent violates any provision of this Order, subject to the Respondent's opportunity to show cause why the stay should not be lifted.
3. The Respondent shall continue to actively participate in his current substance abuse rehabilitation program and provide the Board, on a quarterly basis, with proof from the drug rehabilitation program of the Respondent's active attendance or participation in that program.

Approved by the Board January 22, 2018.

Disciplinary Action: CPE Audit

The following matter is excerpted from a Consent Order issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee's record. In the record, click on the "Details" link and select "View" under the Public Documents heading.

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

CATHERINE LYNN ROBERTS, #19178 | WINSTON-SALEM, NC

The Board opened a case against Catherine Lynn Roberts (Respondent Roberts) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Roberts signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Roberts may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 50 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the NCACPA.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Roberts' CPA license.

Approved by the Board December 18, 2017.

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2018 Board Meetings

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Raleigh, NC Mon., Jan. 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Feb. 19 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Wed., Mar. 21 1:00 p.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Apr. 23 10:00 a.m.
MAY	**JUNE**	**JULY**	**AUGUST**
Raleigh, NC Thurs., May 17 10:00 a.m.	Winston-Salem, NC Fri., June 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., July 23 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 20 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 17 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 25 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 19 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend. Raleigh meetings are held at the Board office.

Certificates Issued

On January 22, 2018, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following individuals:

Caroline Victoria Adams
William Lee Adams, III
Eric Daniel Albright
Christopher John Alexander
John William Almeida
Joseph John Antonelli
Tracy Maureen Ayers
Claire Emily Babashanian
Lindsay Nicole Bailey
Hudson Marie Ballenger
Amber Roberts Banks
Lauren Elizabeth Baylor
Jessica Brittain Beard
Allison Leigh Becknell
Joseph Michael Benedetti
Gregory Waldron Bennett
Carley Rose Benoit
Melissa Catherine Blackman
Kathleen Marie Bowen
Wesley Forrest Brewer
Sarah Kate Brown
Ian Casimer Cader
Megan Kalene Cherry
Dustin Lee Choate
Talia Anne Clark
Cameron Marshall Clavin
Carson Elizabeth Clement
Alexander Akira Clute
Ryan Nathaniel Conley
Michael James Corrao
Justin David Corwin
Joshua Randall Cubitt
Brian Michael Currin
Cody Alexa Davidowski
Elizabeth Lee Dimsdale
Mary Michele Drennan
Alan James DuBois
Leigh Anne Duncan
Tamara Amina Feraca
Mary Helena Fischer
Erin Rachael Freberg
Augustus M. Freeman, III
Benjamin Michael Fulcher
Jerome Fulton, Jr.
Richard Andrew Goldston
Steven Lawrence Green
Dana Roxann Gulledge
Harvey Melville Hall, II
Jennifer Johnson Heavner
Aaron David Helfenberger
Kelsey Lynn Helin
Amanda Marie Hernandez
Taylor Winship Heys
Andrew Christian Hinnant
Ashley Jade Hlinak
Amanda Lea Holland
William Travis Howard
Noah Haywood Huffstetler, IV
Sarah Scott Humphries
William Jake Johnson
Charles William Johnson, Jr.
Erin Lieder Jones
Derrick Joseph Kaul
Brendan Robert Keefe
Katherine Helena Kent
Doyeon Kim
Hyon-Kyoung Kim
Evan Ryan Kleiss
Chelsea Burton Kowalchuk
Caroline Roberts Lodge
Rachel Lauren Luker
Thomas Allen MacInnes
Kathryn Blaire Manning
Juan Pablo Manrique Romero
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Allison Joseph Metz
Kira Nicole Miles
Courtney Shea Miller
Garrett Harrison Miller
Maria Nikolaevna Mishchenko
Laura Carter Monzon
Erin Mackenzie Mulhern
Kimberly Celeste Nall
Maureen Elizabeth Newman
Benjamin George Newton
Stuart Hamilton Nofsinger
Abigail Rebecca Rockwell Odette
Meera Amod Ogale
Matthew Curtis Oldhouser
Elizabeth Carey Ortiz
Elizabeth Marie Paluso
Jessie Starnes Parris
Kenan A. Patel
Jessica Nicole Peddycord
Elna Elaine Picton
Jeffrey Robert Podziewski
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Roberto Beaumont Rosario
John William Sajovec
Morgan Marie Samuelsen
Jamie Lynn Schwint
Erin Ashley Sherk
Catherine Brooke Smith
Abbey Nicole Strickland
Ryan Joseph Struble
Mary Louise Sullivan
Evgeniya Victorovna Taylor
Carrie Elizabeth Thompson
Rachel Katherine Thompson
Margaret Allison Trask
Karina P. Tyulyu
Daniel Jacobus Van Niekerk
Maya R. Viknius
Aubrey Elizabeth Waggoner
Lauren Maria Walker
Thad Anderson Ward, III
Jack Thomas Wentzloff
Noah Michael Whitcomb
Iris Haley Wigodsky
Chris A. Word, II
Alyssa Marie Zeman
Stephanie Eileen Zumbach

Reclassifications

At its January 22, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement submitted by the following individuals:

Paraq Bakul Bhutta, #36781	Cambridge, MA
Mark Alan Lavender, #26862	Apex, NC
Andrea Cilone Leary, #18152	Charlotte, NC
Wendy Warren Loehr, #18256	Culver, IN

Exam Performance Summary: 17Q4
North Carolina

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	**798**
New Candidates	**163**
Total Sections	**1,027**
Passing 4th Section	**148**
Sections/Candidate	**1.29**
Pass Rate	**50.3%**
Average Score	**71.5**

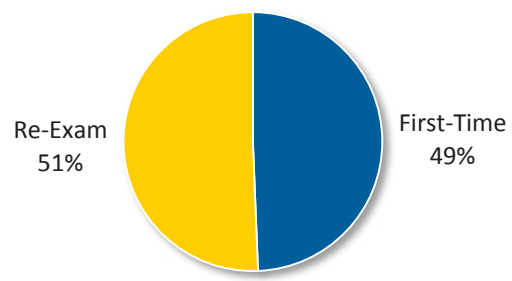
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Candidates	Sections
15	**15**
18	**16**
Pass Rate	Avg Score

Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	**507**	**71.9**	**53.7%**
Re-Exam	**520**	**71.1**	**47.1%**
AUD	**264**	**73.4**	**55.3%**
BEC	**178**	**76.8**	**58.4%**
FAR	**327**	**68.5**	**45.6%**
REG	**258**	**69.8**	**45.7%**

Exam Type by Percent



Uniform CPA Exam Score Release Dates for 2018

January 1 - March 10 (Q1) Testing Window		
If you take your Exam on/before:	And the AICPA receives your Exam data files from Prometric by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on:	Target score release date is:
January 20	January 20	February 6
February 28	February 28	March 8
March 10	March 11	March 20
March 10	After March 11	March 23

April 1 - June 10 (Q2) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, & REG	June 27
BEC	June 29

July 1 - September 10 (Q3) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	September 19

October 1 - December 10 (Q4) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	December 19

CPA Exam to Phase in Testing of PCAOB Standard

On June 1, 2017, the PCAOB adopted a new standard, *The Auditor's Report on an Audit of Financial Statements when the Auditor Expresses an Unqualified Opinion* (PCAOB Release No. 2017-001).

PCAOB Release No. 2017-001 will become eligible for testing on the Exam using a phased approach. All provisions other than those related to critical audit matters will be eligible for testing beginning on July 1, 2018. Provisions related to critical audit matters will be eligible for testing beginning on July 1, 2019.

For practitioners, the effective dates for the new requirements are as follows: All provisions other than those related to critical audit matters will take effect for audits of fiscal years ending on or after December 15, 2017; provisions related to critical audit matters will take effect for audits of fiscal years ending on or after June 30, 2019, for large accelerated filers; and for fiscal years ending on or after December 15, 2020, for all other companies to which the requirements apply.

Inactive Status

From December 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status by the Board. “Inactive,” when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and has been approved by the Board and who does not use the title certified public accountant, nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a certified public accountant, and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section [21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)].

Robert Colvin White, #12756	Wake Forest, NC
Honor G. Lewis, #25648	Wilmington, NC
Janet Harrison Rust, #23147	Raleigh, NC
Nicole Palazzo Ballard, #36673	Huntersville, NC
Louis George Spitzer, #37998	Fort Mill, SC
Walter Randall Louis, #31424	Charlotte, NC
Donald Roberts Scott, #18545	Greensboro, NC
Peggie Ann Stafford, #21827	Charlotte, NC
Louis Allan Leach, #15253	Greensboro, NC
Leonora Trout Bowman, #21839	Raleigh, NC
Nancy Prechtel Davis, #24785	Powell, OH
Melissa Cothran Norman, #21107	Mooresville, NC
Hugh Sparks Owen, #16776	Winston-Salem, NC
Ben Wood Parrish, #19070	New Bern, NC
Bryan J. Petrequin, #29676	Seattle, WA
Michael Jason Petro, #38556	Raleigh, NC
Clarence Jack Rogers, Jr., #37163	Inman, SC
Heidi Gremban Everett, #23423	Cary, NC
Carol Riggs Johnson, #27755	Clayton, NC
Michael Hall Jones, #12139	Charlotte, NC
Thomas Allen Liles, #11938	Asheboro, NC
Paul Brandon Schmid, #19261	Mooresville, NC
John Michael Allen, #37677	Charlotte, NC
Nathan Lee Fenwick, #23736	Cornelius, NC
Richard Alan Sussman, #21238	Charlotte, NC
Hadeel Akram Zaben, #40837	Canton, MI
Amy S. Davis, #19084	Raleigh, NC
Thomas G. McKnight, #5522	Atlantic Beach, NC
Margaret Christine Cregan, #19231	Matthews, NC
William Terry Johnson, #15751	Browns Summit, NC
Rodney Lyn Keller, #7744	High Point, NC
Sarah Louise Petzel, #36574	Warrensville Heights, OH
George H. Webb, Jr., #9978	Sagamore Hills, OH
Katherine Anne Whetstone, #26154	Norfolk, VA
James William Godfrey, Jr., #18407	Charlotte, NC
Harold Dean Kent, III, #12629	Charlotte, NC
Heather Cudd Martin, #29464	Charlotte, NC
Anita Booe, #17729	Bermuda Run, NC
Robert A. Gindes, #38973	Durham, NC
Joyce Ann Gunter, #34638	Rolesville, NC
Elisabeth Henderson Amend, #20305	New Bern, NC
Russell Lee Early, #22042	Maiden, NC
Holly Darcey Evans, #40944	Austin, TX
Bradley Warren Fisher, #21397	Concord, NC
Frank H. Gainey, #20190	Morehead City, NC
David L. Garriques, #29452	Greensboro, NC
Robert Walker Geitner, #9511	Asheville, NC
John Humphreys Gray, #17230	Raleigh, NC
Katherine Leigh Hoskins, #33471	Raleigh, NC
Gail P. Kuczkowski, #19466	Hilton Head Island, SC
Jin Young Lee, #28796	Charlotte, NC
Joseph Lloyd Lineberry, Jr., #9945	Winston-Salem, NC
Walker Lee Love, Jr., #9677	Charlotte, NC
William Henry Mastbrook, Jr., #9712	Marietta, GA
Victoria Edwards Messick, #18769	Burlington, NC
Deborah S. Mills, #22533	Kill Devil Hills, NC
Scott Michael Purviance, #22762	Charlotte, NC
David Naim Sadi, #23765	Cary, NC
Sigrid Elaine Southerland, #20109	Winston-Salem, NC
Mary B. Wells, #30163	High Point, NC
Gary Wayne Williamson, Jr., #26520	Durham, NC
Roger London Willis, #9522	Raleigh, NC
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George Anthony Raftelis, #9513	Cornelius, NC
Christopher Thomas McEntire, #14813	Rockingham, NC
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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

Activity Review

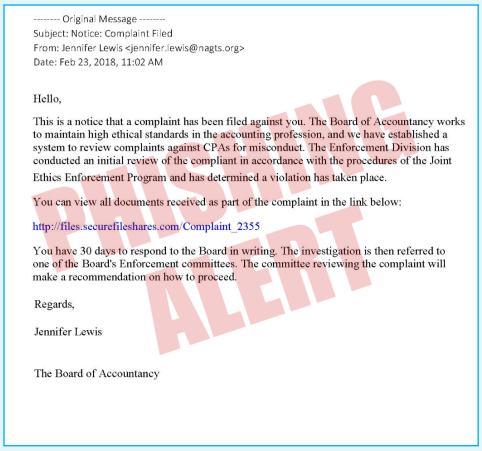
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Phishing Email Targets NC CPAs

In late February, the Board learned that some North Carolina CPAs had received an email with the subject line "Notice: Complaint Filed" that claimed the Board is investigating a complaint against the CPA. **This email is not from the Board; it is a phishing email.**

The Board notified its current licensees about the fraudulent email on social media and through an email blast.



-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Notice: Complaint Filed
From: Jennifer Lewis <jennifer.lewis@nagts.org>
Date: Feb 23, 2018, 11:02 AM

Hello,

This is a notice that a complaint has been filed against you. The Board of Accountancy works to maintain high ethical standards in the accounting profession, and we have established a system to review complaints against CPAs for misconduct. The Enforcement Division has conducted an initial review of the compliant in accordance with the procedures of the Joint Ethics Enforcement Program and has determined a violation has taken place.

You can view all documents received as part of the complaint in the link below:

http://files.securefileshares.com/Complaint_2355

You have 30 days to respond to the Board in writing. The investigation is then referred to one of the Board's Enforcement committees. The committee reviewing the complaint will make a recommendation on how to proceed.

Regards,

Jennifer Lewis

The Board of Accountancy

PHISHING ALERT

Some red flags about the email:

- If a complaint has been filed against a North Carolina CPA or CPA firm, the Board's first point of contact will be a letter sent through the US Postal Service;
- all legitimate emails from the Board will be sent from the @nccpaboard.gov domain; and
- the Board is not commonly referred to as the Board of Accountancy.

If you received the email and have concerns, please contact the Board.



Does the NC Privilege License Requirement Apply to CPAs?

If you are an owner, principal, or manager in a CPA firm or business providing accounting services to third parties, you are required to purchase a $50.00 annual privilege license from the North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR).

You also are required to pay a $12.50 fee for an annual privilege license for any other employees of the CPA firm or business, CPA or non-CPA, providing accounting services.

Accounting services include, but are not limited to, audits, reviews, compilations, financial statements, agreed-upon procedures, bookkeeping, tax return preparation, tax reports, professional services or assistance relating to accounting procedure and systems, tax consulting, and management advisory services.

CPAs employed in business, industry, government, or education are not required to purchase an annual privilege license from the NCDOR.

However, a CPA engaged in the public practice of accounting who provides any of the above-noted services outside his or her government, business and industry, or education employment (such as a seasonal tax preparation firm) is required to purchase an annual $50.00 privilege license.

According to the NCDOR, a non-resident CPA engaged in the public practice of accountancy by providing any of the services noted above through mobility is required to purchase an annual $50.00 privilege license.

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Disciplinary Actions

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PERRY A. JAMES, #22459 | PERRY A. JAMES, CPA, PC | FAIRVIEW, NC

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

1. Perry A. James (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 22459 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Perry A. James, CPA, PC ("Respondent Firm"), is a CPA firm registered with the Board. At all relevant times, Respondent was the supervising CPA and owner of Respondent Firm. The Respondent and Respondent Firm are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents."
3. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of this action.
4. In 2016, the Board received a complaint against the Respondent regarding the preparation of a client's tax returns. The Respondent was slow to respond to that complaint. The issues related to whether those tax services were competently provided by the Respondent remains unresolved.
5. Beginning in October of 2017, the Board has received nine (9) additional complaints from the Respondents' clients asserting, in general, that the Respondent and Respondent Firm had been uncommunicative and had not competently provided accounting services.
6. The Board issued a Notice of Hearing in this matter on December 18, 2017. The Hearing was set for February 19, 2018.
7. A process server delivered a copy of a Notice of Hearing to the Respondent personally on January 10, 2018.
8. On January 22, 2018, the Respondent requested a continuance of the hearing. On that same day, the request for a continuance was denied by the Board.
9. The Respondent subsequently contacted the Board staff and informed them that he was hospitalized and could not attend the February 19, 2018, Hearing.
10. The Respondents wish to temporarily resolve this matter by consent and postpone their hearing until a future date. The Respondents agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein.
12. If proven at a hearing pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act, the Respondents' failures to competently handle the tax engagements as set out above could constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0211, and .0212.
13. If proven at a hearing pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act, the Respondents' failures to communicate with their clients could constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201 and .0212.
14. If proven at a hearing pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act, the Respondents' failures to cooperate with Board inquiries could constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate for the Respondent, Perry A. James, is hereby suspended until such time that the Board holds a hearing on the complaints against the Respondents or until the matters are otherwise resolved.
2. If, as a result of Respondent's failure or refusal to cooperate, a new hearing is not held or the matter is not otherwise resolved within one year from the date

of this Consent Order, Respondent agrees that the allegations contained in the complaints described in Findings 4 and 5 above shall be deemed admitted by Respondent, and the Board in its discretion may impose discipline upon the Respondents at a duly noticed hearing based upon said complaints. For purposes of this provision only, Respondents waive their rights to contest, confront and cross examine the complainants at said hearing.

3. The Respondent Firm's registration is suspended until such time that the Board holds a hearing on the complaints against the Respondents or until the matters are otherwise resolved.
4. Neither Respondent Perry A. James nor Respondent Firm shall offer or render services as a CPA or CPA firm, or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent James or Respondent Firm claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon Respondent James' suspended North Carolina certificate or Respondent Firm's suspended CPA firm registration.

Approved by the Board February 19, 2018.

CLAUDE M. BOGUES, #16704 | CLAUDE M. BOGUES, CPA. PLLC | DURHAM, NC

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

1. Claude M. Bogues, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 16704 as a certified public accountant.
2. Claude M. Bogues, CPA, PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. The Respondent and Respondent Firm shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the "Respondents."
3. The Respondent disclosed to the Board that he and the Respondent Firm had failed a Quality Control Review by the federal Office of Inspector General ("OIG"). The OIG identified audit deficiencies in the audit of a client.
4. The OIG requested that the Respondent perform additional audit procedures in order to remedy the deficiencies. However, the client declared bankruptcy, and the Respondent was unable to complete the procedures specified by the OIG. The Respondent withdrew his audit report.
5. The Respondent Firm received Fails on its last two (2) system peer review reports.
6. The Respondent has chosen to cease performing services that would subject the Respondent Firm to peer review.
7. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The failure to perform audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent is censured.

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Correction: The 02-2018 *Activity Review* listed the incorrect date for the May 2018 Board meeting. The meeting will be held on May 24, 2018, at the Board office.

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2. The Respondents shall not engage in audits, reviews, compilations, or agreed-upon procedures for a period of three (3) years.
3. Should the Respondents desire to conduct audits, reviews, compilations, or agreed-upon procedures after the three (3) year period has expired, they shall obtain pre-issuance reviews until such time that the Board determines pre-issuance review is no longer necessary. The pre-issuance reviewer shall be approved by the Board. The Respondents shall authorize and cause the pre issuance reviewer to provide the Board with a copy of each pre issuance review report upon its issuance.
4. The Respondent shall remit with this signed Consent Order a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty.

