

## Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda

Board Room #2 2nd Floor Conference Center 9960 Mayland Drive Henrico, VA 23233

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- 10 a.m.
   Call to Order Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair Approve remote participation Security Briefing – Nicole Reynolds, Licensing and Operations Support Determination of Quorum Approval of Jan. 11, 2022, Agenda Approval of Nov. 30, 2021, Board meeting minutes Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - Consent Orders:
     2020-045-016U

Public comment period\*

#### 10:15 a.m. 1. PROC 2021 Report – Reza Mahbod, CPA, CISA, CGFM, CICA, CGMA, CDFM, CFE

#### 10:30 a.m. 2. Committee Updates – Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair

- NASBA Communications Committee D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA
- NASBA CPE Committee William R. Brown, CPA
- NASBA Administration and Finance Committee Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair
- NASBA Education Committee Nadia A. Rogers, CPA
- AICPA's Accounting and Review Services Committee Barclay Bradshaw, CPA

#### 10:45 a.m. 3. Executive Director's Report – Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director

- General updates
- Financial and Board Report update Renai Reinholtz, Deputy Director
- Enforcement update Matthew Ross, Enforcement Director
- 11:15 a.m. 4. Board Discussion Topics Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair
  - Delegation of Authority Policy proposed revision Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director
  - CPE Violation Guidelines William R. Brown, CPA
  - Use of the CPA title Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director
  - Presiding Officer/MOA Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director
  - S.M.A.R.T. Goals update Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director
    - Qualifying CPE revisions: Update and vote on changes January 2022
      - Revised VBOA Policy #4 Nadia Rogers, CPA



- Peer Review Enforcement: March 2022
- Education Accreditation: May 2022
- Education for Licensure: May 2022
- Enforcement Process: Test drive changes with launch July 2022
- Education for Exam: August 2022
- Fee Structure: June 2023
- Upcoming Elections, bylaws and processes Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director
- 12:30 p.m. 5. Adjourn for lunch
- 1 p.m. 6. Board Discussion Topics, continued
- 1:30 p.m. 7. Additional Items for Discussion
  - Sign Conflict of Interest forms
  - Sign Travel Expense vouchers
  - Future meeting dates
    - o March 16, 2022
    - May 25, 2022 (planning meeting)
    - o June 23, 2022

#### 2 p.m. 8. Closed Session

- OAG updates
- Enforcement Matthew Ross, Enforcement Director
- Presiding Officer Recommendation
  - 2020-026-008U (Brown and Warwick)
  - o 2020-037-021D (Brown and Warwick)
- Revised Consent Order
  - o 2019-250-023D (Bradshaw and Lewis)
  - o 2020-039-013U
  - o 2020-046-017U
  - o 2020-011-004U
  - o 2020-021-010D
- Personnel update and discussion

#### 3 p.m. Adjournment

Persons desiring to attend the meeting and requiring special accommodations/interpretive services should contact the VBOA office at (804) 367-8505 at least five days prior to the meeting so that suitable arrangements can be made for an appropriate accommodation. The VBOA fully complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



The Virginia Board of Accountancy met on Thursday, November 30, 2021, in in Kyle Hall, Room 340 Davis College of Business and Economics - 800-818 Howe Street Radford, VA 24141

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair Wendy P. Lewis, CPA, Vice Chair Jay Bernas W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA Nadia A. Rogers, CPA
MEMBER APPEARING VIRTUALLY:	William R. Brown, CPA
LEGAL COUNSEL:	James Flaherty, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
STAFF PRESENT:	Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director Renai Reinholtz, Deputy Director Kelli Anderson, Communications Manager Nicole Reynolds, Licensing and Operations Support Nicholas Tazza, Manager, Licensing and Examination
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:	<ul> <li>Emily Walker, CAE, Vice President, Advocacy, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants</li> <li>Anna Bondy, Member, Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants</li> <li>Dr. Joy Bhadury, Dean, Davis College of Business and Economics, Radford University</li> <li>Dr. Doug Brinckman, Chairman, Department of Accounting, Finance and Business Law, Radford University</li> <li>More than 70 Radford University students and faculty</li> </ul>
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING	

Rushabh Shah



#### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Warwick called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

#### **SECURITY BRIEFING**

Ms. Reynolds provided the emergency evacuation procedures.

#### **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Ms. Warwick determined there was a quorum present.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Lewis, and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 2021, agenda, as amended. The members voting "AYE" were Ms. Warwick, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Bernas, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carson and Ms. Rogers.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Mr. Bradshaw and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to approve the September 30, 2021, Board meeting minutes, as presented. The members voting "AYE" were Ms. Warwick, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Bernas, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carson and Ms. Rogers.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, and duly seconded, the members voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. The members voting "AYE" were, Ms. Warwick, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Carson, Mr. Bernas, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Rogers.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Shah addressed the Board concerning an enforcement matter to be discussed at the meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **NASBA** Communications Committee

Mr. Carson noted there were no updates for the NASBA Communications Committee.



#### NASBA CPE Committee

Mr. Brown noted that he had transferred from the Enforcement Resources Committee to the NASBA CPE Committee.

#### NASBA Administration and Finance Committee

Ms. Warwick noted there were no updates for the NASBA Administration and Finance Committee.

#### NASBA Education Committee

Ms. Rogers noted that the NASBA Education Committee's Webinar for all boards of accountancy in November has been postponed until January.

#### **AICPA's Accounting and Review Services Committee**

Mr. Bradshaw provided updates regarding the AICPA Quality Management Exposure Draft. He noted comments were due to the AICPA.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **General updates**

- Ms. Glynn informed the Board regarding current VBOA personnel needs, open positions that have been approved for the hiring process, and the status of the Enforcement Director position.
- Ms. Glynn noted VBOA staff have an upcoming communications training scheduled.
- Ms. Glynn provided handouts and discussed the status of the developing Enforcement software tracking system.
- Ms. Glynn noted that CPA Evolution has technology repercussions for VBOA; specifically the need to update current software in order to accommodate additional test sections. A support request to meet the impending change requirements is planned for the January Board meeting.
- Ms. Glynn fielded questions regarding the status of the 2022 budget decision process.

#### Financial and Board Report update

Ms. Reinholtz presented the Financial and Board Report as of October 31, 2021.



#### **Enforcement update**

Ms. Glynn provided handouts, led the discussion and fielded questions regarding Enforcement. She noted that aging cases are being resolved and that a new CPE audit pool had gone out. Potential timelines for future audits and compliance rates were discussed.

#### **Board Discussion Topics**

#### Use of the CPA title for expired licensees

Ms. Glynn led the discussion based on Virginia Code Title 54.1, regarding the issue of whether there is any scenario in which a former CPA may use the CPA title when that CPA's license has expired.

Ms. Glynn fielded questions and the Board discussed Code definitions, historical precedents and noted potential enforcement issues.

VSCPA provided comments during the discussion.

Ms. Glynn proposed instituting new advisory/enforcement communications from the Board and Mr. Bradshaw advised the issue could potentially be addressed through changes to VBOA Policies.

Ms. Glynn is to draft a policy for Board consideration.

#### **Ethics: 2022 sponsor application**

Ms. Anderson reported that an email had been sent to invite current VBOA ethics sponsors to apply for 2022. Additional information will be added to the website in December to invite others to apply who are not current sponsors.

#### Welcome VBOA and Students

Dr. Bhadury and Dr. Brinckman welcomed all attendees and thanked the Board for the opportunity to bring the world of business to the students of Radford University.

#### **Board Member/Staff Introductions and VBOA Overview**

Ms. Warwick facilitated a presentation on the authority and functions of the VBOA. Each Board member introduced themselves and shared their inspiration for serving on the Board.