Approved by the Board February 19, 2018.

GLENN E. TURNER, PA, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT | FAYETTEVILLE, NC

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

1. Glenn E. Turner, PA, Certified Public Accountant (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting corporation in North Carolina.
2. The Board received a referral from the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors alleging that the Respondent Firm had submitted an audit report that did not meet applicable financial reporting requirements.
3. The Board reviewed the Respondent Firm's audit report and audit documentation.
4. The Respondent Firm's audit report did not include all required elements and contained internal inconsistencies related to the accounting framework being applied.
5. The audit documentation was inadequate and did not conform with generally accepted auditing standards.
6. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. All members of the Respondent Firm shall complete four (4) hours of CPE related to special purpose frameworks.
3. The Respondent Firm shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
4. The Respondent Firm shall provide the Board with certification, on the Respondent Firm letterhead, that the Respondent Firm does not currently plan to perform any audit services.
5. If the Respondent Firm chooses to engage in the performance of any audit services:

a. all members of the Respondent Firm performing such services shall complete sixteen (16) hours of group-study CPE related to audit planning, risk-based audit procedures, and audit documentation; and

b. the Respondent Firm shall obtain pre-issuance review as set forth in the Board's pre-issuance review procedures, until such time that the Board releases the Respondent Firm from the pre-issuance review requirement.

Approved by the Board February 19, 2018.

Certificates Issued

On February 19, 2018, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following individuals:

Adwowa Afenyi-Annan
Lincoln Scott Anderson
Seth Alexander Beane
Ryan Christopher Beckner
Christopher Michael Befus
Christine Juliette Benkendorf
Tristan Scott Biller
Kevin Michael Blankenship
Caley Ann Boggs
Matthew John Born
Ashley June Boulanger
Barry Alexander Brown
Lindsay Elizabeth Carlisle
Maitland Conrad Chase
Cody Wayne Chrismon
Charles Frederick Cornett
Kristen Maria Barr Denny
Cyprian Clay Dickson
Sarah Jane Dietz
Julie Beth Dillon
Jonathan Kurt Draper
Tawanda Bright Dzangare
Samuel Francis Eno
Elliott Lee Etheridge
Madelyn Elizabeth Fink
Taylor Knowles Fogg
Nathan Karl Francis
George Rodney Freeman, III
Elizabeth Bradley Friss
Derek Edward Gallello
Jeremy Shannon Garrison
Jeremy Michael Giambrone
John Gerald Haslup
Amanda Jean Hauser
Kali Jean Havner
Michele Hewitt
Sarah Katherine Houser
Keith Allen Howell
Travis Dale Hudgins
Logan Nicole Hurley
Jesse Robert Ivens
Alexander Demoria Jackson
Jacob Allen Joyner
Joseph Nelson Kirby, III
Alexander Joseph Kneisel
Brandon Cole Knez
Eleonora Ivanova Kuncheva
Jordan Thomas Larson
Wade William Lewis
Jillian Ann Lieber
Matthew Alan Loerop
Frank Daniel Logano
Ryan David Mack
Paul G. Marquez
Hillary Fearrington Matthews
Margaret Ann May
Colleen Mary Middleton
Rebecca Brown Nance
Christopher Joseph Negrelli
Dustin Tyler Newton
Christopher Jason Palmateer
Barton Alexander Parker
Reed Warner Payne
Philip Alan Pearce
Cecilia Marie Peters
Surya Balasubramani Pethi
Laura Stokes Pritchard
Sarah Ann Protos
Anne Katherine Quetsch
John Christian Reid
Jonathon Michael Rembecki
Michelle Marie Riley
Bryan Bishop Rogan
Olena Mykolaiyvna Romanchuk
Jessica Cregger Ross
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Gunveen Saggu
Jason Daniel Sauder
Stephen Holman Saunders
Michael Thomas Schilde
Trevor Bailey Snyder
Travis John Spatola
Eric Brian Stamp
Cindy Rose Stoltz
Stephen James Swanick
Bryce Javon Taylor
Ryan Brandon Taylor
Julia Christine Terry
Srinidhi Tuppal
Michael Edward Walchonski
Donald Tyler Wallace
Jonathan William Weaver
Michael George Wolff

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2018 Board Meetings

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Raleigh, NC Mon., Jan. 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Feb. 19 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Wed., Mar. 21 1:00 p.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Apr. 23 10:00 a.m.
MAY	**JUNE**	**JULY**	**AUGUST**
Raleigh, NC Thurs., May 24 10:00 a.m.	Winston-Salem, NC Fri., June 22 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., July 23 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 20 10:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 17 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 25 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 19 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend. Raleigh meetings are held at the Board office.

Privilege License *continued from page 1*

A privilege license is issued on an annual basis as a personal privilege license; it will not be issued in the name of a firm or corporation.

The privilege license must be obtained from the NCDOR prior to engaging in business. It is unlawful to engage in business without obtaining a required privilege license.

To learn more about the privilege license, to obtain Form B-202A, "Application for State Privilege License," or read the November 2017 Privilege License Tax Technical Bulletin, visit the privilege license page of the NCDOR website, **www.ncdor.gov/taxes/privilege-license-tax**.

NC Gen. Stat. §105 41. Attorneys at law and other professionals.

(b) The following persons are exempt from the tax:

(1) A person who is at least 75 years old.

(2) A person practicing the professional art of healing for a fee or reward, if the person is an adherent of an established church or religious organization and confines the healing practice to prayer or spiritual means.

(3) A blind person engaging in a trade or profession as a sole proprietor. A "blind person" means any person who is totally blind or whose central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or where the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees. This exemption shall not extend to any sole proprietor who permits more than one person other than the proprietor to work regularly in connection with the trade or profession for remuneration or recompense of any kind, unless the other person in excess of one so remunerated is a blind person.

(c) Every person engaged in the public practice of accounting as a principal, or as a manager of the business of public accountant, shall pay for such license fifty dollars ($50.00), and in addition shall pay a license of twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50) for each person employed who is engaged in the capacity of supervising or handling the work of auditing, devising or installing systems of accounts.

(e) Licenses issued under this section are issued as personal privilege licenses and shall not be issued in the name of a firm or corporation. A licensed photographer having a located place of business in this State is liable for a license tax on each agent or solicitor employed by the photographer for soliciting business. If any person engages in more than one of the activities for which a privilege tax is levied by this section, the person is liable for a privilege tax with respect to each activity engaged in.

(h) Counties and cities may not levy any license tax on the business or professions taxed under this section.

(i) Obtaining a license required by this Article does not of itself authorize the practice of a profession, business, or trade for which a State qualification license is required.

New Tax Law Testing in 2019

The AICPA Board of Examiners (BOE) recently approved January 1, 2019 (19Q1), as the date on which content related to the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* (Public Law No. 115-97) will be eligible for testing on the Uniform CPA Exam.

The Exam will continue to test candidates on the tax laws and regulations in effect before the enactment of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* through the 18Q4 test window ending on December 10, 2018.

The Exam's Authoritative Literature will continue to include (through December 10, 2018) the Internal Revenue Code as published before the enactment of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*.

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Uniform CPA Exam Score Release Dates for 2018

April 1 - June 10 (Q2) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, & REG	June 27
BEC	June 29

July 1 - September 10 (Q3) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	September 19

October 1 - December 10 (Q4) Testing Window	
Section	Target Score Release Date
AUD, FAR, REG, & BEC	December 19

RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its February 19, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Pearl Wilson Bassard, #31573	Charlotte, NC
Dawn Alycia Bornitz, #28526	Monument, CO
Robert Maxwell Clyburn, #23640	Broadlands, VA
Lisa Byrd Fitchett, #20615	Dunn, NC
James D. Hiza, #27254	Matthews, NC
Emily Poythress Howard, #20071	Raleigh, NC
Jamie O'Brien Jonas, #24629	Charlotte, NC
Alyson Lanier Kennedy, #32508	Greensboro, NC
Wendi Sue Knapke, #28858	Cary, NC
James Stuart Shough, #18723	Patrick Springs, VA
Thomas Ramey Stewart, #37395	Hilversum, Netherlands
Els Teunen, #32062	Raleigh, NC

Reissuance

Edmundo Javier Aja, #39235	Miami, FL
John Allen Williams, Jr., #19363	Noblesville, IN

Inactive Status

Between February 1, 2018, and February 28, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section [21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)].

Stacy Em McMichael, #33559	Asheville, NC
Arthur W. Andrews, #21306	Smithfield, NC
Danielle Dannahower Ansaldi, #41075	Charlotte, NC
Sidney Iredell Campbell, #3118	Greensboro, NC
James Michael Stevenson, #7753	Murphy, NC
Gregg Steven Kulikowski, #17914	Charlotte, NC
Ruth Ditlevson Lyle, #15350	Charlotte, NC
L. Lyn Irving, #11548	Kernersville, NC
James Glenn Fortson, #28535	Lexington, NC
Christopher Adam Carter, #27021	Charlotte, NC
Susan Dail Inman, #13279	Wrightsville, NC
Erik Lloyd Peterson, #38990	Tomball, NC
Amy Trethway Moss, #36035	Charlotte, NC
John Monroe Harwell, #7806	North Wilkesboro, NC

Board Office Closed

The Board office will be closed on Friday, March 30, 2018, for Good Friday.

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In accordance with existing policy, there will be a simultaneous introduction of content related to the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* and removal of content related to the previous tax law.

No provisions of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*, including those retroactive to periods before December 31, 2017, will be eligible for testing until January 1, 2019.

The timing of the Exam Blueprints changes does not impact the eligibility date for testing the new enterprise risk management framework of April 2, 2018.

COSO ERM Framework Testing Eligibility

In September 2017, the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) released *Enterprise Risk Management - Integrating with Strategy and Performance.*

In accordance with the CPA Exam Policy on New Pronouncements, the new enterprise risk management framework is eligible for testing on the Exam in the testing window beginning on April 2, 2018 (18Q2).

As part of the process of periodically reviewing the Exam Blueprints, the AICPA Board of Examiners (BOE) approved changes to the BEC Blueprint to update task statements in Area I, Group B (Corporate Governance – Enterprise Risk Management Frameworks) and to the References to align the Exam Blueprints with the new enterprise risk management framework.

The timing of the Exam Blueprints changes does not impact the eligibility date for testing the new enterprise risk management framework of April 2, 2018.

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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

Activity Review

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It's Time to Renew Your NC CPA Certificate

The individual certificate renewal link for North Carolina CPAs is available on the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**. The deadline for completing the renewal is June 30.

The link to the online renewal is in the "How Do I?" box of the Board's homepage.

Before starting the online renewal, take a few moments to review the renewal infographic on pages 4 and 5 and the renewal FAQs on page 2.

The full instructions for completing the 2018-2019 renewal are included in the online renewal.

As part of the renewal, you must select your preferred delivery method for the *Activity Review*. The default delivery option for the newsletter is email.

If you prefer to receive the newsletter by mail, you must choose that option by clicking the edit button on the mailing address screen of the Pertinent Data section.

Licensees with non-US addresses may receive the newsletter only by email.

When completing your renewal, make sure you check the appropriate box related to your CPE.

Failure to accurately report your CPE or not having the proper CPE may result in a forfeited certificate and a $1000.00 civil penalty through a Consent Order.

The renewal now includes questions regarding North Carolina's Employee Fair Classification Act.

Effective December 31, 2017, every North Carolina occupational licensing board is required to have each licensee, as part of the annual certificate renewal, certify that he or she has read and understands the Employee Fair Classification Public Notice Statement *(see article on page 3)*.

Each licensee must certify if he or she has or has not been investigated for employee misclassification and if so, disclose to the licensing board the results of any employee misclassification investigation.

If you do not answer the questions related to employee misclassification, the Board is required by statute to deny your certificate renewal.

If you don't complete the certificate renewal or request inactive status before July 1, you may receive a Letter of Demand from the Board.

Failure to submit the renewal form and fee or request inactive status within 30 days of receiving the Letter of Demand will result in an automatic forfeiture of your NC CPA certificate.

Send general questions about CPA certificate renewal to the Board's Licensing Manager, Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov**.

Send specific questions about CPE to Cammie Emery, the Board's Licensing Specialist, at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

2018-2019 Officers Elected

On March 21, 2018, the Board elected officers for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA, was elected President; Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq., was elected Vice President; and Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Williams, who was licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1977, was appointed to the Board in 2016.

He is the owner of the CPA firm, L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA, in Lenoir.

Truitt, one of two public members of the Board, was appointed to the Board in 2014 and reappointed in 2016.

He is the Chief Corporate Development and Legal Officer of Securrency, Inc., in Washington, DC.

Winstead, who has been a North Carolina licensee since 1980, was appointed to the Board in 2017. He previously served on the Board 2003-2009.

Winstead is general services partner in the Greensboro office of DMJ & Co., PLLC, and is the firm-wide Accounting, Auditing, and Quality Control Partner.

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Online CPA Certificate Renewal FAQs

How do I access the online CPA certificate renewal?

The link to the online renewal is in the "How Do I" box in the upper right-hand corner of the Board's homepage, **nccpaboard.gov**.

What information do I need to renew online?

You need your Social Security number; your NC CPA certificate number; the number of CPE hours completed for the 2017 requirement; and a valid MasterCard or VISA account number including security code, expiration date, and billing address.

Can I renew online using a mobile device?

Yes, you can, but it may be easier to complete the renewal on a laptop or desktop computer.

I don't remember my CPA certificate number. Where do I find it?

You may look up your certificate number using the "Find a CPA" link on the homepage of the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**.

I was licensed as a North Carolina CPA in February 2018. Do I need to renew my certificate?

Yes, all active CPAs licensed before July 1, 2018, must complete the 2018-2019 certificate renewal or request inactive status before July 1, 2018.

If I was licensed in November 2017, how many CPE hours was I supposed to complete in 2017?

If you were licensed in 2017, the number of CPE hours you need to meet the annual requirement is prorated based on the quarter in which your certificate was issued:

- Jan/Feb/Mar = 40 hours;
- Apr/May/Jun = 30 hours;
- July/Aug/Sept = 20 hours;
- Oct/Nov/Dec = 10 hours.

How do I find out how many carry-forward CPE hours I have?

Your previous year's carry-forward hours are automatically inserted in the renewal for you.

If you want to check the number of carry-forward CPE hours you have before starting the renewal, use the "Find a CPA" link on the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**.

If the number shown in the online database is incorrect, contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

Before starting the online renewal process, you should review your 2017 certificates of completion to confirm that the CPE year is correct, the hours are stated correctly, and that each course meets the requirements of 21 NCAC 08G .0404.

Make sure, too, that you have completed a two-hour course on regulatory or behavioral professional ethics offered by a sponsor registered with NASBA.

If I answer yes to one of the moral character questions, how do I submit the information to the Board?

For each affirmative answer, type in an explanation in the space provided on the renewal.

Relevant court documents can be submitted as a single PDF no larger than 20 MB using the upload option on the screen.

If you prefer to mail the documents, send them to: Certificate Renewal, State Board of CPA Examiners, PO Box 12827, Raleigh NC 27605.

What happens if I answer yes to one of the moral character questions?

The information you provide is submitted to the Board's Professional Standards staff, which may request additional information from you.

If warranted, the information is forwarded to the Board's Professional Standards Committee, which will review the information and then instruct the Professional Standards staff as to how to proceed with the matter.

Why is the Board asking me questions about the Employee Fair Classification Act (EFCA)?

All North Carolina occupational licensing boards are now required to include the employee misclassification public notice and disclosure statement on all certificate applications and certificate renewals (*see article on page 3*).

I tried to renew online, but I got an error message. What do I do now?

Most errors related to the online renewal can be cleared by restarting your computer. If you have restarted your computer more than once and still can't complete the renewal, contact Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov** and attach a screenshot of the error message.

What forms of payment do you accept for the online renewal?

The Board accepts only MasterCard and Visa as payment for the online renewal.

I have multiple charges for the renewal on my credit card. How do I request a refund?

Click the submit button for your payment one time only. If you receive an error message when submitting the payment, contact the Board at (919) 733-4222.

If you have multiple charges for the renewal on your credit card statement, email a copy of that statement to Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov**. A staff member will provide you with a refund request form.

I can't renew my certificate online because I want to pay using a check. Is there another way for me to renew?

If you prefer to pay the renewal fee by check, you must complete

FAQs *continued on page 3*

Employee Fair Classification Act

North Carolina's Employee Fair Classification Act (EFCA), went into effect on December 31, 2017.

EFCA (NC Gen. Stat. Chapter 143, Article 82) addresses the practice of employers misclassifying workers as independent contractors instead of employees.

By classifying a worker as an independent contractor, an employer avoids paying state and federal payroll taxes, unemployment taxes, and providing worker's compensation insurance.

In addition to establishing the Industrial Commission's Employee Classification Section, EFCA ties employee misclassification to occupational licensing.

NC Gen. Stat. 143-765 requires each North Carolina licensing board to include a public notice statement about EFCA on every application for licensure/certification and each renewal of that license/certificate.

Each applicant must certify that he or she has read and understands the public notice statement.

The applicant must disclose if he or she has been investigated for employee misclassification and if yes, provide the result of the investigation(s).

If an applicant for licensure or license renewal does not comply with the certification and disclosure requirements of NC Gen. Stat. 143-765, the licensing board must deny the license or license renewal of that applicant.

To comply with NC Gen. Stat. 143-765, the Board has updated the applications for an original CPA license, a reciprocal CPA license, reissuance of a CPA license, and reinstatement of a CPA license to include the EFCA public notice statement and investigation disclosure statement.

The annual CPA certificate renewal form now includes the EFCA public notice statement and investigation disclosure statement.

Information about EFCA is available from the Industrial Commission's website, **www.ic.nc.gov**.

Please contact the Board's Executive Director, Robert N. Brooks at **rbrooks@nccpaboard.gov** with questions about EFCA as it relates to your application for CPA licensure or your license renewal.

FAQs *continued from page 2*

each page of the online renewal, print each page (before clicking submit), sign the renewal, and mail the completed pages and a $60.00 check payable to State Board of CPA Examiners to: Certificate Renewal, PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605.

If I don't renew my certificate, it will automatically change to inactive status, right?

No. You must request inactive status using the link in the "How Do I" box on the Board's homepage, **nccpaboard.gov**. Failure to renew your certificate or request inactive before July 1, 2018, may result in forfeiture of your NC CPA certificate.

When is the CPA certificate renewal deadline?

The deadline for renewing your NC CPA certificate or requesting inactive status is June 30, 2018.

Request for Inactive Status

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2018-2019 Online CPA Certificate Renewal

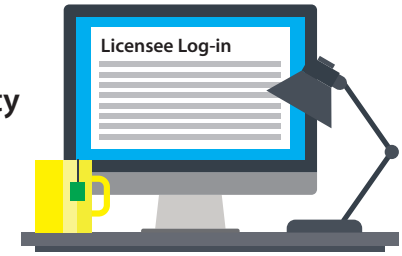
21 NCAC 08J requires all active NC CPAs to renew their certificates annually by July 1. The information on these two pages is an overview of the online certificate renewal process. Please review this information as well as the *Online CPA Certificate Renewal FAQs* on page 2 before starting the online renewal. Detailed instructions for completing the renewal are included in the online renewal. If you have questions about the online renewal, please contact the Board at (919) 733-4222.

What You'll Need to Renew

- Social Security Number
- NC CPA Certificate Number
- CPE Hours Completed to Meet the 2017 Requirement
- MasterCard or VISA account number (including security code, card expiration date and billing address)

Log-in

Enter your social security number and certificate number.



Pertinent Data

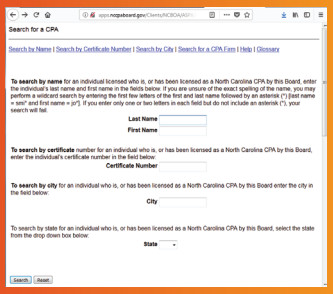
Review and Edit

- **Employment information;**
- **AICPA & NCACPA membership;**
- **Contact information; and**
- **Newsletter delivery method.**



How to Look Up Your Certificate Number & CPE Carry-Forward Hours

Visit the "Find a CPA" section of our website.



CPE Compliance

Read 5 statements about CPE reporting.
Select "yes" for one statement only.

	● YES	○ NO
	○ YES	● NO
	○ YES	● NO

Report CPE Credit Hours

Enter the number of CPE hours you are claiming for 2017.
Must have certificates of completion for all hours claimed.
2016 carry-forward hours are automatically inserted into your renewal.

2017 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Moral Character Data

Answer four questions about your moral character;
Provide details for each "yes" answer; &
Upload relevant court documents.



Oath of a North Carolina CPA

No action needed.

Accountancy Statutes and Administrative Code

Acknowledge and affirm responsibility for knowing and understanding the statutes and rules.

Accept or decline declaration that information in the application is true, correct, and complete.

Employee Fair Classification Act (EFCA)

Certify or deny understanding of public notice statement; and
Accept or decline disclosure statement.

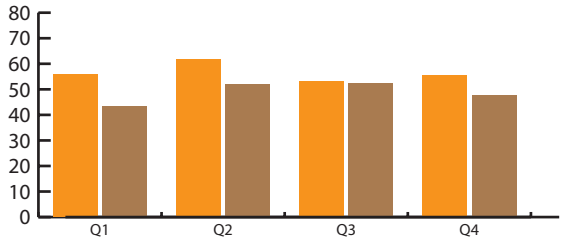
Payment

Enter all required information and submit for processing.
Print receipt.



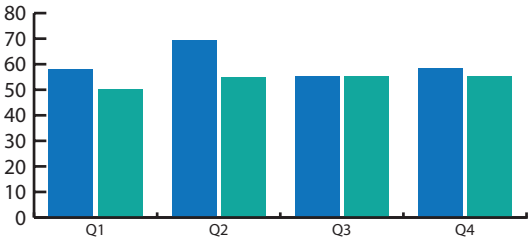
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2017 AUD Pass Rates



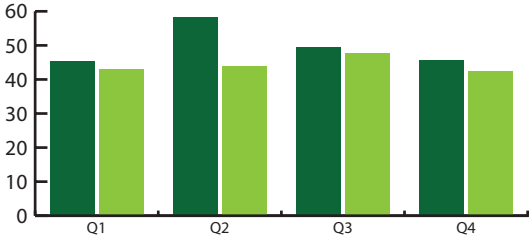
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NC Candidates	55.90%	61.90%	53.10%	55.30%
All Candidates	43.47%	52.00%	52.15%	47.69%

2017 BEC Pass Rates



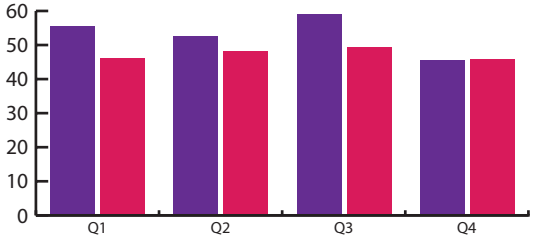
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NC Candidates	58.00%	69.50%	55.50%	58.40%
All Candidates	50.39%	55.09%	55.35%	55.33%

2017 FAR Pass Rates



	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NC Candidates	45.30%	58.20%	49.50%	45.60%
All Candidates	43.14%	43.76%	47.58%	42.50%

2017 REG Pass Rates



	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NC Candidates	55.40%	52.70%	59.10%	45.70%
All Candidates	46.10%	48.32%	49.31%	45.89%

NASBA Single Sign-On Account

With the launch of the new NASBA Gateway in March, all Uniform CPA Exam candidates must have a NASBA Single Sign-On (SSO) account to reprint Notices to Schedule and to access Exam scores.

If you have not yet created your account, please visit the NASBA website, **www.nasba.org**, and set up your account.

When setting up your NASBA SSO, use the same name, date of birth, and email address you used when applying to take the Exam. You will also need the jurisdiction code and your jurisdiction Candidate ID.

For North Carolina candidates, the jurisdiction code is "NC" and your jurisdiction Candidate ID is the candidate number assigned to you by the Board. To request your candidate ID, please call 1-866-MY NASBA or contact Phyllis Elliott at **phyllise@nccpaboard.gov**.

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RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its March 21, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Mark Causey, III, #35290	Durham, NC
Mary Summers Johnson, #19356	Brown Summit, NC
Gary Peter Levine, #18739	Chapel Hill, NC
Janet Gantt Locke, #14372	Charlotte, NC

Reissuance

Timothy Desmond Nolan, #22413	Corolla, NC
Toni Mari Thereault, #35658	Raleigh, NC

Inactive Status

Between March 1, 2018, and April 9, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)states: "inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section.

Robert Calvin Alexander, #8737	Kernersville, NC
Katherine Reynell Jackson, #34202	San Francisco, CA
Nicholas Gardiner Vail, #35912	Raleigh, NC
Shari Eason Hord, #29494	Harrisburg, NC
Stephen Whitney Plumer, #14061	Charlotte, NC
James William Chadbourne, Jr., #24779	Anderson, SC
Anthony Louis Zeltmann, #19106	Leland, NC
James Preston Willcox, #37118	Raleigh, NC
Olivia Clare Whipple, #34426	Clover, SC
Cassandra Thomason Gayle, #28108	High Point, NC
Angela Gayle Genzale, #35017	Charlotte, NC
Barbara M. Phipps, #27109	Burlington, NC
James Michael Lawson, #36682	Seattle, WA
Carol Kilgore Varner, #21648	High Point, NC
Stephanie Gail Murdoch Dickinson, #19400	Devon, PA
Gail Toler Stoy, #18761	Harrisburg, NC
Wanda Skillington Greene, #16200	Arden, NC
Mary Cooney Thomson, #13866	Wilmington, NC

Board Office Closed

In accordance with the 2018 holiday schedule for State of North Carolina agencies, the Board office will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018, for Memorial Day.

Certificates Issued

On March 21, 2018, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following individuals:

Peter Anthony Baquero
Jovana Bjelica
Daniel Page Blevins
Travis Andrew Bower
Hunter Thomas Bracy
Matthew Bryan Casey
Richard Lee Cassady
Grant Taylor Chambers
Matthew Tyler Chapman
Jonathan Robert Cucarola
Michael Reid DeCarlo
Kelly Sue Derflinger
John Gabriel Esposito
Giovanni Rey Figaro
Leanne Grace Fredericks
Lisa Lynn Fritschel
Tiffany Le-Lanette Goodman
Heather Cotter Kels
Katherine Jeanne Kleinknecht
Chelsea Payne Kuchen
Brody Raymond Ledbetter
Elizabeth Mary MacLachlan
Brendan Charles Madigan
Matthew James McFarlin
Scott Browning McKinney
Alyson Walker Moore
Trushaben P. Patel
Susan Hayden Propst
Kevin Robert Protasewich
Jeannine Marie Richman
Hillary Anne Roberts
Stephanie Marie Ruggeri
Lindsay Taylor Schilleman
Joseph John Schmelzle, II
Shay Taylor Sellati
Elizabeth Mariorie Senczy
Matthew David Spivey
Jason Scott Sturdevant
Stephanie Regina Walsh
William Calvin Walters
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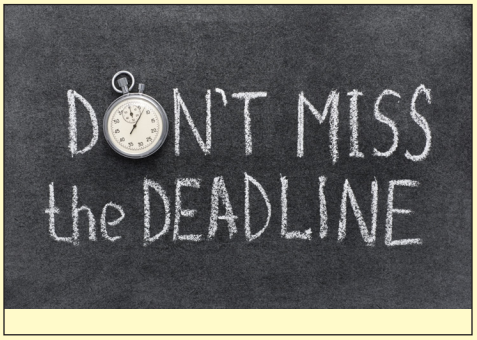
Mail form to: PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605
Fax form to: (919) 733-4209

Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

Activity Review

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CPA License Renewal Deadline is June 30

The deadline for individual CPA license renewal for North Carolina CPAs is June 30.

To access the online renewal, navigate to the Board's homepage, nccpaboard.gov, and click on the "Renew My CPA License" link in the "How Do I?" box.

Instructions for completing the renewal were published in the April issue of the Activity Review and are included in the online renewal.

When completing your renewal, make sure you check the appropriate box related to your CPE.

Failure to accurately report your CPE or not having the proper CPE may result in a forfeited certificate and a $1,000.00 civil penalty through a Consent Order.

For general questions about CPA license renewal, contact the Board's Licensing Manager, Buck Winslow, at buckw@nccpaboard.gov.

For specific questions about CPE, contact the Board's Licensing Specialist Cammie Emery, at cemery@nccpaboard.gov.

Board Performs Background Checks on Exam and License Applicants

North Carolina General Statutes §93-2 and §93-12(5) provide that to be eligible to take the Uniform CPA Examination (Exam) and/or be licensed as a CPA in this State, individuals must be of good moral character. Good moral character speaks to an individual's honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, and fitness to be identified as a CPA.

The initial application that an individual submits to sit for the Exam asks if the applicant has "ever been charged, arrested, convicted, found guilty of, received a prayer for judgment continued, or pleaded nolo contendere to any criminal offense, excluding non-criminal traffic infractions."

The application also includes an affidavit section whereby the applicant authorizes the Board to "verify any of the representations and information . . .by any means including a criminal records check or other background check."

Similar statements as to good moral character and authorization for the Board to make investigative inquiries are part of the application documents for CPA licensure.

It is incumbent upon each Exam and licensure applicant to carefully review the information presented on his or her application and to provide the proper responses to the questions pertaining to moral character.

Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08F .0103 and .0502, the Board performs



criminal background checks on all initial Exam applicants, original CPA license applicants, and reciprocal CPA license applicants—approximately 1,700 applicants annually.

The background check is performed at the initial receipt of the application. If the background check is clean, the application moves forward for processing and approval.

If a positive result is identified through the background check, the application is held until the applicant provides the Board with sufficient

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Disciplinary Actions

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JOSEPH S. ATWELL, #12973 | GREENSBORO, NC

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

1. Joseph S. Atwell, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 12973 as a certified public accountant.
2. The Respondent informed the Board that he had received a censure from the North Carolina State Bar ("Bar").
3. The Bar found probable cause that the Respondent had violated their rules of conduct regarding his handling of an estate matter.
4. By virtue of the Bar censure, there is prima facie evidence that the Respondent violated 21 NCAC 08N .0204 (Discipline by Federal and State Authorities) and other Board rules.
5. 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 aforementioned facts are prima facie evidence that, if proven at hearing, would establish a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0204.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) 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 Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent, Joseph S. Atwell, is censured.
2. The Respondent's certificate is suspended for one (1) year. That suspension is stayed.
3. The Respondent shall remit with this signed Consent Order a two thousand dollar ($2,000) civil penalty.

Approved by the Board April 23, 2018.

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RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its April 23, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Amy Elizabeth Wellman Barrett, #19635	Orange Park, FL
Minh Truong Graham, #29267	Raleigh, NC
Sonia Michie Sesta, #35049	Matthews, NC
Christy Alexander Tyndall, #18205	Charlotte, NC

Reissuance

Kelly Thornton Hughlet, #29609	Carolina Beach, NC
Yuliya Sergeyevna Morris, #37859	Wake Forest, NC
Chase Corbin Sommer, #41107	Raleigh, NC

DARREN L. BRADY, #31712 | CHARLOTTE, NC

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

1. Darren Brady, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 31712 as a certified public accountant.
2. The Board received a complaint from one of the Respondent's non-attest clients.
3. At the Respondent's request, the client provided the Respondent a loan of $150,000. The loan was reflected in a promissory note ("Note") dated August 28, 2008. The Respondent was to pay off the Note through monthly installment payments.
4. The client made the loan based upon the Respondent's representation that he intended to use the money to purchase the portfolio of another CPA firm and open a new location.
5. The client asserts that rather than using the money to expand his practice, the Respondent made other investments that were unsuccessful.
6. The Respondent has confirmed that the loan proceeds were not utilized to purchase the CPA firm as originally intended.
7. The Respondent has subsequently failed to make timely payments and has defaulted on the loan.
8. 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. 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 has obtained a loan from a client and did not apply the proceeds in the way which was represented.
3. The aforementioned conduct constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0202 and .0203.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) 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 Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent, Darren Brady, is censured.

Approved by the Board April 23, 2018.

Certificates Issued

On March 21, 2018, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following individuals:

Ashley Anderson Adams
Anthony Warner Allen
Larry Daniel Allen
Philip Emmanuel Bazikian
Amanda Leigh Bergantino
Bridget Jennifer Bergin
Dennis Keith Berry, Jr.
Lakshminarayana Bhaskar
Steven Howard Brown
Georgette Liana Chastang
Brian Russell Crutchfield
Juan Carlos Cruz
Michelle Gail D'Amico
Lyman Douglas Dehner
Andrew Joseph Farris
Karl Francis Fisher
Victoria Garnett Ford
Laura Beth Frazier
Trevor Clay Gardner
Keith Thomas Gearity
Jacob Lawrence Green
William Joseph Gruspier
Brandon David Hall
Lisa Kimberly Hall
Kelly Ann Hanlon
Allison Joyce Harden
Carolyn Ann Harvey
Rachel Suzanne Hebden
Robert Alan Henry
Paul Edward Huckle
Russell Lowell Hunter
Lindsay Marie Johnson
Shaun Farhad Kazemian
Jonathan Nicholas Keller
Marissa Ann Kenn
Brittany Lynne King
Evan Eugene Kropp
Justin Michael Locklear
Svitlana Mykolayivna Loomis
Patricia Elizabeth Mann
Jeanne Louise Martin
Laurel Provitola McAtee
Terrance Mark McCaffery
Sarah Frances McKinney
Tyler Wilson Miles
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Tory Jay Raether
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Alan Erik Turovlin
Theresa L. Walner
Michelle Marie Wells
Kara Lynn White
Lisa Allen White
Kristin Vernelle Wilkerson
Yuhui Zeng





Disciplinary Actions: CPE Audit

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee's record. In the record, click on the "Details" link and select "View" under the Public Documents heading.

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

TERESA ANN JONES, #29813 | CHARLOTTE, NC

The Board opened a case against Teresa Ann Jones (Respondent Jones) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including the mandated ethics course, as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Jones signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Jones may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 55 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Jones' CPA license.

Approved by the Board March 21, 2018.

PATRICK J. COLEMAN, #32852 | CHARLOTTE, NC

The Board opened a case against Patrick J. Coleman (Respondent Coleman) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including the mandated ethics course, as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Coleman signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Coleman may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 72 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Coleman's CPA license.

Approved by the Board April 23, 2018.

NEIL BERNARD MCLEAN, #33148 | HUNTERSVILLE, NC

The Board opened a case against Neil Bernard McLean (Respondent McLean) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent McLean signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent McLean may apply to return his certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 44 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent McLean's CPA license.

Approved by the Board April 23, 2018.

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on March 21, 2018, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Edward P. Cooper (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 14723 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
3. Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-38(c).
4. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
5. Respondent did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
6. Respondent was present at the Hearing and was represented by counsel.
7. The Board received a third-party complaint against the Respondent regarding audits performed. Among other things, the Complainant stated that the audit reports prepared by the Respondent for the years ended December 31, 2014, and 2015, respectively, were dated prior to the signing of the management representation letters for each of those years.
8. For the 2014 audit, the audit report and management representation letter were dated July 17, 2015. However, the management representation letter was not signed until November 14, 2016. The audit was issued on that date.
9. Similarly, for the 2015 audit, both the audit report and management representation letter were dated December 1, 2016. However, the management representation letter was not signed until January 30, 2017, and the audit report was not issued until February 10, 2017.
10. At 21 NCAC 08N .0403, the Board has adopted the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards as generally accepted auditing standards applicable to its licensees.
11. Statement on Audit Standards No. 122 became effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2012. Part of that Statement is codified by the AICPA as AU-C §580 and AU-C 700.
12. Per AU-C §700.41, "[t]he auditor's report should be dated no earlier than the date on which the auditor has obtained sufficient appropriate evidence on which to base the auditor's opinion on the financial statements, including evidence that . . . management has asserted that they have taken responsibility for those financial statements."
13. Per AU-C §580.03, written representations from management are necessary information that the auditor requires in connection with the audit of the client's financial statements.
14. Because he had not yet obtained signed written representations from management as of the date of the audit report, the Respondent had not obtained sufficient appropriate evidence upon which to base an opinion on that date in violation of AU-C §700.
15. 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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.
2. 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. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties.
3. The aforementioned Findings of Fact constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of seven (7) to zero (0) that:

1. Respondent, Edward P. Cooper, CPA, shall pay a civil monetary penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00).

Approved by the Board March 21, 2018.

Background Checks *continued from page 1*

information that permits processing of the application to proceed. Please note that the Board's background check software often categorizes traffic offenses as criminal offenses.

The Board's initial inquiry asks the applicant to confirm that the criminal charge is truly the applicant's charge and if it is, to submit a written statement and documentation, such as court documents, to explain the charge.

If the charge is not the applicant's, then he or she must provide documentation that confirms an error was made in the source document.

If a positive result is returned from the background check and the applicant did not declare the charge on his or her application, the applicant must explain why he or she failed to disclose the charge.

After receiving the applicant's response to the Board's inquiry, the Board staff summarizes the information and provides it to the Board's Education and Applications Committee for review.

The Committee then instructs the Board staff as to how to handle the matter.

Applicants come from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances, and a blemished record does not automatically disqualify an applicant from sitting for the Exam or becoming licensed as a CPA; the Board is not prohibited from approving applicants with a criminal record.

The Board considers each situation on a case-by-case basis, and rarely do the offenses result in an applicant being denied the opportunity to move forward.

If you have questions about background checks on applicants, please contact the Board's Deputy Director, David R. Nance, CPA, at dnance@nccpaboard.gov, or the Board's Staff Attorney, Frank Trainor, at ftrainor@nccpaboard.gov.