#### **CPA Evolution: Changes to the CPA exam**

Ms. Rogers led a presentation on the future of the accounting profession, the purpose and details of CPA Evolution. She explained how it will effect educational institutions and current and future CPA exam candidates.

#### **RECESS FOR LUNCH 12 p.m.**

#### **RECONVENE 1 p.m.**

#### Virginia Society of CPAs – Student resources

Ms. Walker and Ms. Bondy outlined the benefits for students to become members with the VSCPA.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS (continued)**

#### Additional S.M.A.R.T. goal topics include:

- Education for exam
- Peer Review enforcement
- Education accreditation
- Education for licensure
- Fee structure

#### **Enforcement Process**

Mr. Bradshaw led the discussion regarding the process of developing milestones for the adjudication of complaints filed with VBOA and the corresponding Enforcement and Board actions. Mr. Bradshaw recommended instituting the new benchmarks in VBOA software by July 1, 2022.

#### **Qualifying CPE revisions**

Ms. Rogers led the discussion regarding current CPE requirements, new limitations to be introduced and new language to be added to the VBOA website. The language is meant to clarify and define any changes to the requirements. Discussion ensued. Ms. Warwick suggested that changes could be defined in a new Board policy to be introduced at the January Board Meeting.

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

• Sign Conflict of Interest forms



• Sign Travel Expense vouchers

#### FUTURE MEETING DATES

- January 11, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- May 25, 2022 Planning Meeting
- June 23, 2022

#### **Begin closed meeting**

Upon a motion by Ms. Lewis, and duly seconded, the members approved by unanimous vote the meeting be recessed and the Virginia Board of Accountancy convene a closed meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to a matter lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the 'Legal advice regarding specific legal matters' and 'personnel matters' exemptions contained in Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A)(8) and Code §2.2-3711 (A)(1).

The following non-member will be in attendance for the closed meeting to reasonably aid in the consideration of this topic: James Flaherty.

The following non-member will be in attendance for a portion of the closed meeting to reasonably aid in the consideration of this topic: Nancy Glynn.

CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE: Ayes: Seven (7) Nays: None

#### End closed meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Lewis, and duly seconded, the Virginia Board of Accountancy convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the



Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the VBOA hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia laws were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the VBOA.

CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE: Ayes: Seven (7) Nays: None

The following actions were taken as a result of the closed session:

Case #2019-117-008U (Rogers)

Ms. Rogers was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Carson, and duly seconded, members voted to accept the presiding officer's recommendation as presented.

CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Abstain



VOTE: Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

Case #2019-118-009U (Rogers)

Ms. Rogers was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion Ms. Warwick and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept, with grammatical edits, the presiding officer's recommendation.

CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Abstain

VOTE: Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

Case #2019-247-022D (Rogers)

Ms. Rogers was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bradshaw and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept the presiding officer's recommendation as presented.

CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye



W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Abstain

VOTE: Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

Case #2020-039-013U (Bradshaw and Saunders)

Mr. Bradshaw was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers, and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to reject the presiding officer's recommendation.

CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Abstain D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE: Ayes: Six (6) Abstain: One (1) Nays: None

#### Case #2019-250-023D (Bradshaw and Lewis)

Mr. Bradshaw and Ms. Lewis was not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bernas and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to reject the Consent Order #2019-250-023D as written and return it to VBOA staff for review.



CALL FOR VOTE:

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Abstain Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Abstain D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE: Ayes: Five (5) Abstain: Two (2) Nays: None

Case #2020-031-018D (Brown and Warwick)

Mr. Brown and Ms. Warwick were not present and did not participate in the closed session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Carson and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept the Consent Order #2020-031-018D as written.

CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Abstain Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Abstain W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye

VOTE: Ayes: Five (5) Abstain: Two (2) Nays: None

Case #2021-027-027C (Glynn)

Ms. Glynn was not present and did not participate in the closed session.



Upon a motion by Mr. Carson and duly seconded, members voted unanimously to accept the presiding officer's recommendation as presented.

- CALL FOR VOTE: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA – Aye Wendy P. Lewis, CPA – Aye Jay Bernas – Aye William R. Brown, CPA – Aye W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA – Aye D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA – Aye Nadia A. Rogers, CPA – Aye
- VOTE: Ayes: Seven (7) Abstain: None (0) Nays: None

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the VBOA, Ms. Warwick adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

#### **APPROVED:**

Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair

**COPY TESTE:** 

Nancy Glynn, CPA, Executive Director

## Peer Review Oversight Committee Virginia Board of Accountancy 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233

Reza Mahbod, CPA, Chair

Nicole R. Kint, CPA

Aimee D'Amato, CPA

Marco Fernandes, CPA

Members of the Board Virginia Board of Accountancy 9960 Mayland Drive Henrico, Virginia 23233

We have reviewed and evaluated, for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the policies and procedures of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (the VSCPA) and the National Peer Review Committee (the NPRC) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the AICPA) as those policies and procedures relate to the administration of the AICPA Peer Review Program (the Peer Review Program) for firms licensed by the Virginia Board of Accountancy (the Board).

Our review and evaluations were conducted for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of the Board's continued reliance on the VSCPA and the NPRC in the administration of the Peer Review Program for firms subject to the licensing requirements of the Virginia Board of Accountancy. Our oversight visits and participation in conference calls are summarized as Attachment A to this report.

Based upon our review and evaluations, we believe that peer reviews are being conducted and reported on consistently and in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews (the Standards) promulgated by the AICPA Peer Review Board, and accordingly, the Virginia Board of Accountancy may rely upon the VSCPA and the NPRC in carrying out its responsibilities with respect to the licensing requirements of firms licensed by the Virginia Board of Accountancy for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Virginia Board of Accountancy and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Reer Review Oversight Committee

Peer Review Oversight Committee Virginia Board of Accountancy January 11, 2022 Peer Review Oversight Committee Virginia Board of Accountancy

#### Attachment A

Summary of Oversight Visits and Participation in Conference Calls:

The VSCPA typically holds five committee meetings per year wherein peer review reports and related documentation are considered for acceptance and other resolution by the VSCPA. A member of the Peer Review Oversight Committee (the Committee) observed meetings held on the following seven dates in 2021: January 7, 2021, February 3, 2021, May 20, 2021; June 17, 2021; August 19, 2021; October 21, 2021; December 16, 2021. The AICPA Peer Review Oversight Task Force performed oversight procedures in 2021 (biennial), including at the December 16, 2021 meeting.

Each meeting included a Committee member evaluation of the policies and procedures of the VSCPA and the AICPA by comparison to actions taken at the attended meeting including, but not limited to:

- An assessment of peer reviewer qualifications and ability to properly complete assigned reviews;
- Use of standardized AICPA materials;
- Appropriate resolution of issues by technical reviewers, review team captains, and VSCPA committee members;
- Results of each review were appropriately and consistently applied; and
- Independent acceptance or other resolution of a report acceptance body (RAB) of VSCPA members independent of engagement technical reviewers.

Furthermore, a member of the Committee participated in teleconferences held by the AICPA Peer Review Board on May 19, 2021, September 2, 2021, and October 6, 2021.