Inactive Status

Between April 10, 2018, and April 30, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

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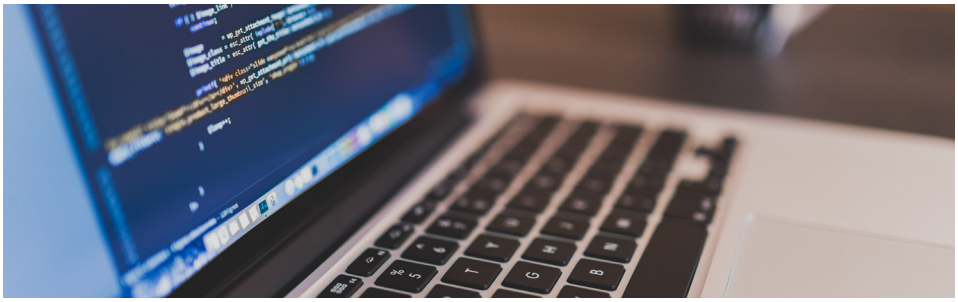
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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

Activity Review

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CPA Firm Websites Must Comply with Board Rules

Did you know that the Board considers a CPA firm's website to be a form of advertising, and as such, it must comply with the Board's rules, including 21 NCAC 08N .0306, *Advertising or Other Forms of Solicitation*?

21 NCAC 08N .0306(d) allows a CPA firm to advertise using a portion of the firm name, initials, or acronyms derived from the firm name.

However, the exact firm name as registered with the Board must be included on the firm's website so that it is easily accessible to anyone using the website.

The firm's contact information, including the firm's principal place of business and business telephone number, must be included on the website.

Firms should also include email addresses, mailing addresses, and fax numbers so that consumers may easily communicate with the firm.

As with all other forms of advertising, the website must not contain information that is deceptive or that may be misleading.

For example, the use of qualitative and quantitative terms such as "reasonable" or "affordable" is discouraged.

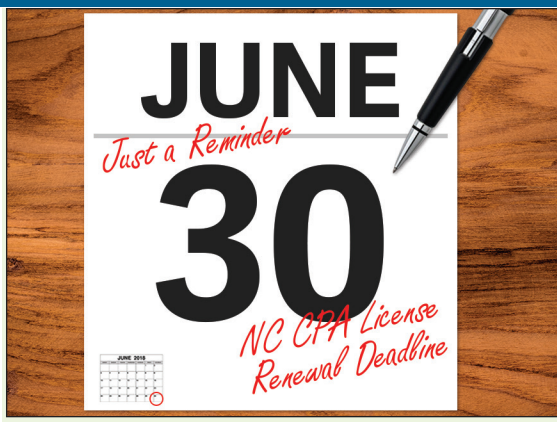
What one person may consider to be reasonable or affordable may not be reasonable or affordable to someone else.

Although a CPA may advertise the nature of services provided to clients, the CPA cannot advertise or indicate a designation or other title unless he or she has met the requirements of the title or designation and is on active status and in good standing with the granting organization for that title or designation. [*The Board does not approve or authorize designations or separate titles, and the use of such designations is for public information purposes only.*]

The Board permits the use of terms such as "specializing in" or "specialization" in firm advertising, including websites, to indicate a concentration in or limitation of practice to certain areas.

However, a CPA or CPA firm may not use "specialist" in any form of advertising or solicitation.

***Websites** continued on page 6*



CPA License Renewal Deadline

The June 30, 2018, deadline for renewing your North Carolina CPA license is just days away.

The renewal link is in the "How Do I" box on the homepage of the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**. The link to request inactive status is also in the "How Do I" box.

A CPA who doesn't complete the renewal or request inactive status before July 1, 2018, may receive a Letter of Demand from the Board.

Failure to renew your license or request inactive status within 30 days of the mailing of the Letter of Demand will result in an automatic forfeiture of your CPA license.

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Disciplinary Actions

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

BELINDA L. JOHNSON, #31871 | BELINDA L. JOHNSON, CPA, P.A. | CHARLOTTE, NC

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on May 19, 2016, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Belinda L. Johnson (hereinafter "Respondent Johnson") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Respondent Belinda Johnson CPA, P.A. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting professional corporation in North Carolina.
3. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent Johnson and Respondent Firm (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Respondents") and the subject matter of this action.
4. Respondents received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42(a).
5. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
6. Respondents did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
7. Respondents were present at the Hearing and were not represented by counsel.
8. In 2013, Respondent Firm was reviewed by a peer reviewer approved as a peer review firm by the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants ("2013 Peer Review engagement"). Respondent Firm received a fail on that peer review. The peer reviewer's determination was reviewed and approved by the NCACPA Peer Review Committee.
9. The failed peer review noted a material departure from Generally Accepted Auditing Standards ("GAAS") by Respondent Firm. The peer review report recommended that Respondent Firm reissue the audited financial statement and reports of a not-for-profit client ("Audit Client").
10. Respondent Johnson and Respondent Firm have disputed the results of the peer review. Respondent Johnson and Respondent Firm refused to reissue the Audit Client's audited financial statements.
11. Evidence presented at hearing established that Respondent Johnson failed to take adequate steps necessary to fulfill all terms of that peer review contract.
12. Expert witness testimony was presented at Hearing. That testimony corroborated the findings made during the peer review process. Specifically, the testimony established that the audit performed by the Respondents for the Audit Client did not meet the audit standards adopted by the Board.
13. The Board staff later requested the working papers for the audit performed for the Audit Client. Respondent Johnson refused to provide that documentation within twenty-one (21) days.
14. Evidence presented at Hearing also showed that Respondent Johnson did not always respond to Board inquiries within the twenty-one (21) days allowed by regulation. Most notably, the Board reviewed correspondence from Respondent Johnson to the Board dated September 4, 2015, in which she refused to provide information to the Board staff regarding her audit workpapers.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.
2. Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon Respondents and to impose civil monetary penalties.
3. Respondent Johnson's failures to comply with Government Auditing Standards and generally accepted auditing standards constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0409, .0403, and .0212.
4. Respondent Johnson's failure to fulfill the terms of a peer review engagement contract constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0203(b)(4).
5. Respondent Johnson's failure to timely respond to the Board staff's inquiries constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 6 to 0 that:

1. Respondent Firm's registration shall be suspended for three (3) years, or until Respondent Firm provides proof satisfactory to the Board that it has fulfilled the terms of the 2013 Peer Review engagement in compliance with 21 NCAC 08N .0203(b)(4), whichever occurs first.
2. Respondent Johnson shall pay a $1,000 civil penalty for her failure to comply with Government Auditing Standards and generally accepted auditing standards in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0409, .0403, and .0212, and for failing to cause her Respondent Firm to comply with those same regulations.
3. Respondent Johnson shall pay a $1,000 civil penalty for her failure to cooperate with the Board in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.
4. Respondent Johnson's CPA certificate is revoked for a period of five (5) years; however, the revocation is stayed provided Respondent Johnson complies with all North Carolina accountancy laws and rules during the period of the stayed revocation.

Approved by the Board June 23, 2016.

Board Prevails in NC Supreme Court Case

The Board Order in the matter of Belinda L. Johnson, NC CPA No. 31871, and Belinda Johnson, CPA, PA, was appealed by Ms. Johnson and assigned to Wake County Superior Court as a Complex Business Case.

On May 1, 2017, Judge Gregory P. McGuire entered an Opinion and Order (**www.ncbusinesscourt.net/opinions/2017_NCBC_39.pdf**) affirming the June 23, 2016, Board Order. Ms. Johnson appealed the matter to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

On May 11, 2018, the NC Supreme Court Opinion (**http://appellate.nccourts.org/opinions/?c=1&pdf=36988**) issued by Justice Barbara Jackson affirmed the Business Court's decision affirming the Board's disciplinary action against Belinda L. Johnson, NC CPA No. 31871, and Belinda Johnson, CPA, PA.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

At its May 24, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Kimberly Beth Boyle, #24597	Apex, NC
Gregory Lee Conner, #19486	Atlanta, GA
Tracy Rogers Davis, #25075	Columbia, SC
Juan C. Espin-Arroyo, #31835	Charlotte, NC
Christopher Brian Hosmer, #33235	New York, NY
Timothy Edward Mullis, #18432	Durham, NC

Reissuance

D. Lisa Joseph, #33419	Pittsboro, NC

Certificates Issued

On May 24, 2018, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following individuals:

Michael Joseph Abbott
Naida Aliyeva
Ashley M. Anderson
Zachary Page Anderson
Paul Gregory Atkins
Stavros Bakirtzis
Duncan Louis Belo
Ashlee Jeannette Bongfeldt
Sara Catherine Boswell
Cindy Le Anh Broccolo
Elaina Christine Brock
Andrew Riley Bryson
Raymond Owen Burrows
Colin Michael Caldwell
Kimberly Lynn Henry Carson
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Amy Urbina Leopold
Shaun Alane Lockhart
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Dananjaya Nimal Mayadunne
Natascia McCraight
Matthew Weafer Michel
Joshua James Miller
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Mary Katherine Murwin
Lucas William Nash
Abigail Anna Nelson
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Hogan Lee Sellers
Stephen Michael Sheller, Jr.
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Emma Leigh Templeman
Clinton Douglas Thomas
Joel Cameron Townsend
Nathan Zachariah Uzenski
Jennifer Danielle Walton
Evan James Wardrop
Taylor Irene Westerhof



Request for Inactive Status

NC CPAs may request inactive status through the Board's website. To access the online form, click on the "Resources" tab then click on "Request for Inactive Status."

After completing and submitting the form, you will receive an email from the Board that summarizes the information you entered and notifies you that your request for inactive status has been approved.

2018 Board Meetings

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Raleigh, NC Fri., July 23 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Aug. 20 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Sept. 17 10:00 a.m.
OCTOBER	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Raleigh, NC Thurs., Oct. 25 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Nov. 19 10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC Mon., Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public and licensees and candidates are encouraged to attend. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 1101 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh 27605.

CHARLES GREGORY PORTER, #14605 | GREENSBORO, NC

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on April 23, 2018, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
3. The Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-38(c).
4. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
5. The Respondent did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
6. The Respondent was present at the Hearing and was represented by counsel.
7. The Respondent was, at all relevant times, listed as the supervising CPA for the firm, Porter & Company, P.C. Certified Public Accountants ("Firm"), and had ultimate responsibility for the filing and remittance of taxes withheld from the Firm's employees' paychecks.
8. Beginning in the first quarter of 2012, the Firm experienced difficulties in timely remitting payroll tax payments to the IRS, resulting in the filing of tax liens by the IRS.
9. In the first quarter of 2012, the Firm did not timely pay its payroll taxes. The payments were not made until an installment agreement was approved by the IRS, the final payments occurring in 2016.
10. In each quarter of 2014 and the first quarter of 2015, the Respondent's Firm attempted to make payroll tax deposits, but those deposits were dishonored.
11. The Respondent has presented information indicating that many of the payroll issues were due to the actions of employees of the Firm and/or software issues.
12. Nevertheless, per 21 NCAC 08N .0103 and other applicable law, it was the Respondent's responsibility to timely file and remit the payroll taxes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.
2. 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. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties.
3. The aforementioned facts constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, and .0207.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 6 to 0 that:

1. Respondent's Certificate is revoked for three (3) years.

Approved by the Board April 23, 2018.

2017 Elijah Watt Sells Award Winners

The AICPA has honored 58 Uniform CPA Exam candidates with the 2017 Elijah Watt Sells Award. A total of 95,858 individuals sat for the Uniform CPA Exam in 2017.

To be eligible for the award, candidates had to obtain a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the Exam; pass all four sections of the Exam on their first attempt; and complete testing in 2017.

The following winners either sat for the Exam as a North Carolina candidate or graduated from a college or university in North Carolina:

- **Alison Katherine MacKay** is a graduate of Clemson University with a BS in Accounting and MS in Accounting. She is employed with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- **Kevin Miller** is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in History and Russian and MA in History from Stanford University. He is employed with ThayerONeal in Sugar Land, Texas.
- **Aubrey Ramsdell O'Rourke** is a graduate of Wake Forest University with a BS in Accountancy and MS in Accountancy. She is employed with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago, Illinois.
- **Christopher Pacitto** is a graduate of Elon University with a BS in Accounting. He is employed with RSM US LLP in Boston, Massachusetts.
- **Wesley Sweigart** is a graduate of UNC-CH with a BS in Accounting and MS in Accounting. He is employed with RSM US LLP in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- **Katherine Anne Warlick** is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in Journalism and MBA from George Mason University. She is employed with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP in Charlotte, North Carolina.

LARRY E. CARPENTER, CPA, PA | GREENVILLE, NC

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

1. Larry E. Carpenter, CPA, PA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. The Board received a referral from the NC Office of the State Auditor ("OSA") alleging that the Respondent Firm had submitted an audit report for a local government entity that did not meet applicable financial reporting requirements.
3. The Board requested the Respondent Firm address the audit report and audit documentation deficiencies as identified by OSA.
4. The Respondent Firm's audit procedures did not conform with generally accepted auditing standards.
5. The audit documentation was insufficient and did not conform with generally accepted auditing standards.
6. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this Order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. If the Respondent Firm opts to continue to provide audit services the following conditions must be met:
   a. All members of the Respondent firm must take at least sixteen (16) hours of group-study CPE related to audit documentation, risk assessments, internal control, and/or updated audit standards annually until the Respondent Firm receives a pass on a system peer review.
   b. The Respondent Firm must undergo a review of any audit prior to issuance of the audit report, pursuant to the Board's pre-issuance review procedures.
   3. The Respondent Firm shall pay a five hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.

Approved by the Board April 23, 2018.

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ANDREW K. HARRIS, CPA, PLLC | FARMVILLE, NC

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

1. Andrew K. Harris, CPA, PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. The Board received a referral from the NC Office of the State Auditor ("OSA") alleging that the Respondent Firm had submitted an audit report for a local government entity that did not meet applicable financial reporting requirements.
3. The Board requested the Respondent Firm address the audit report and audit documentation deficiencies as identified by OSA.
4. The Respondent Firm's audit procedures did not conform with generally accepted auditing standards.
5. The audit documentation was insufficient and did not conform with generally accepted auditing standards.
6. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this Order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. If the Respondent Firm opts to continue to provide audit services the following conditions must be met:
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   b. The Respondent Firm must undergo a review of any audit prior to issuance of the audit report, pursuant to the Board's pre-issuance review procedures.
3. The Respondent Firm shall pay a five hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.

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"Expertise" may be used when referring to an area of practice in which the CPA holds a specialty designation, but "expert" may be used only in conjunction with "witness" and then only if recognized as such by a court of law.

When listing individuals employed by the firm, the licensed staff and unlicensed staff must be listed in separate, distinct sections.

The sections must be clearly titled in such a way that the public will not be misled into believing that unlicensed staff members are licensed by this Board or are otherwise authorized to render professional services without the supervision of an individual licensed by the Board.

The section for licensed staff must include each person's name and North Carolina CPA license number and must indicate North Carolina as the jurisdiction of licensure.

Information about the CPA's position with the firm, professional experience, and contact information may be included.

For unlicensed staff, the individual's name, his or her job title, and contact information may be included.

The Board suggests that each North Carolina CPA firm periodically review its website for accuracy and compliance with the Board's rules.

If you have questions about your firm's website, please contact David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director, at **dnance@nccpaboard.gov**.

Inactive Status

Between May 1, 2018, and May 31, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

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Third-Party Complaints: Preventing and Responding to Them

To fulfill its mandate of protecting the public interest by monitoring the behavior and performance of CPAs and CPAs firms, the Board investigates all alleged violations of the NC General Statutes and Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct.

When those violations are alleged in a complaint from an individual or entity separate from the Board, it is called a third-party complaint.

While all CPAs and CPA firms are at risk for being the subject of a third-party complaint, the following tips may reduce that risk.

Understand the Statutes and Rules. All licensees are responsible for knowing the current statutes, rules (Administrative Code), and professional standards and complying with them.

If you don't understand a statute or rule or how it applies to you or your firm, ask the Board for an explanation or guidance.

When changes are made to the Board's statutes and rules, those changes are published on the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**, and in the *Activity Review*.

Make sure you keep up with changes to professional standards, pronouncements, and statements.

Know Your Professional Limits. As a CPA, you have experience with many types of engagements, but do you have the expertise to perform every engagement well?

If you have limited or no experience performing a type of engagement or have limited or no professional knowledge in that area, don't accept the engagement.

This doesn't mean you can't expand the scope of your services; it means that you must acquire the professional knowledge to perform the engagement well.

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More than 500 Letters of Demand Mailed

The Board mailed a Letter of Demand to each of the more than 500 North Carolina CPAs who failed to renew their licenses or request inactive status by July 1, 2018.



A Letter of Demand is a written request that the CPA renew his or her CPA certificate or request inactive status within 30 days of the date of the letter.

Failure of an individual to complete the license renewal or request inactive status within 30 days of the Letter of Demand automatically results in forfeiture of the CPA's certificate, as required by NCGS 93-12(15).

Upon forfeiture of a certificate, the individual cannot use the CPA title in any way, and he or she must return his or her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of the notice of forfeiture.

The license renewal link and inactive status request link are in the "How Do I" box on the home page of the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**. The online license renewal link will be available through July 31, 2018.

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Disciplinary Actions

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

ANTHONY M. SCLAFANI, #38387 | ANTHONY M. SCLAFANI CPA PC | WAKE FOREST, NC

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

1. Anthony M. Sclafani, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 38387 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Anthony M. Sclafani CPA PC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered professional corporation providing accounting services in North Carolina. The Respondent and Respondent Firm are collectively referred to as the "Respondents."
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Respondent Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
4. The AICPA provided information to the Board that the Respondent Firm had provided limited scope audits for an employee benefit plan for several years.
5. The Respondent Firm did not disclose those audits to the Board on its annual firm renewal and did not undergo peer review.
6. The United States Department of Labor ("DOL") subsequently provided information to the Board asserting that the Respondent Firm's audits of those same employee benefit plans were deficient.
7. As a mitigating circumstance, the Respondent has asserted that, prior to moving to North Carolina, he was subject to the jurisdiction of New York. He has correctly indicated that New York did not require peer review for firms of his size.
8. Nevertheless, the Respondent and Respondent Firm were subject to North Carolina laws and rules at the time that the audits were performed.
9. The North Carolina Board requires peer review of all firms performing audits, regardless of their size.
10. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondents' failure to perform audit services in accordance with standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. The Respondents' failure to register for peer review constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent is censured.
2. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.
3. In the event that the Respondent Firm performs any audits in the future, it must undergo a review of the audit prior to issuance of the audit report, pursuant to the Board's Pre-issuance Review Procedures.

Approved by the Board April 23, 2018.

GREEN-KRIST, CPA PLLC | CARY, NC

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

1. Green-Krist, CPA PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. The Respondent firm received a "fail" on its most recent system peer review, with an acceptance letter date of July 13, 2017.
3. The peer review report noted significant deficiencies in the conduct of a compilation engagement and its audit engagements.
4. The Respondent firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403, and .0212.
3. The Respondent firm's failure to perform accounting services in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0404 and .0212.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent firm's consent to this order, the Respondent firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent firm agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent firm is censured.
2. Prior to the Respondent firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any audits, the Respondent firm shall be required to complete the following:
   a. Each staff member participating in engagements subject to peer review must take eight (8) hours of Audit related and two (2) hours of SSARS related group-study A&A CPE annually until the firm receives a pass on a system review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement review.

Approved by the Board June 22, 2018.

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2018 Board Meetings

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Aug. 20 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 17 10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Oct. 25 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 19 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 1101 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh 27605.

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Source: AICPA

KENNETH F. JONES, #22311 | CLAYTON, NC

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

1. Kenneth F. Jones (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 22311 as a certified public accountant.
2. The Board received a complaint against the Respondent from one of his clients.
3. Upon review of the file, it became evident that a compilation report prepared by the Respondent did not utilize the correct language from SSARS 21. Further, the Respondent had not registered his firm for peer review.
4. Per 21 NCAC 08M .0105, CPA firms participating in compilation engagements must register for peer review within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the first report provided to a client.
5. The Respondent has registered for peer review and states that he will restrict his practice to preparation engagements only.
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 failure to meet the requirements of SSARS 21 in the completion of a compilation engagement constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0404.
3. The Respondent's failure to timely register his firm for peer review constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of 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 Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent, Kenneth F. Jones, must provide a letter to the Board stating that his attest and assurance practice going forward is limited to preparation services.
2. The Respondent must obtain a minimum of four (4) hours of SSARS related CPE for the next three (3) years, or until such time that he receives a pass on his next peer review.
3. The Respondent must pay a civil penalty of five hundred dollars ($500) for not timely registering for the peer review program.

Approved by the Board June 22, 2018.

NASBA Single Sign-On Account

All CPA Exam candidates must have a NASBA Single Sign-On (SSO) account to view/print/reprint Notices to Schedule and to access Exam scores. If you have not created your account, visit **candidate-portal .nasba.org** to get started.

To set up your SSO, you must use the same name, date of birth, and email address you used when applying to take the Exam. You will also need the jurisdiction code and your jurisdiction Candidate ID.

For North Carolina candidates, the jurisdiction code is "NC" and your jurisdiction Candidate ID is the unique candidate number assigned to you by the Board. If you do not have your jurisdiction Candidate ID, email **cbtcpa@nasba.org** and include your full name and your date of birth in your request.



Third-Party Complaints
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In addition, do not take on work that your staff cannot perform well or that you cannot adequately plan and supervise.

Develop and Execute an Effective Engagement Letter. An effective engagement letter asserts the scope of the services to be provided, outlines the responsibilities of the client and practitioner, and explains the fees to be charged.

If you think engagement letters are unnecessary, it may surprise you that the Board has closed several cases because the licensees had well-written engagement letters that refuted the allegations made in the complaints.

The 07-2016 issue of the *Activity Review* includes an in-depth article on effective engagement letters.

Set Realistic Deadlines. When a client contracts with you for services, be realistic with the time frame for performing the work. If it takes you 10 days to perform a similar engagement, don't tell the client that the engagement will be completed in five days.

If you are unable to complete an engagement within the specified time frame, tell the client as soon as possible. Document your conversation and follow up with an email, memo, or letter.

Take Relevant CPE. Continuing professional education (CPE) is intended to increase your professional competence so you can provide a high level of service to your clients.

You may be tempted to take easy, quick CPE to comply with the annual CPE requirement. Take courses that help you work smarter. Take classes that help you understand your clients' businesses. Take courses that make you a more knowledgeable, skilled CPA.

Communicate with Your Clients. Lack of clear communication with your clients is a recipe for disaster. Respond to client phone calls and emails in a timely manner. Make sure your clients understand what you are telling them; don't assume that they are fluent in accounting-speak.



Save the Date

CPA Day of Service
Friday, September 21, 2018
www.ncacpa.org/service

Don't Bury Your Head in the Sand. When you have a problem with an engagement or client, deal with it right away. Ignoring a seemingly small problem can easily turn into a situation that puts your license in jeopardy.

If you do have a problem with a client, document everything that happens; don't rely on your memory. If the information is not in writing, it might be presumed to be hearsay or a "she said, he said" situation.

Even though you practice accounting in a competent, professional, and ethical manner, you are not immune from clients filing complaints with the Board. The following tips may help you better navigate the complaint process.

Do Respond to the Board's Inquiry. When you are notified by the Board that a complaint has been filed against you or your firm, don't panic. You will have ample opportunity to provide your side of the story.

The Board will ask you to submit, by a specified date, documentation (*e.g.*, a copy of the engagement letter) that is relevant to the alleged violations. If you cannot respond by the specified deadline, let the Board know; the deadline may be extended.

By no means should you ignore the Board's request for information. Doing so means the Board does not have the information it needs to make an informed decision, and failure to respond to the Board's inquiry is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.

You may hire an attorney to handle the complaint, but you are not required to have legal counsel. If you do hire an attorney, let the Board know so that the Board can communicate directly with the attorney.

Do Respond in a Professional Manner. When a complaint is filed against you, you may feel attacked personally or think the complaint is without merit.

When providing the Board with the documents it has requested, make sure your written statements are clear and contain the facts of matter, not your opinion of the complainant or the credibility of the complaint.

Although the tips for avoiding a third-party complaint cannot guarantee that a complaint will not be filed against you or your firm, the tips for dealing with a complaint may make the process less overwhelming.

To learn more about the Board's third-party complaint process, please review the *Activity Review* article, "How Does the Board Investigate and Resolve Third-Party Complaints?" posted on the Resources page of the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**.

Contact the Board's Staff Attorney, Frank Trainor, Esq., at **ftrainor@nccpaboard.gov** with specific questions about a complaint.

FIRM REGISTRATION ORDERS

WILLIAM K. BAILEY, II, #30653
CHARLOTTE, NC

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. William K. Bailey (hereinafter "Mr. Bailey") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Bailey failed to timely renew or cancel the annual firm registration for William K. Bailey, CPA, 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. On February 8, 2018, Mr. Bailey informed the Board that he does not desire to renew the firm registration for William K. Bailey, CPA, for the coming year.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Bailey's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Bailey has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept William K. Bailey's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board May 24, 2018.

EARL RAY HONEYCUTT, JR., #16744
ANGIER, NC

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. Earl Ray Honeycutt, Jr. (hereinafter "Mr. Honeycutt"), is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Honeycutt failed to timely file the annual firm registration for Earl Ray Honeycutt, Jr., CPA, 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. Mr. Honeycutt subsequently renewed his firm registration, which was received by the Board on February 13, 2018.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Honeycutt's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Honeycutt has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Earl Ray Honeycutt, Jr.'s payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board May 24, 2018.

GERALD M. BAGGISH, CPA, #8647 | HENDERSONVILLE, NC

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. Gerald M. Baggish (hereinafter "Mr. Baggish") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Baggish failed to timely file the annual firm registration for Gerald M. Baggish, CPA, 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. Mr. Baggish subsequently renewed his firm registration, which was received by the Board on February 15, 2018.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Baggish's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Baggish has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Gerald M. Baggish's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board May 24, 2018.

Inactive Status

Between June 1, 2018, and June 22, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

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Tax Security 101: Safeguarding Your Computers and Email

The following information is excerpted from IRS News Release, IR-2018-150 issued July 17, 2018.

As part of the "Protect Your Clients; Protect Yourself: Tax Security 101" awareness campaign, the IRS and its Security Summit partners have outlined six critical steps tax professionals should take to protect their electronic systems and safeguard taxpayer data from cyber threats such as viruses, worms, Trojan horses, and bots.

The "Security Six" protections fall into several major security categories:

- Anti-virus software;
- Firewalls;
- Two-factor authentication;
- Backup software/services;
- Drive encryption; and
- Data security plan

Anti-Virus Software

Anti-virus software scans files or computer's memory for certain patterns that may indicate the presence of malicious software (i.e., malware).

Anti-virus software--sometimes more broadly referred to as anti-malware software--looks for patterns based on the signatures or definitions of known malware.

Anti-virus vendors find new and updated malware daily, so it is important to keep the software updated. By setting the software to automatically download updates, it will always be current.

Once you have installed an anti-virus package, make sure you scan your entire computer periodically.

Firewalls

Firewalls protect against outside attackers by shielding your computer or network from malicious or unnecessary network traffic and preventing malicious software from accessing the network.

Firewalls can be configured to block data from certain locations or applications while allowing relevant and necessary data through.

While properly configured firewalls may be effective at blocking some attacks, don't be lulled into a false sense of security.

Firewalls primarily help protect against malicious traffic, not against malicious programs (malware), and may not protect the device if the user accidentally installs malware.

However, using a firewall in conjunction with other protective measures will strengthen resistance to attacks.

Two-Factor Authentication

Two-factor authentication helps by adding an extra layer of protection. Often two-factor authentication means the returning user must

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Disciplinary Actions

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

GERRELENE M. WALKER, #7714 | GERRELENE M. WALKER, CPA, CFE | TARBORO, NC

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

1. Gerrelene M. Walker, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate #7714 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Gerrelene M. Walker, CPA, CFE (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. The Respondent and the Respondent Firm shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "Respondents."
3. In April 2010, the Respondent signed a Consent Order requiring her to obtain pre-issuance reviews of all audits of government units and component units of government until she was released from that requirement by the Board.
4. In April of 2012, the Respondent signed a second Consent Order (the "2012 Consent Order"). Per the 2012 Consent Order, the Respondent had violated her prior Consent Order by issuing audits without first having those audits reviewed by a pre-issuance reviewer. Notably, the Local Government Commission ("LGC") provided information that the Respondent had submitted an audit for the Town of Spring Hope without the required pre-issuance review.
5. The 2012 Consent Order imposed a two-year suspension of the Respondent's CPA certificate. It also required the Respondent to obtain pre-issuance reviews of all audits following the suspension.
6. Per the 2012 Consent Order, the Respondent specifically agreed that "failure to comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of her license."
7. In August 2017, the Board received a referral from the LGC alleging that the Respondent and the Respondent Firm had contracted with the City of Richfield to perform audit services. The LGC asserted that the audit was overdue by two years.
8. After referral of the matter to the Board, the Respondent finally submitted an audit to the LGC. That audit had been reviewed by a pre-issuance reviewer.
9. In August 2017, the Board also received a referral from the LGC regarding the audit of the Town of Spring Hope. The audit contract was with Maxton C. McDowell, CPA.
10. The LGC alleged that the Town of Spring Hope audit was late, and that the client has signed two extensions. The LGC also indicated that it had received a third extension request, but the Town of Spring Hope officials provided attestations that they had not signed or authorized the third extension request.
11. When asked by the Board about the potentially forged extension request, Maxton McDowell replied that he did not have any knowledge regarding the audit and that it had been performed by the Respondent. He did, however, point out that the extension request had been faxed from the Respondent's fax machine.
12. The Respondent did not provide any explanation of how the extension request had the signature of a town official.
13. Further, the Town of Spring Hope audit was submitted without having first been subjected to pre-issuance review.
14. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform audit services in a timely manner is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. The Respondent's issuance of an audit report without first subjecting that report to pre-issuance review is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0203(a) and .0203(b)(3).
4. If proven at hearing, the allegations that the Respondent had forged the signatures of town officials on an extension request would constitute a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0202 and .0203.

5. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent, Gerrelene M. Walker's, CPA certificate is permanently voluntarily surrendered.
2. The Respondent Firm's registration is suspended.
3. Neither Gerrelene M. Walker nor the Respondent Firm shall offer or render services as a CPA or CPA firm, or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall they claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon the Respondent's permanently voluntarily surrendered North Carolina CPA certificate or the Respondent Firm's suspended CPA firm registration.

Approved by the Board July 23, 2018.

MARGARET F. STAMPLEY, #27243 | CHARLOTTE, NC

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on May 24, 2018, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
3. Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-38(c).
4. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
5. Respondent did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
6. Respondent was not present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel.
7. The Board received a complaint against the Respondent from a client. The client alleges that she requested assistance from the Respondent to prepare her 2015 tax return. The client provided the Respondent with all documentation to prepare the return, as well as a Power of Attorney so that the Respondent could communicate with the IRS on her behalf.
8. The Respondent failed to complete the tax return and did not respond to numerous attempts at communication by the client.
9. The client never received the return. The client requested that the records that she had provided to the Respondent be returned to her. The client never received the requested records.
10. The Board staff attempted several times to contact the Respondent by mail, email, and telephone, but there was no response.
11. The Respondent has continued to hold herself out as a CPA following the forfeiture of her certificate on May 25, 2017.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.
2. 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. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties.
3. Respondent's failure to timely complete her engagement with the client and failure to return the client's records are violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0212 (Competence) and 21 NCAC 08N .0305 (Client Records) respectively.
4. Respondent's failure to timely communicate with the Board constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206 (Cooperation with Board Inquiry).
5. Respondent's continued holding herself out as a CPA constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213 (Other Rules).

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 7 to 0 that:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Margaret Stampley, is hereby permanently revoked.
2. Respondent Margaret Stampley shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon her permanently revoked North Carolina certificate.

Approved by the Board May 24, 2018.

Reclassifications

At its July 23, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatement

Mary Lucille Foy, #18786	Charlotte, NC
Carla Gardner Marshall, #18304	Winston-Salem, NC
Ashley Shavonne Middleton, #39475	Charlotte, NC
Cheryl Brooks Plozizka, #22869	Harkers Island, NC
Shelly Renee Simmerman, #29631	Shavano Park, TX
Margaret A. Szewczyk, #35966	Cary, NC

Reissuance

Jeffrey Robert Johnson, #38898	Mooresville, NC
Pamela Jean Strickland, #25225	Fayetteville, NC

2018 Board Meetings

SEPTEMBER
Sept. 17
10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER
Oct. 25
10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER
Nov. 19
10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER
Dec. 17
10:00 a.m.

Board meetings are open to the public. Applicants, candidates, and licensees are encouraged to attend meetings. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 1101 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh 27605.

Certificates Issued

On July 23, 2018, the Board issued North Carolina CPA certificates to the following individuals:

Hyen Adrong
Aradhana Aggarwal
Daniel Joseph Albanese
Denise Marie Anderson
Nicholas Samuel Anderson
Seth William Anderson
Richard Leroy Arnold, Jr.
Alicia Ann Ayers
Elizabeth K. Bagwell
Timothy Edward Baisley
Nicholas Alfred Barnas
Nancy Barker Beazley
Stephen Clayton Beloin
Thomas Joseph Bickes
Katherine Marie Bierman
Leah Camille Bitetti
Stefenie Howell Brinson
Cassie Patricia Bumgarner
John Thomas Burnett
Chad Barton Chandler
Carolyn Beth Coonce
Michael Francis Cosolito
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E'Meka Shirrell Davis
Peter John Delvecchia
Leah Henderson Dryden
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Jennifer Foppe Louis
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David Michael Pickett
Kristie Alise Ploetzke
Mary Katherine Rawn
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Tony Lamar Rowland
Taylor Thomas Rule
Erik Herman Ruppert
Alison Thornal Santiago
Eric Saxx
Melissa Van Acker Scanlon
Anna Marie Schiltz
Christopher L. Schumacher
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Nicola Steele
Jennifer T. Stephenson
Kyle Andrew Stinman
Bryan Daniel Stinson
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Everett Eugene Swimm
Hannah Victoria Tennyson
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Ying Yu
Limin Zhao

CPE Audit Consent Orders

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee's record. In the record, click on the "Details" link and select "View" under the Public Documents heading.

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

CHERYL ANN SMITH, #36810, CARY, NC

The Board opened a case against Cheryl Ann Smith (Respondent Smith) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including the mandated ethics course, as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Smith signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Smith may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 80 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Smith's CPA license.

Approved by the Board May 24, 2018.

JULIE MELINDA COLLINS STEVENS, #27120, SMITHFIELD, NC

The Board opened a case against Julie Melinda C. Stevens (Respondent Stevens) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Stevens signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Stevens may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 64 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Stevens' CPA license.

Approved by the Board June 22, 2018.

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2018 Q-1

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	811
New Candidates	280
Total Sections	991
Passing 4th Section	101
Sections / Candidates	1.22
Pass Rate	54.89%
Average Score	73.57

Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	354	77.09	64.97%
Re-Exam	637	71.62	49.45%
AUD	294	73.79	52.38%
BEC	250	79.11	71.6%
FAR	213	68.12	43.19%
REG	234	72.35	51.28%

Jurisdiction Ranking

Candidates	Sections
14	16
10	6
Pass Rate	Avg Score

Safeguards, *continued from page 1*

enter credentials (username and password) plus another step such as entering a security code sent via text to a mobile phone.

The idea is a thief may be able to steal the username and password, but it's highly unlikely they also would have a user's mobile phone to receive a security code and complete the process.

The use of two-factor authentication and even three-factor authentication is on the rise; you should always opt for a multi-factor authentication protection when it is offered, whether on an email account or tax software account or any password-protected product.

Backup Software/Services

Critical files on computers should routinely be backed up to external sources. This means a copy of the file is made and stored either online as part of a cloud storage service or similar product. Or, a copy of the file is made to an external disk, such as an external hard drive that now comes with multiple terabytes of storage capacity.

You should make sure that sensitive information (such as taxpayer data) is encrypted.

Drive Encryption

Given the sensitive client data maintained on accounting professionals' computers, users should consider drive encryption software for full-disk encryption.

Drive encryption, or disk encryption, transforms data on the computer into unreadable files for the unauthorized person accessing the computer.

Drive encryption may come as a stand-alone security software product. It may also include encryption for removable media, such as a thumb drive and its data.

Data Security Plan

The Security Summit also reminds tax professionals of several other important steps. All professional tax return preparers must have a written data security plan as required by the Federal Trade Commission and its Safeguards Rule.

Tax professionals also can get help with security recommendations and creating a data security plan by reviewing the recently revised IRS Publication 4557, *Safeguarding Taxpayer Data*, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's *Small Business Information Security: The Fundamentals*.

IRS Publication 5293, *Data Security Resource Guide for Tax Professionals*, provides a compilation of data theft information available on **IRS.gov**.

Although the "Security Six" is geared toward tax professionals, these steps are a good idea for accounting professionals, as well as taxpayers and small businesses.

For more information, visit the "Protect Your Clients; Protect Yourself: Tax Security 101" page on **IRS.gov**.



CPA Foundation Announces Revamped Scholarship Program

The NC CPA Foundation, Inc., is pleased to announce a revamped scholarship program for students interested in becoming licensed as North Carolina CPAs.

The Foundation has created an award pool for specific levels/types of education along the path to becoming a CPA.

The Foundation is committed to awarding scholarships to students currently enrolled in the following North Carolina programs:

- Community college;
- Four-year college/university undergraduate; and
- Master of Accounting.

The 2018 scholarship application period will run from September 1, 2018, through October 31, 2018.

Award winners will be announced by December 7, 2018, and funds will be disbursed by December 31, 2018.

More information is available by searching for "scholarship" on the NCACPA website, **www.ncacpa.org**.

This information is provided as a courtesy to the NCACPA and the NC CPA Foundation, Inc. The Board is not affiliated with the NCACPA or the NC CPA Foundation, Inc.