#### Financial Report FY22 Budget vs. Actual Expenses As of December 31, 2021

		FY22 Operating Budget	FY22 Expend		% Expended	Ex	FY21 penditures	FY20 Expenditures	FY19 Expenditures
Salarias	& Benefits								
1123	Salaries	1,051,533		458,939	43.6%		844,009	879,646	832,200
11XX	Benefits	460,631		181,864	39.5%		352,058	429,238	343,725
11/00	Total Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,512,164		640,803	42.4%	\$	1,196,067		
Contract	ual Services								
1211	Express Services	150		214	142.8%		33	84	134
1214	Postal Services	15,500		9,216	59.5%		14,576	12,011	9,984
1215	Printing Services	7,500		4,407	58.8%		3,208	6,459	4,537
1216 1217	Telecommunications - VITA Telecommunications - Nonstate (CallFire)	11,040 2,000		5,851	53.0% 0.0%		10,921 1,530	9,609 2,495	12,539 100
1217	Inbound Freight	2,000		- 4	1.4%		1,530	2,495	56
1221	Organization Memberships (primarily NASBA)	8.851		8,429	95.2%		7,674	8,327	7,625
1222	Publication Subscriptions	3,658		352	9.6%		3,655	3,655	1,271
1224	Training - Courses, Workshops, Conferences	7,561		1,704	22.5%		763	7,563	4,822
1225	Employee Tuition Reimbursement	-		-			-		1,618
1227	Training-Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Incidentals	13,000		1,798	13.8%		-	9,511	4,567
1228 1242	Employee IT Training Courses/Workshops and Conferences Fiscal Services (Credit Card Merchant Fees)	- 60,000		- 17,150	28.6%		- 47,123	- 68,818	91 34,498
1242	Attorney Services	28,000		12,867	46.0%		26,217	48,624	54,498 62,020
1240	Mgmt. Services - NASBA/special accommodations	34,000		5,226	15.4%		9,012	28,061	33,808
1245	Personnel Management Services	-		-			-	-	79
1246	Public Info/Public Relations (subscriptions)	385		2,384	619.2%		439	4,484	3,470
1247	Legal Services (court reporting services)	5,500		4,835	87.9%		11,460	2,688	10,834
1252	Electrical Repair/Maintenance	-		-			3,681	-	-
1253 1264	Equipment Repair/Maintenance Food and Dietary Services	3,500		- 929	26.5%		- 1,127	440 2,377	823 3,585
1265	Laundry & Linen Services	5,500		-	20.578		1,127	2,377	13
1266	Manual Labor Services (Includes shredding services)	1,500		80	5.3%		1,410	1,757	320
1268	Skilled Services	1,200		975	81.3%		-	600	1,138
1272	VITA - System Hosting, Maintenance, and Admin	295,680		92,226	31.2%		320,442	135,675	133,466
1272	VITA - Shared ISO Audit Services	17,405		-	0.0%		-	-	-
1272	VITA - ECOS fees	4,800 6.800		1,965	40.9% 0.0%		-	-	-
1272 1273	VITA - System Reporting Tool (implementation and training) Info Mgmt Design and Development Services (IT Support)	38,000		- 19,450	51.2%		- 230,725	- 108,689	108,923
1275	Computer Software Maintenance (website hosting)	6,830		3,690	54.0%		7,235	6,435	100,923
1278	VITA Information Technology Infrastructure Services	55,200		18,190	33.0%		57,838	148,216	146,380
1279	Computer Software Development Services	-		-			-	-	234,015
1282	Travel - Personal Vehicle	5,500		3,193	58.0%		962	6,318	6,603
1283	Travel - Public Carriers	-		182			-	-	77
1284	Travel - State Vehicles	1,000		-	0.0%		-	243	200
1285 1288	Travel - Subsistence and Lodging Travel, Meal Reimburse - Not IRS Rpt	1,500 1,000		1,403 836	93.5% 83.6%		-	1,221 723	1,612 824
1200	Total Contractual Services	<b>\$ 637,360</b>	\$	217,556	<u>34.1%</u>	\$	760.054		
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<b>Supplies</b>	and Materials								
1312	Office Supplies	2,500		308	12.3%		904	1,191	3,783
1313	Stationery and Forms	1,800		404	22.4%		644	997	1,844
1323	Gasoline (Enterprise vehicles)	250		-	0.0%		-	87	103
1335 1342	Packaging and Shipping Supplies Medical & Dental Supplies	800 50		369	46.1% 0.0%		720 30	351	1,237 5
1042		50		-	0.070		50	-	5

				2 Operating Budget		22 YTD penditures	% Expended	Ex	FY21 spenditures	FY20 Expenditures	Exj	FY19 penditures
Supplies 1352 1362 1363 1373	and Materials, continued Custodian Repair & Maintenance Food & Dietary Supplies Food Service Supplies Computer Operating Supplies	Total Supplies & Materials	<u>_</u> ¢	500 50 2,500 <b>8,450</b>		29 236 <u>374</u> <b>1,721</b>	5.8% 471.6% 15.0% <b>20.4%</b>	\$	14 107 35 1,236 <b>3,689</b>	728 442 16 823 <b>\$ 4,634</b>	¢	- 56 <u>3,989</u> 11 <b>,382</b>
		Total Supplies & Materials	Φ	8,430	Þ	1,721	20.4%	Þ	3,089	۶ 4,034	Þ	11,382
<u>Transfer</u> 1413 1415	Payments Awards & Recognition Unemployment Compensation			150 -		37	24.8% 		343 216	-		1,033 -
1418	Incentives	Tatal Tuanafan Darmanta	<b>*</b>	1,300	<u>*</u>	-	0.0%	<b>*</b>	-	725	*	325
		<b>Total Transfer Payments</b>	\$	1,450	\$	37	2.6%	\$	559	\$ 725	\$	1,358
<u>Continuo</u> 1512 1516 1534 1539 1541 1551 1554 1555	Automobile Liability Insurance Property Insurance Equipment Rentals Building Rentals - Non-State Owned Facilities Agency Service Charges (shared services) General Liability Insurance Surety Bonds Worker's Compensation	Total Continuous Charges	\$	231 1,224 12,137 97,997 53,383 328 40 1,094 <b>166,434</b>	\$	- 2,670 48,672 18,540 - - - <b>69,883</b>	0.0% 0.0% 22.0% 34.7% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 42.0%	\$	231 1,224 8,099 95,005 52,373 328 40 1,094 <b>158,394</b>	231 1,224 8,133 95,161 37,675 328 40 1,023 <b>\$ 143,815</b>	\$	231 1,224 8,507 93,416 37,335 188 40 1,044 <b>141,985</b>
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<u>Equipme</u> 2216	nt Network Components			1,600		(5)	-0.3%		877	1,357		452
2210	Other Computer Equipment			200		155	77.5%		130	97		1,590
2218	Computer Software Purchases					-			50	428		419
2224	Reference Equipment			-		-			-	-		32
2233	Voice and Data Transmission Equipment			-		-			969	23		511
2238	Electronic and Photo Equipment Improvements			-		-			-	-		3,791
2261	Office Appurtenances (Blinds, Carpet, etc.)			-		-			-	687		348
2262	Office Furniture			-		347			-	385		5,666
2263 2264	Office Incidentals Office Machines			500		-	0.0%		345	658		109 412
2283	Mechanical Equipment			-		-			-	2,338		-
2203	Construction, Building Improvements			-		-			150	44,209		-
2020		<b>Total Equipment</b>	\$	2,300	\$	497	21.6%	\$	2,521		\$	13,330
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$	2,328,158	\$	930,496	40.0%	\$	2,121,284	\$ 2,133,583	\$	2,174,012
		Chapter 552 Appropriation	\$	2,328,158		<u> </u>						

## Virginia Board of Accountancy Cash Balance Report

		Operati	ng F	und		Trust	Fun	d
		FY2022		FY2021		FY2022		FY2021
	As	of 12/31/21	As	of 12/31/20	As	of 12/31/21	As	of 12/31/20
Beginning Cash Balance July 1	\$	2,473,711	\$	1,915,719	\$	3,157,427	\$	3,617,992
YTD Revenue Collected		222,634		215,056		-		-
Interest earnings*		2,177		5,204		3,247		9,170
Accounts Payable **		-		186		-		-
Cash Transfers In per Board Policy #1		-		481,940		177,280		-
Cash Transfers Out per Board Policy #1		(177,280)		-		-		(481,940)
YTD Expenditures		(930,496)		(1,070,521)		-		-
Cash Balance	\$	1,590,745	\$	1,547,584	\$	3,337,954	\$	3,145,222
Required Cash Transfers:								
Transfers to Central Service Agencies ***	\$	(13,366)	\$	(13,366)		-		-
Cash Balance after required transfers	\$	1,577,379	\$	1,534,218	\$	3,337,954	\$	3,145,222

\* Interest Earnings - Per Virginia Acts of Assembly - Chapter 732 - §3-3.03 - Approved April 10, 2016, the State Comptroller shall allocate revenue for interest earnings effective FY2016. Interest Earnings had not been allocated since FY2010.

\*\* Prior to October 1, 2014 and the implementation of the Commonwealth's new financial accounting and reporting system (Cardinal) all payments immediately reduced cash when processed (in CARS). The new Cardinal financial system operates on a modified accrual basis and cash balances are not affected until the voucher's due date. The Cardinal system generates an offsetting entry to a liability account (accounts payable) when the voucher is processed. Once the voucher due date arrives, the payment is made, the liability is relived and cash is now reduced.

\*\*\* Non-general fund Transfers required by Virginia Acts of Assembly Part 3-1.01F for expenses incurred by central service agencies due on or before June 30.

#### Virginia Board of Accountancy Revenue by Fee Type Report

<b>Fee Туре</b>	 22 - YTD as 12/31/21	 21 - YTD as 12/30/20	iscal Year ding 6/30/21	-	iscal Year ding 6/30/20	 iscal Year ling 6/30/19
Exam Application Fee	\$ 59,040	\$ 68,355	\$ 149,430	\$	171,105	\$ 194,370
Individual License Application Fee	42,375	48,900	83,100		93,300	99,825
Firm License Application Fee	2,600	2,500	4,500		7,300	6,700
(a) Re-Exam Application	37,360	41,200	83,420		80,240	95,420
(b) Renewal Fee	780	33,345	1,824,315		1,824,475	2,328,986
Reinstatement Fee	70,900	40,300	63,150		63,500	63,600
Duplicate Wall Certificate Fee	1,200	550	1,700		1,800	1,850
License Verification Fee	10,950	8,275	16,625		16,175	18,950
CPA Exam Score Transfers	450	775	1,325		1,750	1,950
Administrative Fee	44	-	646		-	-
Bad Check Fee	-	236	50		313	50
Total Revenue	\$ 225,699	\$ 244,436	\$ 2,228,261	\$	2,259,958	\$ 2,811,701
(c) Net Revenue per Cardinal	\$ 222,634	\$ 215,056	\$ 2,199,041	\$	2,220,553	\$ 2,870,760
(d) Difference	\$ 3,065	\$ 29,380	\$ 29,220	\$	39,405	\$ (59,059)

NOTES:

(a) Effective January 5, 2016, VBOA implemented the Re-Exam Application fee.

(b) Renewal Fee also includes associated late fees prior to FY19.

(c) Net Revenue per Cardinal reported above includes only revenue received from regulatory fees.

(d) Revenue Totals from the VBOA Licensing System (MLO) will not always match Revenue collected and reported on the VBOA Cash Report (Cardinal), due to timing differences in dates transactions are posted into each system and pending adjustments.

## Virginia Board of Accountancy Financial Report Accounts Receivable Report

	022 - YTD of 12/31/21	2021 - YTD of 12/30/20	l	scal Year Ending 6/30/21	I	scal Year Ending 6/30/20	I	scal Year Ending 6/30/19
Fines levied	\$ 67,250	\$ 77,550	\$	128,042	\$	107,725	\$	221,273
Fines collected	\$ 51,297	\$ 81,500	\$	138,947	\$	112,760	\$	191,199
Outstanding Current fines receivable (< 365 Days)	\$ 41,355	\$ 29,750	\$	29,041	\$	49,975	\$	60,230
Outstanding Written-off receivables (=> 365 Days)	\$ 672,981	\$ 675,587	\$	669,342	\$	659,313	\$	654,093

#### NOTE:

All accounts uncollected after one year are deemed uncollectible, are written off of the VBOA's financial account records, and are no longer recognized receivables for financial reporting purposes; however, the legal obligation to pay the debt still remains.

	Individual and firm license activity December 31, 2021											
Fiscal Period	Period ending 12/31/2021	Period ending 12/31/2020	Year ending 6/30/2021	Year ending 6/30/2020	Year ending 6/30/2019							
REGULANTS												
Individuals												
Active, licensed CPAs	27,361	27,308	26,715	26,666	26,282							
Inactive, licensed CPAs	2,100	2,033	2,003	1,915	1,784							
Total Licensed CPAs	29,461	29,341	28,748	28,581	28,066							
Out-of-state licensees	9,853	9,765	9,572	8,935	8,435							
Reinstatements - Individuals	185	109	170	170	162							
New CPA licenses issued	670	635	1,069	1,241	1,133							
Expired/voluntarily surrendered licenses	38	44	119	861	074							
Exam Candidates	38	41	119	100	871							
Number of first time exam candidates	511	569	1,193	1,673	1,624							
Firms												
Total active, licensed CPA firms	1,165	1,173	1,125	1,157	1,126							
Reinstatements - Firms	13	F	8	0	10							
Reinslalements - Firms	13	5	8	8	10							
New CPA firm licenses issued	26	20	38	37	38							
Expired/voluntarily surrendered licenses	2	5	12	81	79							



## January 2022 Enforcement Report

<b>Open Cases for Non-CPE Cases</b>							
Investigation Ongoing	44						
Pending Investigative Report or review of report	36						
Pending Probable Cause Review	2						
Pending IFF	2						
Pending Presiding Officer recommendation/Consent Order	45						
Pending Signed Consent Order	3						
Pending Board Approval	8						
	140						

Types of Open Cases	
Disciplinary	53
Unlicensed Activity	85
Peer Review	2
Eligibility	0
	140

	<b>CPE Audit Repor</b>	t as of December	· 31, 2022		
	Year Ending 12/31/2021	Year Ending 6/30/2021	Year ending 6/30/2020	Year Ending 6/30/2019	Year Ending 6/30/2018
CPE Audits Selected	190	752	697	1366	1938
CPE Audits Passed	43	564	541	1139	1526
CPE Audits Deficient	0	123	140	227	412
CPE Audits Pending	147	65	16	0	0
CPE Deficiency Rate		18%	21%	17%	21%

	Additional Audit Work Performed in Calendar Year 2021									
	Reinstatement Audits	Self-Report Audits	Inactive to Active Audits	Enforcement Audits	Total Audits					
Audits Selected	238	285	40	26	589					
CPE Audits Passed	183	10	37	8	238					
CPE Audits Deficient	0	49	0	15	64					
CPE Audits Pending	55	226	3	3	287					