Inactive Status

Between June 25, 2018, and July 2, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20)states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

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Ethan Bicher Cohen, #40210	Charlotte, NC
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Mary Terese Masterson, #14002	Doral, FL
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Timothy Lee Kennedy, #12877	Cary, NC
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Pamela Jean Lemieux, #24703	Pleasant Garden, NC
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Michael Alan Mankowski, #29643	Chapel Hill, NC
Brian Kudzanai Masunda, #39303	Hanover, NH
Katherine Anne Murphree, #31180	Cameron, NC
Patrick Papa, #17176	Charlotte, NC
Roger Parro, #17119	Raleigh, NC
Drew Parson Phillips, #39740	San Diego, CA
Dorothy Ann Wilson Rash, #17978	Reidsville, NC
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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

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Board Welcomes Two New Members

The North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners is pleased to announce that Gary R. Massey, CPA, of Raleigh, and Michael S. Massey, CPA, of Morrisville, have been appointed as members of the Board.

The office of Governor Roy Cooper announced the appointments in late July, and the new members were sworn the Oath of Office at the Board's August 20, 2018, meeting. Their terms will expire June 30, 2021.

Gary R. Massey, CPA



Gary R. Massey is Director (Triangle) at CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, and is Senior Advisor, Healthcare Policy and Finance with Cansler Collaborative Resources, Inc.

He was licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1980.

As a member of the NCACPA, Massey has served as a member and chair of the Health Care Conference Committee and as a member of the Member Connections Committee.

He is a member of the AICPA and numerous state and national health care associations.

He graduated from North Carolina State University with degrees in accounting and business management.

In 2007, Massey received the *Alumni of the Year Award* from the Poole College of Management at North Carolina State University.

Michael S. Massey, CPA



Michael S. Massey was licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 2009, and is Vice President of Product and Wealth Management at Georgia's Own Credit Union.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University and a Master of Business Administration from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill.

A past member of the NCACPA Board of Directors, Massey has been active on various NCACPA committees including the Investment Committee, Audit Committee, Diversity Action Committee (Chair), and Member Connections Committee.

In addition, he is a member of the AICPA.

Massey is a Certified Product Manager through the Association of International Product Marketing & Management.

Accounting Enrollments Stay Strong

Enrollments in undergraduate and graduate accounting programs for the 2015-2016 school year totaled more than 250,000.

That's according to the *2017 Trends in the Supply of Accounting Graduates and Demand for Public Accounting Recruits* report, released by the AICPA in late August.

While undergraduate enrollments were at an all-time high, the report found projected master's enrollments in accounting returning to pre-2014 levels.

The number of undergraduate degrees awarded in the 2015-2016 academic year remained strong, totaling the second highest on record and representing a five percent increase from 2013-2014.

While master's degrees awarded saw a decline from the historic level seen in 2013-2014, they were also the second highest on record.

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Disciplinary Actions

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

SEILER, SINGLETON & ASSOCIATES | WASHINGTON, NC

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

1. Seiler, Singleton & Associates, PA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. The Respondent Firm was subject to a quality review of audit documentation by the NC Office of the State Auditor ("OSA"). Prior to any quality review procedures, the Respondent Firm notified the reviewer of the Respondent Firm's decision to discontinue all audit services.
3. As a result of their quality review, the Board received a referral from the OSA alleging that the Respondent Firm had submitted an audit report for a local government entity that did not meet applicable financial reporting requirements.
4. The Board requested the Respondent Firm to address the audit report and audit documentation deficiencies as identified by OSA.
5. The Respondent Firm's audit procedures did not conform to generally accepted auditing standards.
6. The audit documentation was insufficient and did not conform to generally accepted auditing standards.
7. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. The Respondent Firm has confirmed that it does not currently intend to engage in audit services.
3. If the Respondent Firm opts to provide audit services in the future, the following conditions must be met:

a. All members of the Respondent Firm must take at least sixteen (16) hours of group-study CPE related to audit documentation, risk assessments, internal control, and/or updated audit standards annually until the Respondent Firm receives a pass on a system peer review.

b. The Respondent Firm must undergo a review of any audit prior to issuance of the audit report, pursuant to the Board's Pre-issuance Review Procedures.

4. The Respondent Firm shall pay a five hundred dollar ($500) administrative cost to be remitted with this signed Consent Order.

Approved by the Board July 23, 2018.

2018 Board Meetings

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Oct. 25 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 19 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.

Firm Registration Orders

The following Orders were approved by the Board on June 22, 2018.

James Davis Blount, III, #17475
Cary, NC

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. James Davis Blount, III (hereinafter "Mr. Blount"), is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Blount failed to timely file the annual firm registration for J. Davis Blount, III, CPA PA, 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. Mr. Blount subsequently renewed his firm registration, which was received by the Board on March 26, 2018.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Blount's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Blount has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept James Davis Blount, III's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Paul L. Constantino, CPA, #31863
Whitsett, NC

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. Paul L. Constantino (hereinafter "Mr. Constantino") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Constantino failed to timely file the annual firm registration for Paul L. Constantino CPA 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. Mr. Constantino subsequently renewed his firm registration, which was received by the Board on February 15, 2018.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Constantino's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Constantino has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Paul L. Constantino's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Anthony M. Gagliardi, #36842
Snead's Ferry, NC

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. Anthony M. Gagliardi (hereinafter "Mr. Gagliardi") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Gagliardi failed to timely file the annual firm registration for Anthony M. Gagliardi, CPA, 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. Mr. Gagliardi subsequently renewed his firm registration, which was received by the Board on February 26, 2018.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Gagliardi's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Gagliardi has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Anthony M. Gagliardi's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Jeffrey Kistler Jones, #41115
Lancaster, OH

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. Jeffrey Kistler Jones (hereinafter "Mr. Jones") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Jones failed to timely renew or cancel the annual firm registration for J. K. Jones CPA, PC, 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. On February 9, 2018, Mr. Jones informed the Board that he does not desire to renew the firm registration for J. K. Jones CPA, PC, for the coming year.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Jones' infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Jones has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Jeffrey Kistler Jones' payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

CPE Audit Consent Orders

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee's record. In the record, click on the "Details" link and select "View" under the Public Documents heading.

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

STEVEN L. ROYAL, #14892 THURMOND, NC

The Board opened a case against Steven L. Royal (Respondent Royal) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Royal signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Royal may apply to return his CPA certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 60 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Royal's CPA license.

Approved by the Board May 24, 2018.

KAREN ELIZABETH PALCZUK, #15882, Raleigh, NC

The Board opened a case against Karen Elizabeth Palczuk (Respondent Palczuk) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including the mandated ethics course, as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Palczuk signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Palczuk may apply to return her certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 80 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Palczuk's CPA license.

Approved by the Board August 20,2018.

Certificates Issued

On August 20, 2018, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

Daniel Duncan Ambrose
Timothy Michael Baynes
Brandon Windsor Davis Blackerby
Rosalind Brandt Brownback
Julie Ward Byrum
Xiaoyun Q. Casella
Michael Dana Cento
Adam Harris Dailey
Daniel Edward Dapkiewicz
Charles Joseph DelPapa
Taylor Michelle Edge
John Simmons Fallaw
Caroline Hill Ficklen
Garrett Alan Gidlow
Kelly Ann Gooderham
Nathaniel Richard Harnden
Daniel Joseph Harris
Autumn Leigh Hester
Courtney Beth Hickland
Ethan Robert Howell
Alex Hunt
Emily Corinne Jones
Michael Joseph Kentfield
Sarah Jane Krasnecky
Charles Harris Lehrman
Hona Kim Moore
Luke John Morris
Patrick Joseph Munchel
Vineet Vijay Naik
Christopher Jacob Okrasinski
Richard William Parrish
Meghan Elizabeth Peddycord
John Gaillard Perez
Ulysses Musashi Peterson
James Clifford Post
Michele Marie Pratt
Tina Marie Preslar
Raven Symone Simon
Taylor Bradford Stewart
Courtney Blair Stroud
Christopher Richard Taggart
Sarah Osborne Thomas
Kelly Louise Vander Heide
Phillip Aaron Walker
Bailey Nicole Wilhelm

BY THE NUMBERS

A look at CPAs in North Carolina as of August 22, 2018

Female CPAs
Total: 9,932
47%



Male CPAs
Total: 11,427
53%

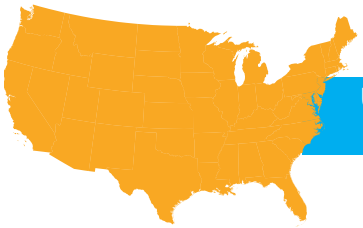
Total CPAs: 21,359



Original NC Certificates
Total: 16,523
77%

Reciprocal Certificates
Total: 4,836
23%

Where do the NC licensed CPAs live?



U.S. Residents
21,303

International Residents
56





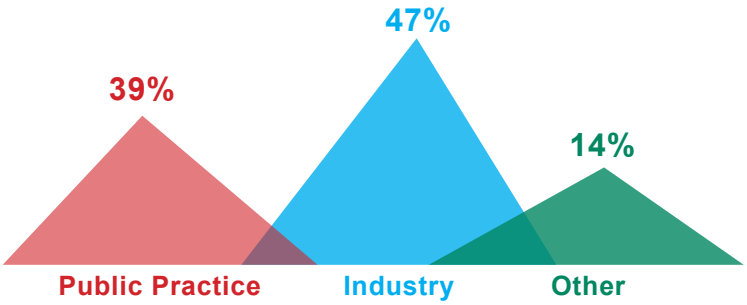
NC Residents
17,581

82%

Where do the CPAs in NC work?

Other	739
Retired	300
Legal	192
Industry: Accounting	8,359
Industry: Non-Accounting	1,610
CPA Firm Partner	1,378
CPA Firm Staff	4,192
CPA Firm PLLC Member	429
Educator	329
Government: Accounting	1,063
Government: Non-Accounting	112
Individual Practitioner	1,569
CPA Firm PC Shareholder	807
Unemployed	268
Student	12

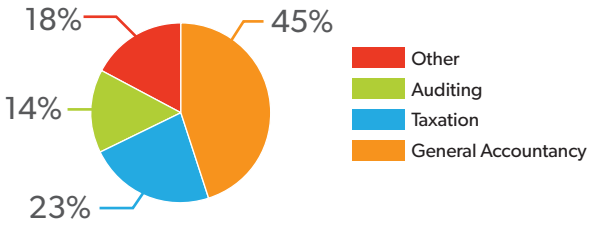




What type of jobs do CPAs in NC focus on?

Administration	785
Advisory Services	794
Auditing	3,075
Financial Planning	526
General Accountancy	9,513
Law	150
Non-Accounting	691
Other	919
Taxation	4,906





BARTON W. BALDWIN, #10804 | MOUNT OLIVE, NC

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

1. Barton W. Baldwin, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 10804 as a certified public accountant. Respondent was first issued a certificate in North Carolina on April 28, 1978 and has no prior discipline.
2. The Board received a third-party complaint (hereinafter "Complaint") alleging that Respondent had not timely returned client-provided records during a peer review engagement.
3. The Complainant had engaged Respondent to perform a peer review of her firm.
4. Respondent came to Complainant's firm on November 14 and November 15, 2017, to conduct a peer review of her firm.
5. Respondent took physical possession of one of Complainant's audit files to complete the peer review.
6. The written peer review was completed, signed, and dated by Respondent on November 29, 2017.
7. Complainant requested Respondent return her audit file on December 11, 2017.
8. Complainant and Respondent exchanged e-mail communications on January 29 and 30, 2018, about the return of the audit file.
9. The Board received a Complaint on or about January 31, 2018.
10. On or about February 1, 2018, Respondent returned the audit file to Complainant via expedited mail, prior to the Board issuing any notice of the Complaint to Respondent.
11. Complainant received the audit file from Respondent on February 3, 2018, 54 days after her initial request to return the audit file.
12. The Complaint is governed by the Board's Rules of Professional Standards and Conduct, specifically 21 NCAC 08N .0305 (hereinafter "Client Records Rule") regarding the retention of client records. Subsection (a) of the Client Records Rule provides as follows:

    > A CPA shall return client-provided records in the CPA's custody or control to the client at the client's request. Client-provided records are accounting or other records, including hardcopy and electronic reproductions of such records, belonging to the client that were provided to the CPA by, or on behalf of, the client.

13. The Client Records Rule further provides, in subsection (h), that;

    > A CPA who is required to return or provide records to the client shall comply with the client's request as soon as practicable, but no later than 45 days after the request is made.

14. 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. 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. 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. Respondent's failure to provide Complainant's audit file upon request as soon as practical and more than 45 days after her initial request constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0305.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. 93-12(9) and with Respondent's consent, Respondent is subject to discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent is censured.

The undersigned presided at a mediated settlement conference held in his [sic] matter, 18 CPA 03916, pending before the Office of Administrative Hearings, pursuant to a notice issued on July 5, 2018, and recommends the approval of the proposed consent order to the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

This the 24th day of July 2018.
Fred G. Morrison, Jr.
Senior Administrative Law Judge

Reclassifications

At its August 20, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Margaret Haleen Conerly, #28545	Charlotte, NC
David William Fisher, #32014	Greensboro, NC
Anna Katherine Kinast, #39565	Charlotte, NC
Drew Parson Phillips, #39740	San Diego, CA
Peter James Wilkinson, #27709	Raleigh, NC

Reissuance

Michael Charles Azzarita, #26192	Hickory, NC
Amy Ruth Moore Benjamin, #27387	Charlotte, NC
Christina Louise Washburn, #23701	Mebane, NC

CPA Exam Score Release

October 1 – December 10 (Q4) Testing Window	
If you take your Exam on/before:	Target Score Release Date
October 1 – November 30	December 11
December 1 – December 10	December 19

Source: AICPA

Follow NASBA on Twitter (@NASBA) for announcements about score releases.

Exam candidates must use their NASBA Single Sign-On (SSO) account to view their Exam scores.

If you are unable to access your SSO account, contact NASBA at **cbtcpa@nasba.org** and include your full name and your date of birth in your request.

Inactive Status

Between July 3, 2018, and August 21, 2018, the individuals listed below were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20) states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

Katherine K. Cardenas, #32214	Raleigh, NC
Donna Donnelly Floyd, #19745	Greensboro, NC
Julia Kachula, #37307	Charlotte, NC
Mabel Durham Dozier, #18175	Chesapeake, VA
Fangyuan Harwood, #40476	Yulee, FL
David Joseph Kennedy, #18062	Charlotte, NC
Laura Anne Kinard Opalka, #11957	Seneca, SC
Edwin Timothy Barnes, #13112	Alpharetta, GA
Greg Andrew Gombar, #11825	Charlotte, NC
Frances Dreher Hirschel, #16202	Carlisle, MA
Jessica Bullard Lee, #38331	Cary, NC
Jane McPhaul Huband, #10694	Raleigh, NC
Lyndsey Nicole Beasley, #37593	Fairfax, VA
Matthew Robert Costa, #41258	Edgewater, MD
Susan Herring Dobson, #19664	Acworth, GA
Antoinyce Evangeline Eaton, #39416	Knightdale, NC
Wayne Alexander Martin, #30808	Miami, FL
Michael Joseph Nesseralla, #41662	Plymouth, MA
Gerrelene McDowell Walker, #7714	Tarboro, NC
Matthew Scott Giedd, #35335	Minneapolis, MN
Phyboone Boutdy Srinukool, #39431	Cordova, TN
William Edmond Burgess, #23157	Alpine, UT
Denise Lynn Gauthier, #39691	Falls Church, VA
Peter Thomas Celentano, #21843	Raleigh, NC
Susan Evans Thomas, #14901	Charlotte, NC
Joan Horne Chesnutt, #15839	Oak Island, NC
April Johnson Cummings, #26104	Sanford, NC
Kenneth E. Baggett, #21753	Auburn, AL
Kevin Matthew Kaval, #39108	Charlotte, NC
David N. Bell, #24271	Pinehurst, NC
Stephen James Milton, #40856	Holliston, MA
Clara Brown Myers, #14558	Orange Beach, AL
Anna Katherine Kinast, #39565	Charlotte, NC
Shelly G. Vorpahl, #26116	Buford, GA
Christian Michael Kurtz, #30602	Hoboken, NJ
Paul Michael Pickett, #32230	Doral, FL
Seth Daniel McKinney, #32045	Charlotte, NC
Kyle Thomas Addenbrook, #40668	Virginia Beach, VA
Jeffrey Rhodes Carper, #28237	Pittsburgh, PA
Jeanie Phelps Derr, #24229	Oxford, NC
Matthew Sumner Gill, #35954	New York, NY
Bridget Marie Harrington, #41330	Raleigh, NC
Thomas Joseph Higgins, #41831	Haddonfield, NJ
Joseph David McLaughlin, #12589	Towson, MD
Julie Heather Meister, #31457	Crystal Lake, IL
Edward Jack Muren, IV, #40287	Charlotte, NC
Patricia Halvorsen Siefken, #31998	Charlotte, NC
Andrew Rutherford Wagner, #39743	Nashville, TN
Brooke Allison Holliday, #37659	Charlotte, NC
Jeffery Anthony Morlando, #24925	Marietta, GA
John Timothy Ray, #19986	Salisbury, NC
Holly Anne Nelson, #7921	Winston-Salem, NC
Cary Ann Smith, #37286	Mint Hill, NC

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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

Activity Review

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FAQs: The Annual CPE Requirement

Q. How many CPE hours am I required to complete this year?

A. If you are an active CPA licensed before March 31, 2018, you must complete 40 CPE hours by December 31, 2018. If you were licensed by the Board after April 1, 2018, your CPE hours are prorated as follows

- If you were licensed in April, May, or June 2018, you must complete 30 CPE hours by December 31, 2018.



- If you were licensed in July, August, or September 2018, you must complete 20 CPE hours by December 31, 2018.
- If you are licensed in October, November, or December 2018, you must complete 10 CPE hours by December 31, 2018.

Q. If I completed more than 40 hours of CPE last year, can I use those extra hours to meet the requirement this year?

A. If you complete more than the required number of hours of CPE in any one calendar year, you may carry forward up to 20 hours and treat those as hours earned in the following year. However, ethics CPE hours may not be included in any carry-forward hours.

Q. Am I required to take CPE hours in specific content areas such as audit or tax?

A. Although the Board does not require you to take CPE hours in specific content areas (apart from the required two hours of ethics), any course for which you claim CPE credit must be in one of the seven fields of study recognized by the Board.

Those fields of study are

- Accounting and Auditing;
- Consulting Services;
- Ethics;
- Management;
- Personal Development;
- Special Knowledge and Applications; and
- Tax

Q. So how do I choose which courses to take? Will the Board tell me if I can claim credit for a course I might take?

A. The Board will not approve specific CPE courses for you to take for compliance with the annual CPE requirement. You must use your professional judgment to choose only those courses that contribute to your professional competency. A course is considered to increase your professional competency if it is in an area of accounting in which you practice or are planning to practice, in professional ethics, or another area of the profession.

Q. Are there certain activities I can't claim CPE credit for?

A. You cannot claim reading accounting journals, periodicals, reference guides, or related materials and taking a test designed to assess reading comprehension as credit for CPE.

No CPE credit is allowed for examinations alone; CPE credit is only allowed for examinations that test your knowledge of a set of study materials as prepared in a formal CPE program.