January 2022 Open Cases											
Case No.	Notes	Next Action	Received	Opened	Closed	Days Open					
019-223-019D	Due Professional Care	Presiding Officer Recommendation on March 2022 agenda	2019/10/21	2019/12/06	2022/01/09	580					
019-250-023D	Due Professional Care	Proposed revised consent order on January 2022 agenda	2019/12/23	2020/02/07	2022/01/09	535					
020-011-004U	Offering, Advertising or Performing Services Restricted to CPA firm licensure without a valid CPA firm license and without peer review enrollment	Consent Order on January 2022 agenda	2020/02/11	4/24/2020	2022/01/09	499					
020-020-006U	Offering, Advertising or Performing Services Restricted to CPA firm licensure without a CPA firm license	IFF scheduled	2020/04/08	2020/04/15	2022/01/09	458					
020-021-010D	Due Professional Care	Consent Order on January 2022 agenda	2020/04/09	2020/05/06	2022/01/09	457					
020-026-008U	Unlicensed Activity	POR on January 2022 agenda		2020/05/08							
020-030-017D	Due Professional Care	Probable Cause Review		2020/06/05							
020-032-019D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review of Investigative Report		2020/07/02							
020-033-020D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review of Investigative Report	2020/06/16	2020/07/02	2022/01/09	409					
020-035-010U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Report of Investigation	2020/06/29	2020/07/06	2022/01/09	400					
020-036-011U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending IFF	2020/06/30	2020/07/06	2022/01/09	399					
020-037-021D	Due Professional Care	POR on January 2022 agenda		2020/07/22							
020-039-013U	Offering Advertising or Performing Services Restricted to CPA firm licensure without a CPA firm license	Consent Order on January 2022 agenda		2020/08/05							
020-049-018U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Probable Cause Review pending	2020/08/05	2020/09/03	2022/01/09	373					
020-047-025D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review Investigative Report		2020/09/01							
020-045-016U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Consent Order on January 2022 agenda	2020/08/21	2020/08/24	2022/01/09	361					
020-046-017U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Consent Order on January 2022 agenda		2020/08/31		1					
020-048-026D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review Investigative Report and adobe case file		2020/09/01							
020-067-026U	Unlicensed Activity	Pending Pre-IFF Consent Order (PC reviewer Brown) Possible mailing 10/18/21		2021/01/05							
020-051-027D	Due Professional Care	Pending Presiding Officer Recommendation/Pre-IFF Consent Order	2020/09/03	2020/09/09	2022/01/09	352					
2020-056-021U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Review of Investigative Report	2020/10/01	2020/10/01	2022/01/09	332					
020-068-027U	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order pending	2020/11/17	2021/01/07	2022/01/09	299					
020-077-039D	Due Professional Care	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2020/12/03	2021/04/20	2022/01/09	287					
020-072-029D	Due Professional Care	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2020/12/10	2021/01/20	2022/01/09	282					
020-069-037D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review of Report of Investigation	2020/12/21	2021/01/19	2022/01/09	275					
020-073-030D	Due Professional Care	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2020/12/21	2021/01/20	2022/01/09	275					
020-065-025U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2020/12/25	2021/01/19	2022/01/09	271					
020-070-038D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review Investigative Report	2020/12/29	2021/01/19	2022/01/09	269					
021-008-004U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Review Investigative Report	2021/01/08	2021/04/13	2022/01/09	261					
020-071-028U	Unlicensed Activity	Pending Review of Report of Investigation	2021/01/14	2021/01/19	2022/01/09	257					
021-003-001D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review of Report of Investigation	2021/01/16	2021/03/05	2022/01/09	255					
021-015-006D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review of Report of Investigation	2021/01/26	2021/04/13	2022/01/09	249					
021-009-005D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review of Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2021/02/16			234					

Case No.	Notes	Next Action	Received	Opened	Closed	Days Open
2021-014-009U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2021/02/04	2021/04/20	2022/01/09	242
2021-013-001PR	Unlicensed Activity	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2021/02/18	2021/04/20	2022/01/09	232
2021-006-003U	Offering, Advertising, or Performing Services Restricted to CPA Firm Licensure	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2021/02/24	2021/04/13	2022/01/09	228
021-014-008U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Review of Report and Adobe Case File	2021/03/15	2021/04/20	2022/01/09	215
021-019-007D	Due Professional Care	Investigation Ongoing	2021/03/15		2022/01/09	
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021-012-002PR	Unlicensed Activity	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case File	2021/03/23	2021/04/20	2022/01/09	209
021-0159	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/03/23		2022/01/09	209
021-017-006D	Due Professional Care	Investigation Ongoing	2021/03/23		2022/01/09	209
2021-007-004D		Pending Report of Investigation	2021/03/30	2021/04/13	2022/01/09	204
2021-018-011U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Report of Investigation	2021/04/08		2022/01/09	197
021-020-008D	Acts Discreditable	Investigation Ongoing	2021/04/08		2022/01/09	197
021-010-005U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Review of Report and Adobe Case File	2021/04/14	2021/04/20	2022/01/09	193
021-014-005D	Due Professional Care	Pending Review of Report and Adobe Case File	2021/04/18		2022/01/09	190
021-013-008U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Report of Investigation and Adobe Case file	2021/04/21	2021/05/05	2022/01/09	188
021-011-006U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Report of Investigation and adobe case file	2021/04/28	2021/04/29	2022/01/09	183
021-012-007U	Due Professional Care	Pending Report of Investigation and adobe case file	2021/05/04	2021/05/05	2022/01/09	179
2021-015-009U	Unlicensed Activity	Pending Report of Investigation and adobe case file	2021/05/05	2021/05/06	2022/01/09	178
2021-016-010U	Unlicensed Activity	Pending Report of Investigation and adobe case file	2021/05/05	2021/05/06	2022/01/09	178
2021-022-010D	Due Professional Care	Pending Investigative Report and adobe case file	2021/05/14		2022/01/09	171
021-023-011D	Due Professional Care	Pending Investigative Report and adobe case file	2021/05/17	<u> </u>	2022/01/09	170
021-026-012U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Pending Investigative Report and adobe case file	2021/05/18		2022/01/09	169
021-026-014D	Due Professional Care	Pending Investigative Report and adobe case file	2021/05/19		2022/01/09	168
021-025-013D	Due Professional Care	Investigation Ongoing	2021/05/20		2022/01/09	167
021-024-012D	Due Professional Care	Pending Investigative Report and adobe case file	2021/05/22	<u> </u>	2022/01/09	165
021-027-013U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Investigation Ongoing	2021/06/08		2022/01/09	154
021-0074	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/06/11	1	2022/01/09	151
	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/06/14		2022/01/09	
021-0076	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/06/29		2022/01/09	1
021-0077	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/07/17		2022/01/09	
021-033-015U	Unlicensed Use of CPA Title	Investigation Ongoing	2021/07/29		2022/01/09	
021-0082	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/08/18		2022/01/09	103

Case No.	Notes	Next Action	Received Opened	Closed	Days Open
2021-0083	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/08/20	2022/01/09	
2021-0084	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/08/22	2022/01/09	
2021-0085	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/08/23	2022/01/09	
2021-0086	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/08/25	2022/01/09	
2021-0006	Unlicensed Activity	Open Case	2021/08/27	2022/01/09	1
2021-0087	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/08/28	2022/01/09	
2021-0089	Unlicensed Activity	Entered / Intake	2021/09/05	2022/01/09	
2021-0090	Peer Review	Entered / Intake	2021/09/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0091	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/09/08	2022/01/09	
2021-0021	Unlicensed Activity	Open Case	2021/09/14	2022/01/09	
2021-0021	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/09/25	2022/01/09	
2021-0094	Due Professional Care		2021/09/30	2022/01/09	
		Investigation - Ongoing			
2021-0095	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/10/01	2022/01/09	
2021-0027	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Sent	2021/10/04	2022/01/09	
2021-0096	Due Professional Care	Consent Order - Sent	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0029	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0030	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0031	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0032	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0033	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0034	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0035	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0036	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/06	2022/01/09	
2021-0037	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0038	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0039	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0040	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0041	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0042	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0043	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0044	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0045	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0046	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0047	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	67
2021-0049	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0050	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0052	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0053	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0054	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0055	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0056	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0057	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0058	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0058	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0059	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0060	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
2021-0061	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	1
2021-0063	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/07	2022/01/09	
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2021-0097	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/10/08	2022/01/09	
2021-0098	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/10/13	2022/01/09	
2021-0067	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/10/13	2022/01/09	
2021-0099	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/10/14	2022/01/09	
2021-0072	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/10/15	2022/01/09	61

Case No.	Notes	Next Action	Received	Opened	Closed	Days Open
2021-0073	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/15		2022/01/09	61
2021-0078	Due Professional Care	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/10/15		2022/01/09	61
2021-0088	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/10/18		2022/01/09	60
2021-0101	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/21		2022/01/09	57
2021-0103	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/10/26		2022/01/09	54
2021-0104	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/26		2022/01/09	54
2021-0106	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/10/28		2022/01/09	52
2021-0107	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/10/28		2022/01/09	52
2021-0108	Unlicensed Activity	Entered / Intake	2021/10/29		2022/01/09	51
2021-0111	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - In Review	2021/11/01		2022/01/09	50
2021-0126	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/11/18		2022/01/09	37
2021-0127	Unlicensed Activity	Entered / Intake	2021/11/18		2022/01/09	37
2021-0128	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/11/23		2022/01/09	34
2021-0129	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/11/23		2022/01/09	34
2021-0130	Unlicensed Activity	Consent Order - Draft	2021/11/24		2022/01/09	33
2021-0134	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/12/03		2022/01/09	26
2021-0135	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/12/03		2022/01/09	26
2021-0143	Unlicensed Activity	Advisory Letter - Draft	2021/12/08		2022/01/09	23
2021-0145	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/12/10		2022/01/09	21
2021-0149	Unlicensed Activity	Investigation - Ongoing	2021/12/13		2022/01/09	20
2021-0152	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/12/15		2022/01/09	18
2021-0156	Due Professional Care	Entered / Intake	2021/12/22		2022/01/09	13
2021-0160	Due Professional Care	Open Case	2021/12/28		2022/01/09	9



## **Administrative Policy and Procedure**

Policy name:	Delegations of Authority
Effective date:	<del>December 1, 2020 January 11, 2022</del>
Authority:	Code of Virginia § 54.1-4400 et seq.
Policy:	The Virginia Board of Accountancy delegates to staff and its committees the authority to act without requiring prior approval from the full Board under the following circumstances.
Procedures:	<ul> <li>The VBOA Executive Director has the authority to:</li> <li>Sign Consent Orders that involve CPE deficiencies and any associated false statements on renewal applications.</li> <li>Sign Consent Orders under the guidance from Disposition of Cases Involving Unlicensed Use of the CPA Title by Previously Licensed Individuals.</li> <li>Sign Closing and Advisory letters in all matters as instructed by the Board.</li> <li>Sign Orders Permitting Reinstatement for those applicants who have fully complied with the terms and conditions of disciplinary orders where the VBOA suspended their Virginia CPA license for CPE deficiencies.</li> <li>In the event of circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, waive all or part of a licensee's CPE requirements for a calendar year or a reporting period.</li> <li>Examine and determine on a case-by-case basis if hours of CPE will be granted for forums not otherwise specified in VBOA regulations.</li> <li>Deny complaints if it is clear that the VBOA lacks subject matter jurisdiction, the complaint has been untimely filed, or both.</li> <li>Preside over proceedings held pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-2019 for matters involving: <ul> <li>CPE deficiencies and any associated false statements on renewal applications</li> <li>Eligibility matters where reinstatement applicants have not fully complied with the terms and conditions of disciplinary orders wherein their Virginia CPA license was suspended for CPE deficiencies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## **Administrative Policy and Procedure**

- Designate, in writing, a staff member to have the same authority in the event of the Executive Director's absence.
- Examine and approve applications for initial licensure, renewal of licensure, and reinstatement of licensure when a criminal conviction has been reported if it is determined bona fide that when considering the nature of the crime for which the individual is convicted, it is presumed not to affect the individual's ability to faithfully and ethically perform the duties of a CPA at the time of the application.

All crimes which are financial in nature or which involve actions that may reasonably affect the individual's ability to faithfully and ethically perform the duties of a CPA, including, but not limited to, bribery, criminal contempt of court, extortion, and perjury, will be brought to the Board for review.

VBOA staff have the authority to:

- Examine and approve applications for initial licensure, renewal of licensure, and reinstatement of licensure, provided no information is disclosed or discovered that calls into question an applicant's suitability to use the CPA title in Virginia.
- Examine and approve eligibility for taking the CPA exam and examine and grant requests for necessary and reasonable exam accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Examine and make the initial determination to approve or deny requests changing the status of a Virginia CPA license.
- Examine and approve or deny requests to become an approved sponsor or instructor of the current year's Virginia-Specific Ethics Course.
- Examine a licensee's compliance with the continuing professional education requirements and suspend such review if the licensee voluntarily surrenders their Virginia individual CPA license.
- Collect payments of fees and monetary penalties, to request additional appropriation, and to prepare its financial statements.
- Prepare and submit the biennial report prescribed by Code of Virginia § 54.1-4421.

BOA investigators are persons appointed by the Executive Director who are sworn to enforce the statutes and regulations of the VBOA through investigations into alleged violations and who are vested with the authority to engage in those acts identified in Code of Virginia § 54.1-4407.



## Administrative Policy and Procedure

Scope: Policy review: Staff awareness: Supersession: Executive Director: Date approved/reviewed:	<ul> <li>VBOA investigators have the authority to:</li> <li>Initiate or receive complaints concerning compliance with any statutes or regulations pertaining to the VBOA or any of the programs that may be in another title of the Code of Virginia for which the VBOA has regulatory responsibility.</li> <li>Initiate a complaint if a firm receives "pass with deficiency," "fail," or any combination thereof more than once in the past three peer review periods for review and determination as to whether there has been any violation of the VBOA's statutes and/or regulations.</li> <li>Offer Consent Orders for CPE deficiencies and any associated false statements on renewal applications in conformity with the guidelines set by the VBOA.</li> <li>Suspend proceedings for CPE deficiencies and any associated false statements on renewal applications if the licensee voluntarily surrenders their Virginia individual CPA license.</li> <li>The policy and procedures provided herein apply to classified and hourly-wage employees, contractors, and at-will appointees of the VBOA.</li> <li>This policy was reviewed on December 1, 2020. January 11, 2022.</li> <li>Employees are made aware of this policy through initial orientation and staff meeting review.</li> <li>This policy replaces the Delegations of Authority policy which was effective on December 4, 2018 December 1, 2020.</li> <li>Nancy Glynn, CPA</li> <li>December 1, 2020. January 11, 2022</li> </ul>



# **CPE Violation Penalties**

Guidelines

Approved September 30, 2021

## I. STATEMENT OF INTENT

To assist in the efficient, effective, and fair resolution of continuing professional education ("CPE") deficiencies, these guidelines have been provided to the Virginia Board of Accountancy's ("VBOA") Enforcement Division staff. A "case" as used in the guidelines below includes both failed CPE compliance reviews and disciplinary investigations where CPE deficiencies are discovered.

These guidelines are intended to serve as an aid in assigning appropriate penalties for CPE violations.

## II. NON-COMPOUNDING PENALTIES

Penalties listed in this chart do not combine or "stack" with one another, though they may be combined with one or more of the penalties listed in the chart under Part III, "Compounding Penalties." All monetary penalties and CPE hours due under this chart must be submitted to the VBOA within 90 days of the entry date of the Consent Order.