Q. Does it matter which ethics course I take to meet the annual ethics requirement?

A. 21 NCAC 08G .0410 requires that all active CPAs complete a two-hour group-study course or self-

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North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners



Resolution

Whereas, *Cynthia B. Brown, CPA, has served as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners since 2015;*

Whereas, *during her tenure, she served as Vice President of the Board;*

Whereas, *during her tenure, she served as a member of the Executive Committee;*

Whereas, *during her tenure, she served as a member of the Professional Standards Committee;*

Whereas, *during her tenure, she served as Chair of the Professional Standards Committee;*

Whereas, *during her tenure she has faithfully and tirelessly served as a leader in the profession and is an eloquent spokesperson for the best interests of the public and the profession;*

Be It Therefore Resolved *that the members of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners thank Cynthia B. Brown, CPA, for her dedicated service, her personal sacrifice to serve the public interest, and her leadership to the Board.*

This the 20th day of August 2018.

North Carolina State Board of
Certified Public Accountant Examiners

L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA, President

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners



Resolution

Whereas, *Michael H. Womble, CPA, has served as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners since 2012;*

Whereas, *during his tenure, he served as President and Vice President of the Board;*

Whereas, *during his tenure, he served as a member and Chair of the Executive Committee;*

Whereas, *during his tenure, he served as a member and Chair of the Professional Standards Committee;*

Whereas, *during his tenure he served as Chair the Personnel Committee;*

Whereas, *during his tenure, he served as Chair of the Communications Committee;*

Whereas, *during his tenure he has faithfully and tirelessly served as a leader in the profession and is an eloquent spokesperson for the best interests of the public and the profession;*

Be It Therefore Resolved *that the members of the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners thank Michael H. Womble, CPA, for his dedicated service, his personal sacrifice to serve the public interest, and his leadership to the Board.*

This the 20th day of August 2018.

North Carolina State Board of
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L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA, President

CPE Audit Consent Order

The following matter is excerpted from a Consent Order issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee's record. In the record, click on the "Details" link and select "View" under the Public Documents heading.

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

CHRISTOPHER M. BRANNOCK, #20538 | MATTHEWS, NC

The Board opened a case against Christopher M. Brannock (Respondent Brannock) for failure to complete sufficient CPE, including an ethics course, as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Brannock signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Brannock may apply to return his CPA certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 80 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Brannock's CPA license.

Approved by the Board September 17, 2018.

Moral Character Data on Applications

Most of the Board's Exam and licensure applications include at least one question about an applicant's moral character. The question reads in part:

> *Have you been charged, arrested, convicted, found guilty of, received a prayer for judgment continued, or pleaded nolo contendere to any offense inclusive of traffic infractions?*

Applicants must report all offenses, even seemingly minor incidents such as speeding tickets and provide relevant documents/court records for each offense.

If, during a background check [pursuant to 21 NCAC 08F .0103 and .0502], the Board learns that an applicant has not reported an offense, the application will be held until the applicant provides a complete explanation of the offense in question.

It is important that applicants know that the Board reviews each application individually, and does not automatically deny an application based on an incident in the applicant's past.

How to Check Your CPE Carry-Forward Hours

Not sure how many CPE carry-forward hours you have? There's an easy way to check in five simple steps:

STEP 1
Navigate to the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov.

STEP 2
Click on the "Find CPA/CPA Firm" link on the right-hand side of the home page.

STEP 3
On the "Search for a CPA" page, search for yourself using your name or CPA certificate number.

STEP 4
When your record is returned, click on the "Details" link (to the left of your name).

STEP 5
The number of CPE carry-forward hours (if any) will display as part of the public record information from your Board file.

If you have questions about your CPE carry-forward hours, contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

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study course on professional ethics and conduct. You may choose any two hour course on behavioral or regulatory ethics offered by a CPE sponsor on the NASBA Registry of CPE Sponsors (**nasbaregistry.org**).

Remember, because the ethics requirement is an annual requirement, carry-forward CPE hours cannot be used to satisfy the requirement.

Q. Do I have to comply with the CPE requirement if I'm licensed in North Carolina but don't live or work in North Carolina?

A. As a non-resident CPA (a licensee who neither lives nor works in North Carolina), you should satisfy the annual CPE requirements in the jurisdiction in which you are licensed and currently work or reside.

If there is not an annual CPE requirement in the jurisdiction in which you are licensed and currently work or reside, you must comply with the Board's CPE requirement.

Q. Does that apply to the ethics requirement, too?

A. If you are a non-resident CPA, you may satisfy the annual ethics CPE requirement by completing the ethics requirements in the jurisdiction in which you are licensed and work or reside.

If there is not an ethics CPE requirement in the jurisdiction where you are licensed and reside or work, you must complete a two-hour group-study or self-study course on behavioral or regulatory ethics offered by a CPE sponsor registered with the NASBA Registry of CPE Sponsors.

Q. Is there a limit on the number of self-study CPE hours I can claim?

A. No, there is not a limit on the number of self-study CPE hours you may claim, but there are some caveats with self-study courses.



A self-study course is not considered complete until the CPE sponsor issues a Certificate of Completion. The date the Board will accept for CPE credit is the Certificate of Completion date, not the date the course was completed or the date the completed course was mailed to or received by the sponsor.

If you take self-study courses late in the year, you may not be able to claim CPE credit for that calendar year because the CPE sponsor issues the Certificate of Completion in the next calendar year.

Q. Since I don't need to report specific courses--just the number of hours completed--on my license renewal, do I need to keep certificates of completion after I renew my license?

A. You are required to maintain records that substantiate the CPE credits you are claiming for the current year and for each of the four calendar years prior to the current year.

If you are selected for the CPE audit, you must submit those records to the Board. If you are unable to prove that you completed the CPE hours you claimed, your license may be forfeited.

Q. I have a lot going on and I don't think I'll be able to complete enough CPE to meet the annual requirement before December 31. Is there any way to extend the deadline?

A. In general, the Board does not make exceptions for completing the annual CPE requirement by December 31.

However, if there are extraordinary circumstances such as major illness, natural disaster, or catastrophic loss that you believe impact your ability to complete the required CPE hours, you may petition the Board for an extension.

To request an extension, complete the "Request for Extension to Complete CPE Hours" (available on the Forms & Applications page of the website) and submit it to the Board with documentation (medical records, etc.) that supports your request.

If you do not receive an extension from the Board and you do not complete the CPE requirement by December 31, 2018, but do complete the CPE requirement by June 30, 2019, the Board will issue you a Letter of Warning for the first such failure within a five (5) calendar year period.

For the second such failure within a five (5) calendar year period, the Board will deny the renewal of your CPA certificate for a period of not less than 30 days and until you meet the reinstatement requirements set forth in 21 NCAC 08J .0106.

If you have questions about the CPE requirement, please contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov** or Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov**.

2018 Board Meetings

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Nov. 19 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.

Meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages applicants and licensees to attend.

What Is the 18-Month Credit Window for Exam Candidates?

Individuals seeking CPA licensure are required to pass all four sections of the Uniform CPA Exam with a grade of at least 75 on each section.

In North Carolina there are additional requirements related to passing the Exam.

21 NCAC 08F .0105(c) states:

1. a candidate shall obtain a passing grade on all sections of the examination within an 18-month period;
2. a candidate may sit for any section of the examination individually;
3. a candidate may sit for each section of the examination up to four times during a one-year period, but not more than one time in a three-month testing window as defined by the examination vendor(s); and
4. credit awarded by the Board for passage of a section of the examination is valid for an 18-month period beginning on the date the section is taken.

It is important that candidates understand that the rolling 18-month credit window begins with the date the first passed section was ***taken***, not the date of the score notice for the first passed section.

Exam credit expires by section; score notices include any relevant expiration dates.

The credit for any section passed outside the rolling 18-month period will be lost, and those sections must be retaken.

Candidates must maximize their testing opportunities to ensure that all four sections of the Exam are passed within the rolling 18-month window.

Exam Candidate Performance Books Available

NASBA has released *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – Jurisdiction Edition, 2017* and *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – University Edition, 2017*.

Both publications feature comprehensive, statistical data from all (4) testing windows (AUD, BEC, FAR, REG) of the 2017 Uniform CPA Exam.

Additional features include performance metrics by cohort for each of the 18 content areas, plus simulations and written communication. Section descriptions are also included to explain each view of the performance metrics.

The Jurisdiction Edition provides a broad view of Exam trends from around the world. Performance metrics indicate 95,654 candidates took the Exam in 2017 (of which 71,199 were new candidates) with 25,834 candidates passing their fourth section of the Exam.

The University Edition includes university rankings and a variety of university and accreditation reports, including international, national, regional and state.

Sold in softback format, the *Jurisdiction Edition* is available for $100, with the *University Edition* available for $200. A bundle of the two publications is also available for $250. All orders can be placed through **nasbareport.com**.

Testing Window: October 1 – December 10 (18Q4)	
If you take your Exam on/before:	Your target score release date is:
October 1 – November 30	December 11
December 1 – December 10	December 19

Testing Window: January 1 – March 10 (19Q1)		
If you take your Exam on/before:	...and the AICPA receives your Exam data files from Prometric by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on:	Your target score release date is:
January 20	January 20	February 5
February 14	February 14	February 26
February 28	February 28	March 8
March 10	March 11	March 19

Testing Window: April 1 – June 10 (19Q2)		
If you take your Exam on/before:	...and the AICPA receives your Exam data files from Prometric by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on:	Your target score release date is:
April 20	April 20	May 7
May 15	May 15	May 23
May 31	May 31	June 11
June 10	June 11	June 19

Office Closed

In accordance with the holiday schedule adopted by the State of North Carolina, the Board office will be closed as follows:

Veteran's Day
November 12

Thanksgiving
November 22-23

Christmas
December 24-26

Reclassifications

At its September 17, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

Lisa Rudolph Featherngill, #33645	Advance, NC
Paul Edmond Grace, #28783	Lutz, FL
Amanda Upchurch Greer, #20198	Winston-Salem, NC
Mitesh Patel, #23460	Raleigh, NC
Paul Curtis Scruggs, Jr., #39115	Apex, NC
Carl Gwyn Yale, #8821	Moravian Falls, NC

Reissuance

Bria Ashia Gatewood, #40153	Charlotte, NC

Inactive Status

From August 22, 2018, through October 4, 2018, the individuals listed below requested and were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20) states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

Sharon A. Klock, #40089	Statesville, NC
Joshua Scott Holley, #39794	Baltimore, MD
Daniel Winslow Sykes, #22240	Mebane, NC
William McKay Henderson, #14738	McLean, VA
Lee Sun Gauger, #24694	Jamestown, NC

Certificates Issued

On September 17, 2018, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs:

Joshua B. Acob
Matthew Joseph Ashman
Elizabeth Lincoln Baccala
Michele Jordan Belue
Corey David Bowlin
John P. Brothers, Jr.
Donald Nicholas Button
Sandra B. Carlson
Jedadiah Luke Chilton
Wesley Robert Combs
Andrew Brooks Davenport
Samantha Leigh Dawson
Caroline Amanda DeRhodes
Rachel Marie Dillon
Samuel Harry Duffort
Sarah Elizabeth Edwards
Kristen Marie Ernest
Christopher Polk Fairchild
Joseph Charles Greene
Adelaide Michelle Guin
Monica Elena Gutierrez-Altenhof
Geoffrey Scott Haigler
Lindsay Oreon Hancock
Michael J. Hanson
Jack Ryan Howell
Margaret Thomas Howell
Laura Catherine Isaacs
Krista Breanne King
Lauren Hughes Lee
Alexander Robert Macdonald
Matthew Stuart Markoff
Cody Chet McKinney
Erin Conway Meyer
Emily Sisk Michael
Garrett Mitchell Millsaps
Mollie Martin Mitchell
Namrata Sureshbhai Patel
Nicholas James Patton
Summer Ashby Perry
Sarah Jane Petrucciani
Jean Elizabeth M. Schauer
Maren Marie Stephenson
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10 Ways to Fail the CPE Audit



These examples are based on real cases, but the names have been changed. Some details of the cases have been edited for illustrative purposes.

- Archie's CPE records were in storage in Raleigh, but because he now lives in Georgia, he did not retrieve his records for the CPE audit.
- Betty was going through a divorce and her spouse threw out all of Betty's personal records, including her CPE certificates of completion.
- Veronica and a friend went to a free eight-hour seminar and did not receive certificates of completion. The presenter was not registered as a sponsor with the NCACPA or NASBA's National Registry of CPE Sponsors.
- Jughead's computer crashed and he lost all his CPE records. He didn't keep paper copies of his records and he couldn't remember which CPE courses he took or any of the course sponsors.
- Reggie took an ethics course "Ethics for NC CPAs," but the sponsor was not registered with the NASBA National Registry of CPE Sponsors.
- Tom took two ethics courses in the same calendar year and each course was part of a two-day CPE event. Tom didn't take an ethics course the next year because he thought he could carry forward one of the ethics courses to meet that year's ethics requirement.
- Jerry took an online CPE course after January 1, but got busy and forgot to complete the on-line examination until mid-July.
- In late June, Gilligan went to the Caribbean on vacation. He planned to complete an eight-hour online CPE course while relaxing on the beach, but the hotel did not have Wi-Fi.
- Ginger did not have the time or money to take any CPE courses this year. When she was asked to provide certificates of completion for the previous three years, she admitted she had not taken any CPE in any of those years.
- Skipper always took 40 hours of CPE each year. He completed his on-line certificate renewal without reviewing his certificates

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Firm Renewal, Peer Review Compliance Reporting Due

Firm registration renewal and peer review compliance reporting is now available on the Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov.** The link is in the "How Do I" box on the home page.

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Disciplinary Action

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ELIZABETH KEEL GOMES, #17518 | ELIZABETH KEEL GOMES, PLLC | FAIRVIEW, NC

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

1. Elizabeth K. Gomes, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 17518 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. Elizabeth Keel Gomes, PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
3. The Respondent Firm underwent a system peer review, which was finalized on August 3, 2017.
4. The Board, upon reviewing the results of the peer review, notes that the Respondent has indicated that certain parts of the workpapers were corrupted during the peer review process. Nevertheless, there remained some deficiencies regarding the form and timing of audit documentation and the classification of a federal program in a report.
5. Although the Respondent disputes those findings, she does not desire to perform further audits and has, therefore, agreed to this Consent Order.
6. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent Firm's failure to perform audit services in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403, and .0212.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent Firm is censured.
2. The Respondent Firm has signed a written statement acknowledging that the Respondent Firm is not currently participating in, performing, or reviewing any audit engagements.
3. Prior to the Respondent Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any audits, the Respondent Firm shall be required to complete the following:
   a. Each staff member participating in audit engagements must take at least eight (8) hours of group-study CPE related to Audit Documentation annually until the Respondent Firm receives a pass on a system peer review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement peer review.
   b. The Respondent Firm must undergo a review of any audit prior to issuance of the audit report, pursuant to the Board's Pre-issuance Review Procedures.

Approved by the Board October 25, 2018.

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BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2018
10:00 a.m.
1101 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh 27605

Certificates Issued

On October 25, 2018, the Board approved the following applicants for certification as North Carolina CPAs.

Ebony Ann Aiken
Ayra Leigh Ajel
Carolyn Hannaway Albright
Brian Patrick Alderson
Kathryn M. Amberg
David Ryan Anderson
Dennis Lee Anderson
Mark Musheg Arakelyan
Nikita Tiffany Bactee
Chad Alan Barba
Michael Paul Beaver
John Richard Behme
Lynsey Nicole Bell
Sarah Virginia Benton
Shannon Lee Berry
Kathleen E. Blake
Claire Estelle Blanton
Andrew James Bosserman
John Thomas Bower
Kennard S. Brackney, Jr.
Richard L. Braman, Jr.
Alexandra Lee Brink
Gregory Scott Brown
Jessica Owens Brown
Giang T. Bui
Derek Allen Bungard
Christopher Donald Callahan
Christina Rene Campbell
Brendan Lee Cash
Shurn Robert Chapman
Rubing Chen
Robert LeBlond Cherry
Hiu To Cheung
Megan Jane Clayton
Arlene Groden Cohen
Alexandra Vanessa Collins
Patrick James Collins
Gema Catalina Colon-Albinana
Sharlemagne B. Cook
Daniel Jeffery Cornelison
Jeffrey Alan Crawford
Catherine Lucille Daubek
Madeline Marie Dean
Heather Leigh Deyarmin
Carolyn Leeann Dignan
Anita Grace Doll
Paul Aime Dussault, Jr.
Tracy June Dye
Tammy Lee Edington
Darius Shawn Edwards
Madison Lee Evans
Bradley Jonathan Faber
Bradley Thomas Falkiewicz
Jessica Lea Fine
Bradley Delano Fitter
William Allan Forbes
Brendan Anthony Garay
Kim D. Garcia
Caryn B. Giblin
Mihaela Gorciu
Karl H. Graf
Scott Graykowski
Michael James Hadden
Chelsi Renae Haefele
Emily Anne Haggard
Christopher Brian Haile
Brittany Elizabeth Hamilton
Vladimir A. Haralambiev
Pauline Frances Haran
Morgan Kaye Harris
Celina Sasha Haver
Daniel Joseph Hayes, III
Dana Kathryn Heinicke
Elisabeth Marie Henderson
Justin Bryce Higbee
Nathaniel Ryan Hill
Deborah Lynn Hobart
Mary Martin Hogan
Summer Ann Holt
Brice Paul Humpolick
Ruth Marie Huster
Lucas Ryan Hyde
Anna S. Inochkina
Alexander Baldwin Ivancic
Hamilton Sherrod James
June Bretz Jebram
Daniel Aaron Johnston
Tathiana Anayanci Jones
Brittany McDine Kambur
Lauren Elisabeth Kantor
David William Kaylor
Aaron Daniel Kees
Charles Bradley King
Collin Edward King
Laurie Ann Komasara
Kristin Elizabeth LaBella
Robert Ronald Labenski
Thomas Joseph Landis
Ho Yik Lau
Matthew Leary
Mark Conrad Ledman
Jodi Allison Lewis
Jeremy Jon-Charles Lineberger
Reid Radford Livingston
Mark Patrick Loyd
John Dustin Luchuck
Meghan Zettlemoyer Ludwig
Wesley Walden Lyon, II
Michelle Leigh Malenick
Kimberly Ann Maples
Leo David Martinez
Madison Anne McDonald
Patrick Daniel McFarland
Siobain Caitlyn McIlvain
Carter Shuford McKaughn
Breanna Fay McShea
Ronak Jaswantlal Mehta
Jack Allen Melhorn
Nora Elizabeth Merriman
Kara Ann Meyer
Gregory Brett Miclat
Shawaunna O'Kara Middleton
Stephen Joseph Montani
Olivia Raye Moody
Stuart Allen Moody, Jr.
Stacy Kay Mroz
Mikhail Nazareth
Marina Nesic
Kristen Leanne Noel
William Leo O'Mara
Tiffany Rose Pearce
Christina Lynn Peck
Karen Victoria Peck
Jeffrey Stuart Phillips
Andrew Michael Pickering
Lauren Elizabeth Plowman
Kenton William Porter
James Robert Pratt, Jr.
Tyler James Pratt
Anna Wei Prigl
Lavanya Ramachandran
Charles Edward Ratz
Jonathan Robert Reda
Joshua Aaron Reed
Cynthia Karin Reeder
Emily Best Robbins
Hilarie Anne Rodenhizer
Matthew Brett Rodewald
Elizabeth Anne Runser
Krystina Lynn Rusch
William Newman Ruth
David Cahir Ryan
Ian Matthew Santell
Maitri Sagar Saraiya
Vinamra Sawhney
Zachary Owen Schumacher
Taylor Elizabeth Seal
Carol Louise Sell
Daniel Serratos Prudencio
Charles Alan Shelto, II
Ryan Austin Sherman
Sean Taylor Simmons
Jennifer Curington Smith
Robert Charles Smith
Jordan John Sourwine
Shaina Katherine Spears
Marie Brasington Starnes
Benjamin Daniel Sutherland
Brian Christopher Tamoney
Nicholas John Tarasovitch
Vivian Jo Thompson
Taylor Leann Tibbs
Robert James Toler
Caitlin Elizabeth Townsend
Kristin Nicole Wagoner
Beibei Wang
Trevor Michael Warren
Travis Aaron Weaver
Scott Andrew Weiss
Debora L. Whitehead
Michael Scott Williams
Tyrone Sherard Williamson
Paul George Willoughby, III
Cassondra Faye Wilson
David Edward Wilson
Ann Wilson Woody
Kevin Thomas Wren
Stephen Andrew Yokim
Peter Jordan Zender
Charles Robert Zinn

CPE Audit Consent Orders

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. To view the full text of a Consent Order, use the Licensee Search function of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov, to look up the licensee's record. In the record, click on the "Details" link and select "View" under the Public Documents heading.