Deficiency	1st Case (self-report)	1st Case (all others)	2nd Case (all)	3rd Case (all)
Deficient < 10 hours in a reporting period (other than ethics and/or A&A)	Advisory Letter	• Reprimand	<ul> <li>\$500 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3- year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$750 monetary penalty</li> <li>Suspension of license for 1 year</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period following reinstatement</li> </ul>
Deficient 10-20 hours in a reporting period	<ul> <li>\$250 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$500 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$750 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3- year reporting period following reinstatement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$1,000 monetary penalty</li> <li>Suspension of license for 1 year</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period following reinstatement</li> </ul>

Deficiency	1st Case (self-report)	1st Case (all others)	2nd Case (all)	3rd Case (all)
Deficient 20.1-40 hours in a reporting period	<ul> <li>\$500 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$750 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$1,000 monetary penalty</li> <li>Suspension of license for 1 year</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that following reinstatement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$2,000 monetary penalty</li> <li>Revocation of license</li> <li>May apply for reinstatement no sooner than 5 years after date of disciplinary action</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period following reinstatement</li> </ul>
Deficient 40.1-90 hours in a reporting period	<ul> <li>\$625 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$875 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$1,125 monetary penalty</li> <li>Suspension of license for 1 year</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period following reinstatement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$2,000 monetary penalty</li> <li>Revocation of license</li> <li>May apply for reinstatement no sooner than 5 years after date of disciplinary action</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period following reinstatement</li> </ul>

Deficiency	1st Case (self-report)	1st Case (all others)	2nd Case (all)	3rd Case (all)
Deficient > 90 hours in a reporting period	<ul> <li>\$750 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$1,000 monetary penalty</li> <li>Suspension of license for 1 year</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that begins in the year disciplinary action is taken</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$2,000 monetary penalty</li> <li>Suspension of license for 3 years</li> <li>Must come before the VBOA to be considered for reinstatement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period that following reinstatement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$3,000 monetary penalty</li> <li>Revocation of license</li> <li>May apply for reinstatement no sooner than 5 years after date of disciplinary action</li> <li>Must come before the VBOA to be considered for reinstatement</li> <li>Subject to CPE compliance review for subsequent 3-year reporting period following reinstatement</li> </ul>

## III. COMPOUNDING PENALTIES

Penalties listed in this chart may be imposed individually, or may be combined with each other or with any single penalty listed in the chart under Part II, "Non-Compounding Penalties." All monetary penalties and CPE hours due under this chart must be submitted to the VBOA within 90 days from the entry date of the Consent Order.

Deficiency	1st Case (self-report)	1st Case (all others)	2nd Case (all)	3rd Case (all)
Failure to take VBOA- approved ethics course only in any given calendar year(s)	• Reprimand	<ul> <li>\$250 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$500 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$750 monetary penalty</li> </ul>
Failure to meet the annual minimum 20 CPE hours in any given calendar year(s)	<ul> <li>Reprimand</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$250 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$500 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$750 monetary penalty</li> </ul>
Failure to take 8 hours of Auditing and Attestation in any given calendar year(s)	<ul> <li>Reprimand</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$250 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>If deficient A&amp;A for more than 1 calendar year: May not release or authorize the release of reports on attest, compilation, or financial statement preparation services for 1 year</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$750 monetary penalty</li> <li>Must make up deficient CPE for each year of reporting period, which does not count towards the current year requirement</li> <li>If deficient A&amp;A for more than 1 calendar year: May not release or authorize the release of reports on attest, compilation, or financial statement preparation services for 2 years</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$1,250 monetary penalty</li> <li>If deficient A&amp;A for more than 1 calendar year: May not release or authorize the release of reports on attest, compilation, or financial statement preparation services for 3 years</li> </ul>
Failing to meet any CPE requirement for a given calendar year or for the reporting period	<ul> <li>Submit proof of completion of the current year's VBOA- approved ethics course</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Submit proof of completion of the current year's VBOA- approved ethics course</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Submit proof of completion of the current year's VBOA- approved ethics course</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Submit proof of completion of the current year's VBOA- approved ethics course</li> </ul>

Deficiency	1st Case (self-report)	1st Case (all others)	2nd Case (all)	3rd Case (all)
Failure to respond to audit notification prior to enforcement action	• \$250 monetary penalty	<ul> <li>\$300 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$350 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$400 monetary penalty</li> </ul>
False certification of CPE compliance during renewal process – deficiency > 60 hours	• \$250 monetary penalty	<ul> <li>\$300 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$350 monetary penalty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$400 monetary penalty</li> </ul>
Failure to update mailing or email address	• \$100 monetary penalty	• \$100 monetary penalty	• \$200 monetary penalty	<ul> <li>\$300 monetary penalty</li> </ul>
Failure to comply with terms and conditions of VOA disciplinary action	<ul> <li>Suspension of license</li> <li>Must come before the VBOA to be considered for reinstatement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Suspension of license</li> <li>Must come before the VBOA to be considered for reinstatement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Suspension of license</li> <li>Must come before the VBOA to be considered for reinstatement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Suspension of license</li> <li>Must come before the VBOA to be considered for reinstatement</li> </ul>
Failure to respond at all to a CPE compliance review	<ul> <li>Proceeding under Code of Virginia §2.2-4019</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proceeding under Code of Virginia §2.2-4019</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proceeding under Code of Virginia §2.2-4019</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proceeding under Code of Virginia §2.2- 4019</li> </ul>

# Use of the CPA title

A person must be currently licensed by the VBOA in order to call themselves a CPA and use the CPA title in Virginia.

As defined in § 54.1-4400 of the Code of Virginia, holding a current Active Virginia CPA license provides the privilege of using the CPA title. A licensee who meets the criteria for the Inactive status granted in writing by the VBOA, as defined in <u>18VAC5-22-90 (C)</u>, is considered to hold a current license and is also allowed the privilege to use the CPA title. Individuals who hold a current license in another state and meet the substantial equivalency as defined in <u>§ 54.1-4411</u> of the Code of Virginia may also use the CPA title.

Those not currently licensed cannot use the CPA title. According to the Code of Virginia § 54.1-4400, "using the CPA title" means using the words "CPA," "Certified Public Accountant," or "public accountant" in any form of written or verbal communication.

The following are some examples of written or verbal communication:

- **Business cards**. The license must be a current licensee in good standing to carry business cards with the title CPA.
- Advertising. A person must hold a current CPA license to use the CPA title in promotional material, including biographies.
- **Social media**. If the CPA license has lapsed, it must be removed from all social media sites, including LinkedIn. The CPA title cannot be used in any manner
- **Signatures**. Email signatures must remain up-to-date and only include the CPA title if the license is in good standing.
- **Resumes**. CPA may not be included on a resume if the license is not up-to-date. It must not be included even if it is factually correct a CPA license was previously held.

Improper use of the CPA title will result in disciplinary action.

The terms accountant and bookkeeper can be used. According to the Code of Virginia § 54.1-4401, an individual who is not licensed as a CPA can still practice accounting or bookkeeping and perform services involving the use of accounting skills. Those skills can include rendering tax services, management advisory services, consulting services, or preparing financial statements without providing assurance.

However, once a licensee becomes known as a CPA, they are expected to live up to a more rigorous set of professional responsibilities. Anyone who uses the CPA title in Virginia is bound by the standards of conduct and practice outlined in § 54.1-4413.3. These standards exist to promote the integrity of the profession.

### Presiding Officers for non-CPE cases

### **Research on the topic**

The Board may designate presiding officers subject to two caveats.

The Virginia Code does not create any special qualifications for presiding officers (who are not hearing officers). However, § 2.2-4024.1 does create disqualifications for both hearing officers and presiding officers. From § 2.2-4024.1:

A. An individual who has served as investigator, prosecutor, or advocate at any stage in a contested case or who is subject to the authority, direction, or discretion of an individual who has served as investigator, prosecutor, or advocate at any stage in a contested case may not serve as the presiding officer or hearing officer in the same case. An agency head who has participated in a determination of probable cause or other preliminary determination in an adjudication may serve as the presiding officer in the adjudication unless a party demonstrates grounds for disqualification under subsection B.

B. A presiding officer or hearing officer is subject to disqualification for any factor that would cause a reasonable person to question the impartiality of the presiding officer or hearing officer, which may include bias, prejudice, financial interest, or ex parte communications; however, the fact that a hearing officer is employed by an agency as a hearing officer, without more, is not grounds for disqualification. The presiding officer or hearing officer, after making a reasonable inquiry, shall disclose to the parties all known facts related to grounds for disqualification that are material to the impartiality of the presiding officer or hearing officer in the proceeding. The presiding officer or hearing officer may self-disqualify and withdraw from any case for reasons listed in this subsection.