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

PATRICK M. MILBURN, #39826 DURHAM, NC

The Board opened a case against Patrick M. Milburn (Respondent Milburn) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Milburn signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Milburn may apply to return his CPA certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 40 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Milburn's CPA license.

Approved by the Board October 25, 2018.

DENISE C. SAWYER, #14613 CHARLOTTE, NC

The Board opened a case against Denise C. Sawyer (Respondent Sawyer) for failure to complete sufficient CPE as required for renewal of her North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Sawyer signed a Consent Order in which she accepted the denial of the renewal of her CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of her CPA license; and the return of her CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Sawyer may apply to return her CPA certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 45 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Sawyer's CPA license.

Approved by the Board October 25, 2018.

How to Check Your CPE Carry-Forward Hours

STEP 1
Navigate to the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov.

STEP 2
Click on the "Find CPA/CPA Firm" link on the right-hand side of the home page.

STEP 3
On the "Search for a CPA" page, search for yourself using your name or CPA certificate number.

STEP 4
When your record is returned, click on the "Details" link (to the left of your name).

STEP 5
The number of CPE carry-forward hours (if any) will display as part of the public record information from your Board file.

If you have questions about your CPE carry-forward hours, contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

Reclassifications

At its October 25, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reinstatement and reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatements

John Holmes Berngartt, #19366	Chapel Hill, NC
Amy Merricks Chandler, #39373	Yanceyville, NC
Khristopher Brock Conner, #40178	Waxhaw, NC
Gregory J. Dudley, #34050	Southern Pines, NC
Shannon Keeley Holt, #20625	Kingsport, TN
Meredith Reynolds McGhee, #25704	Clemmons, NC
Monica Marie Reid, #27469	Cary, NC
Eric Brian Tichenor, #21431	Nashville, TN
Ernest Rickman Wilkins, #15238	Durham, NC

Reissuance

Rodney Tyler Allison, #35859	Raleigh, NC
William Knox Lively, #26469	Greensboro, NC

Years of Service

The Board's 13 full-time staff members have a total of more than 245 years of experience working for the Board. Here's a look at each staff member's years of service as of November 1, 2018:

Felecia F. Ashe
34 years

Phyllis W. Elliott
32 years, 11 months

Robert N. Brooks
32 years, 7 months

Alice Grigsby
32 years, 7 months

Buck Winslow
32 years, 2 months

Lisa R. Hearne
22 years, 2 months

Vanessia L. Willett
14 years, 1 month

Mary Beth Britt
13 years, 3 months

Cammie S. Emery
10 years, 10 months

Frank X. Trainor, Esq.
7 years, 10 months

David R. Nance, CPA
6 years, 3 months

Jean Marie Small
5 years, 6 months

Julia L. Mayo
1 year, 4 months

Public Schools Benefit from Civil Penalties

Did you know that the civil penalties paid by individuals as part of a Board or Consent Order are not retained by the Board?

NCGS 93B-12(9) authorizes the Board to assess a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) for any one or combination of the following causes:

a. Conviction of a felony under the laws of the United States or of any state of the United States.

b. Conviction of any crime, an essential element of which is dishonesty, deceit or fraud.

c. Fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate as a certified public accountant.

d. Dishonesty, fraud or gross negligence in the public practice of accountancy.

e. Violation of any rule of professional ethics and professional conduct adopted by the Board.

However, NCGS 115C-457.2 requires that the clear proceeds of all civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines that are collected by a State agency. . .shall be remitted to the Office of State Budget and Management by the officer having custody of the funds within 10 days after the close of the calendar month in which the revenues were received or collected. Notwithstanding any other law, all such funds shall be deposited in the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund.

The General Assembly appropriates moneys in the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund to the State Public School Fund for allotment by the State Board of Education (SBE).



The SBE, on behalf of the counties, distributes the money to local school administrative units on a per pupil basis in accordance with the North Carolina Constitution (NCGS 115C-457.3).

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of completion. Upon the audit of his CPE, he could only produce certificates of completion for 32 hours.

What do these CPAs have in common? Each was selected for the Board's annual CPE audit and was unable to substantiate the CPE course hours claimed on the annual license renewal.

Each CPA signed a Consent Order in which he or she forfeited his or her North Carolina CPA certificate for one year and agreed to return his or her CPA certificate to the Board office within 15 days of his or her receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Each person may apply to return his or her CPA certificate to active status by submitting a completed reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three moral character affidavits; payment of a $1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of the specific number of CPE hours stated in the Consent Order.



Score Release Dates

Testing Window: October 1 – December 10 (18Q4)	
If you take your Exam on/before:	Your target score release date is:
Oct. 1 – Nov. 30	Dec. 11
Dec. 1 – Dec. 10	Dec. 19

Testing Window: January 1 – March 10 (19Q1)		
If you take your Exam on/before:	...and the AICPA receives your Exam data files from Prometric by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on:	Your target score release date is:
Jan. 20	Jan. 20	Feb. 5
Feb.14	Feb. 14	Feb. 26
Feb. 28	Feb. 28	Mar. 8
Mar. 10	Mar. 11	Mar. 19

Testing Window: April 1 – June 10 (19Q2)		
If you take your Exam on/before:	...and the AICPA receives your Exam data files from Prometric by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on:	Your target score release date is:
April 20	April 20	May 7
May 15	May 15	May 23
May 31	May 31	June 11
June 10	June 11	June 19

Testing Window: July 1 – September 10 (19Q3)		
If you take your Exam on/before:	...and the AICPA receives your Exam data files from Prometric by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on:	Your target score release date is:
July 20	July 20	Aug. 6
Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 22
Aug. 31	Aug. 31	Sept.10
Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept.19

Testing Window: October 1 – December 10 (19Q4)		
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Nov. 30	Nov. 30	Dec. 10
Dec.10	Dec. 11	Dec.19

Source: AICPA

2018 CPA Exam Pass Rates: All Jurisdictions

Section	Q1	Q2	Q3	Cumulative
AUD	49.27%	54.70%	51.07%	51.76%
BEC	56.43%	60.31%	60.17%	59.07%
FAR	41.59%	49.17%	48.85%	46.79%
REG	49.99%	55.75%	56.55%	54.46%

Source: AICPA

CPA Exam Performance Summary 2018 Q-2 North Carolina

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	798
New Candidates	161
Total Sections	1,063
Passing 4th Section	124
Sections / Candidates	1.33
Pass Rate	60.87%
Average Score	75.05

Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	352	74.62	61.08%
Re-Exam	711	75.26	60.76%
AUD	357	75.01	60.78%
BEC	186	79.44	68.82%
FAR	270	73.03	57.78%
REG	250	74.00	58.4%

Jurisdiction Ranking

Candidates	Sections
15	14
Pass Rate	**Avg Score**
9	7

Source: NASBA

CPA Exam Performance Summary 2018 Q-3 North Carolina

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	851
New Candidates	168
Total Sections	1,206
Passing 4th Section	211
Sections / Candidates	1.42
Pass Rate	61.28%
Average Score	74.79

Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	376	75.94	66.76%
Re-Exam	827	74.33	59.01%
AUD	242	73.49	56.2%
BEC	221	78.05	66.97%
FAR	347	73.01	55.91%
REG	396	75.35	65.91%

Jurisdiction Ranking

Candidates	Sections
15	15
Pass Rate	**Avg Score**
7	8

Source: NASBA

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The Board mailed firm ID numbers and renewal instructions to the administrative offices of firms last month.

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During the firm renewal process, users should check the peer review information listed to ensure that it is correct.

If the information is not correct, the appropriate documents should be sent by email to Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov**.

It is not necessary to wait until the information is updated in the Board's database to complete the renewal.

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Longest Standing NC CPA Certificates

Based on the Board's records as of December 1, 2018, the following four North Carolina CPAs have been actively licensed for 60 or more years:

Thomas H. Connelly (July 1955)

Leon Milo Hollingsworth (January 1956)

Sidney Clay Whiteheart (July 1956)

Ralph Jones Atkinson (July 1957)

Congratulations on reaching such an impressive milestone!



CPE Reminder

Active North Carolina CPAs must complete the annual CPE requirement on or before December 31, 2018, to be eligible for 2019-2020 license renewal.

As part of the annual requirement, active CPAs must complete a two-hour regulatory or behavioral ethics course offered by a sponsor listed on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors (**nasbaregistry.org**) maintained by NASBA.

For specific information on the CPE requirement, including the two-hour ethics course, please review 21 NCAC 08G, *Continuing Professional Education*, and the October issue of the *Activity Review*.

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DAVID B. DOWNING, #28749 | KITTY HAWK, NC

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

1. David B. Downing, (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 28749 as a certified public accountant. On May 16, 2018, the Respondent elected to place his CPA certificate on inactive status.
2. The Respondent has not worked in the field of accounting since 2000 and has worked as a North Carolina real estate broker since 2001 to present.
3. The Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the North Carolina Real Estate Commission ("NCREC") in November of 2011. The Consent Order imposed a two-year stayed suspension.
4. The NCREC Consent Order in 2011 was based upon alleged violations of the NCREC's laws or rules.
5. The Respondent did not disclose the Consent Order or the underlying complaint on either his individual or firm renewals.
6. The NCREC also received complaints regarding the Respondent in fiscal years 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018. The complaints were not disclosed on the Respondent's annual individual or firm renewals. None of those complaints in 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018 resulted in any disciplinary actions against the Respondent by the NCREC.
7. The Respondent was unable to provide complete documentation of his CPE for the last five (5) years.
8. 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.
2. The NCREC Consent Order constitutes a prima facie violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0204 (*Discipline by Federal and State Authorities*).
3. The Respondent's failures to disclose the Consent Order, complaints, and CPE deficiencies on annual renewals constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202 and .0203.
4. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) 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 Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The CPA certificate for the Respondent, David B. Downing, is revoked for three (3) years.
2. The Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall the Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his revoked North Carolina certificate.

Approved by the Board November 19, 2018.

JAY B. MAREADY, #15709 | WILMINGTON, NC

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

1. Jay B. Maready, (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15709 as a certified public accountant.
2. The Board received a complaint from an individual (hereinafter "Complainant"). The Complainant states that the Respondent prepared and filed her 2015 taxes without her review or signature.
3. The Respondent provided the Board with copies of Form 8879 for 2014, which was signed by the Complainant, and 2015, which was signed by the Complainant's husband.
4. Neither of the Form 8879s was signed by both spouses.
5. 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. Per IRS regulations, all parties to a joint tax return must sign the return or the Form 8879.
3. The Respondent did not directly review the client's Form 8879s; rather, that function was delegated to the Respondent's staff.
4. The Respondent's staff knew or should have known that both spouses had not signed the Form 8879 when he filed those returns.
5. Per 21 NCAC 08N .0103:

   > A CPA and CPA firm shall be responsible for assuring compliance with the rules in this Subchapter by anyone who is the CPA's partner, fellow shareholder, member, officer, director, licensed employee, unlicensed employee or agent or unlicensed principal, or by anyone whom the CPA supervises. A CPA or CPA firm shall not permit others (including affiliated entities) to carry out on the CPA's behalf, with or without compensation, acts that if carried out by the CPA would be a violation of these Rules.

6. The aforementioned failure to abide by IRS regulations constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0207, which states that a CPA shall not knowingly violate any federal tax regulations in handling the business affairs of a client.
7. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) 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 shall pay a one thousand dollar ($1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted with this signed Order.

Approved by the Board November 19, 2018.

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Reclassifications

At its November 19, 2018, meeting, the Board approved the applications for reclassification submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatement

Freddie Eugene Angles, #16607	Winston-Salem NC
Vickie Shaw Harrison, #20724	Kennesaw, GA
Christy L. Pavell, #24929	Morrisville, NC
Sarah Hughes Putnam, #35897	High Point ,NC
Karen Longfellow Stone, #25453	Charlotte, NC
Samuel Miles Upton, #38151	Charlotte, NC
Janine Urbanek, #31196	Seattle, WA

Reissuance

Myron Grady Anderson, #18766	Altamonte Springs, FL
Tanya Hinesley Freeman, #26112	Chapel Hill, NC
Tracy Hope Lubsen, #25053	Deep Gap, NC
Ward Ivor Scott, #20594	Chapel Hill, NC

KAREN ELIZABETH PALCZUK, #15882 | RALEIGH, NC

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

1. Karen Elizabeth Palczuk (hereinafter "Respondent") was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 15882 as a certified public accountant.
2. The staff obtained information that the Respondent and her husband had been criminally charged with violations of the North Carolina Securities Act by the North Carolina Secretary of State.
3. The Respondent entered into an Alford plea allowing entry of a judgment that she sold unregistered securities. Per that plea, the Respondent has acknowledged that certain real estate interests sold by her should have been registered as securities.
4. The plea does not support that the Respondent knew that the real estate interests that she sold were securities, or that she knew that those securities should have been registered.
5. However, the Respondent, as a CPA involved in the marketing and sale of real estate interests, should have exercised greater caution to ensure that those sales activities were in conformance with all potentially applicable state and federal laws.
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. 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 Accountancy Act, at N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9)a, allows for discipline of CPAs based upon a: "Conviction of a felony under the laws of the United States or of any state of the United States." Per 78A-57(a), any person who willfully violates a provision of the North Carolina Securities Act has committed a Class I felony. As such, per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9)a, disciplinary action is warranted.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), 93-10(b) 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 Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to the Respondent, Karen Elizabeth Palczuk, is suspended for one (1) year. That suspension is stayed. The stay will be lifted in the event that the Respondent violates any provision of this Order, subject to the Respondent's opportunity to show cause why the stay should not be lifted.

Approved by the Board November 19, 2018.

CPA Firm Registration Order

JOSEPH DENARD REID, #36846 | GREENSBORO, NC

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. Joseph Denard Reid (hereinafter "Mr. Reid") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Reid failed to timely file the annual firm registration for Joseph Reid, 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. Mr. Reid subsequently renewed his firm registration, which was received by the Board on February 13, 2018.
4. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0111(1), because Mr. Reid's infraction was for a period of less than sixty (60) days, the appropriate penalty is one hundred dollars ($100).
5. Mr. Reid has paid his civil penalty and consents to the entry of this Order and has waived any right to a hearing.
6. The Board members present, representing a quorum of the Board, have unanimously decided to accept Joseph Denard Reid's payment as full resolution of the aforementioned rules violation.

Approved by the Board October 25, 2018.



Board Office Closed

In accordance with the holiday schedule adopted by the State of North Carolina for State agencies, the Board will be closed on the following dates:

Christmas	New Year's Day
December 24-26, 2018	January 1, 2019

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Inactive Status

From October 8, 2018, through November 28, 2018, the individuals listed below requested and were approved for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20) states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

Jeffrey Lee Horvath, #16519	Newton, NC	Linda Priest Foster, #20388	Naples, FL
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Dannelle Turner Tidwell, #15589	Greensboro, NC	Lauren Hastings Elmore, #31492	Kernersville, NC
Margaret Cary Lutz, #14506	Melbourne Beach, FL	Samantha Mills Knott, #32100	Spotsylvania, VA
Victoria S. Pirozzi, #29995	Raleigh, NC	Carolina Zanation Shepherd, #12998	Summerville, SC

Certificates Issued

On November 19, 2018, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as North Carolina CPAs:

Rebecca Nicole Acevedo	Richard McAlister Deans	Matthew Spencer Knott	Megan Maartje Rose Rueckert
Kelvin Michael Anthony	Anthony Wayne Denlinger	Cassie Leigh Kohler	Liliya Rybakov
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Kenya Demario Borders	Thomas Joseph Fiedler	Robert Warren Maston	Jonathan Anthony Smith
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Paul August Buckle	Mischa Freystaetter	Addis Melesse	Jacob Vinson Stewart
Glenn Michael Burdi	Marisa Christina Gast	Lisa Elizabeth Miller	Justin Thomas Stone
Spencer Thomas Caldwell	Jennifer Kay Gathright	Seong Woon Mo	John Kevin Sullivan
Steven Thomas Caponi	Samantha E. Greenberg	Amalia Esther Neco Valle	Emilia Taymasova
Rashida Salama Chang	Leigh Severance Gripman	Madison Lynn Newman	Zachary Taylor Thomasson
Sarah Catherine Chin	Sara Kathleen Harris	Kristi Marie Nordahl	Olivia Wallace Vaughn
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2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

January 1	Office Closed - New Year's Day
January 21	Office Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
January 28	Board Meeting - Raleigh
January 31	Final Deadline - Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting

FEBRUARY

February 18	Board Meeting - Raleigh

MARCH

March 19	Board Meeting - Raleigh*

APRIL

April 19	Office Closed - Good Friday
April 22	Board Meeting - Raleigh

MAY

Mid-May	CPA Certificate Renewal Period Begins
May 23	Board Meeting - Raleigh
May 27	Office Closed - Memorial Day

JUNE

June 21	Board Meeting – Winston-Salem
June 30	CPA Certificate Renewal Deadline

JULY

July 4	Office Closed - Independence Day
July 22	Board Meeting - Raleigh
July 31	Final Deadline - CPA Certificate Renewal

AUGUST

August 19	Board Meeting - Raleigh

SEPTEMBER

September 2	Office Closed - Labor Day
September 23	Board Meeting - Raleigh

OCTOBER

October 24	Board Meeting - Raleigh

NOVEMBER

November 11	Office Closed - Veterans Day
Mid-November	Firm Renewal/Peer Review Compliance Reporting Period Begins
November 25	Board Meeting - Raleigh
November 28 & 29	Office Closed - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

December 16	Board Meeting - Raleigh
December 24-26	Office Closed - Christmas
December 31	Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting Deadline

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