### **Potential Qualification requirements**

Presiding Officers will be a current Board member, or a former board member, or designee appointed by the Board Chair through a Memorandum of Agreement.

Presiding Officers must be an actively licensed Virginia CPA working within (a) specific practice areas such as, tax, assurance, or industry.

Presiding Officers must have no disciplinary history with VBOA, other state boards, or standard setting bodies.

### **Safeguards**

New presiding officers would train with a current board member.

All disciplinary recommendations; Consent Orders or Presiding Officer recommendations would come before the board for approval.

Recommendations for case closure or advisory letters would be subject to a current board member's review and approval.



# Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between The Virginia Board of Accountancy and XXX, CPA

This AGREEMENT by and between XXX, CPA (hereinafter "XXX, CPA") and the Virginia Board of Accountancy (hereinafter "VBOA") is for assistance rendered as an Informal Fact Finding ("IFF") Conference Presiding Officer serving at the pleasure of the board.

XXX, CPA agrees to provide assistance to the VBOA in the following areas:

- 1. <u>Presiding Officer</u> XXX, CPA shall provide the VBOA assistance as a Presiding Officer designated by the Board Chair to preside over selected enforcement-related administrative proceedings.
- 2. <u>IFF Conferences</u> The Board Chair, in consultation with the Executive Director and/or the Enforcement Director, will assign the Presiding Officer to appropriately administer IFF Conferences. The full Board will provide guidance on the types of cases to be heard.
- 3. <u>Administration</u> Responsibilities of the Presiding Officer as they relate to the enforcement-related administrative proceedings shall be communicated to XXX, CPA by the Board Chair, in consultation with the Executive Director and/or Enforcement Director, with authorization provided by the Code of Virginia, federal and state regulations, and policies/procedures established by the VBOA.
- 4. <u>Enforcement Processes</u> XXX, CPA shall provide the VBOA assistance by reviewing enforcement cases and make determinations regarding cases. XXX, CPA will also assist other members of the board on enforcement cases as requested by the Board Chair, Executive Director and/or Enforcement Director,
- 5. <u>Performance</u> Performance as a Presiding Officer requires agreement to maintain confidentiality with respect to all reports, documentation, informational materials, general information, names of any and all individuals/firms and statements that receive consideration during the course of providing assistance to the VBOA. All documentation furnished for consideration to XXX, CPA during his performance of this agreement shall be returned to the VBOA within a reasonable time after the administrative proceeding.
- 6. <u>Disqualification</u> A Presiding Officer is subject to disqualification for any factor that would cause a reasonable person to question the impartiality of the Presiding Officer. If a Respondent were to object to the presence of a Presiding Officer in an IFF conference, that Presiding Officer would recuse him/herself, if it is reasonable to do so to avoid any semblance of partiality or bias.



7. <u>Travel Expense Reimbursement</u> - XXX, CPA shall be reimbursed for pre-approved travel expenses in accordance with state travel regulations.

### Period of Agreement and Amendments

This Agreement shall cover the period between 12/1/2021 and 11/30/2022. This Agreement shall continue in force until terminated be either of the parties in writing. Amendments to this Agreement shall become effective upon written approval by both parties.

EXECUTED AND AGREED ON THE DATES SET FORTH BELOW.

XXX, CPA

Nancy J. Glynn, CPA, Executive Director Henrico, VA 23233 Tel: (804) 367-8540 Fax: (804) 527-4409

XXX, CPA

Nancy J. Glynn, CPA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **GOAL: Enforcement Process**

Board members: Bill Brown, Barclay Bradshaw and Wendy Lewis

S	Specific	Create timeline benchmarks for each milestone within the enforcement life cycle. Ensure the system upgrade includes ability to track the completion of milestones and compare to the established benchmarks.
Μ	Measurable	Fairly automated report is delivered to the Board for review.
A	Achievable	Yes
R	Relevant	Very relevant
т	Time-based	1. Identify enforcement life cycle: August 2021/completed 2. Comparing the life cycle to the benchmarks: September 2021/completed 3. Revisions to benchmarks: November 2021 4. Demo of tracking tool: January 2022 5. Functioning tracking tool to use: June 2022

Status Update		
Status Date	January 11, 2022	
Forecasted to complete on time (Yes/No)? If No, please provide explanation.	Yes	
Unresolved Significant Risks/Contingencies	None	
Resources Needed	None	
Board Decisions Needed	None	
Significant Actions Completed	Revisions to the benchmarks completed and will test drive them until the official launch July 1, 2022.	
Significant Actions Not Completed		

# **GOAL:** Peer Review Enforcement

Board members: Nadia Rogers and Barclay Bradshaw

S	Specific	Create and automate a process that will identify firms who should be enrolled in peer review and an enforcement process for those who are not enrolled and/or are enrolled but receiving subpar results or untimely submissions. Develop a communications plan to inform firms.
Μ	Measurable	Execute the automatic monitoring
A	Achievable	Yes
R	Relevant	Very relevant
т	Time-based	March 2022

Status Update		
Status Date	January 11, 2022	
Forecasted to complete on time (Yes/No)? If No, please provide explanation.	Yes	
Unresolved Significant Risks/Contingencies	none	
Resources Needed	none	
Board Decisions Needed	none	
Significant Actions Completed	none	
Significant Actions Not Completed	none	

# **GOAL: Education Accreditation**

Board members: Nadia Rogers and Wendy Lewis

S	Specific	Continue to assess the impact of the model rules in the statutes, VBOA regulations and VBOA polices as it relates to accreditation.
М	Measurable	Upon implementation and approved in statutes, VBOA regulations and VBOA Policy
A	Achievable	Yes
R	Relevant	Very relevant
т	Time-based	Draft in May 2022

Status Update	
Status Date	January 11, 2022
Forecasted to complete on time (Yes/No)? If No, please provide explanation.	Yes
Unresolved Significant Risks/Contingencies	none
Resources Needed	none
Board Decisions Needed	none
Significant Actions Completed	none
Significant Actions Not Completed	none

# **GOAL: Education for Licensure**

Board members: Nadia Rogers and Wendy Lewis

S	Specific	Consider the impact of the Model Curriculum, Practice Analysis, and Blueprint on VBOA regulations, VBOA Policy, and the VBOA Education Handbook (i.e., additional 30 credit hours required for CPA licensure). Once decided, include outreach and communications of the VBOA decisions.
Μ	Measurable	Upon implementation and approved in VBOA regulations, VBOA Policy and VBOA Education Handbook
А	Achievable	Yes
R	Relevant	Very relevant
т	Time-based	Education guidelines and Education Handbook: Draft in May 2022

Status Update		
Status Date	January 11, 2022	
Forecasted to complete on time (Yes/No)? If No, please provide explanation.	yes	
Unresolved Significant Risks/Contingencies	none	
Resources Needed	none	
Board Decisions Needed	none	
Significant Actions Completed	none	
Significant Actions Not Completed	none	

# **GOAL: Education for Exam**

Board members: Nadia Rogers and Wendy Lewis

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S	Specific	Consider the impact of the model curriculum, Practice Analysis, and Blueprint on VBOA regulations, VBOA Policy, and VBOA education guidelines (i.e., composition of the 24 credit hours of upper-level accounting and 24 credit hours of business courses). Once decided, include outreach and communications of the VBOA decisions, while considering the model curriculum and practice analysis.	
М	Measurable	Upon implementation and approved in VBOA regulations, VBOA Policy and VBOA Education Handbook	
A	Achievable	Yes	
R	Relevant	Very relevant	
т	Time-based	Interim updates to VBOA Education guidelines and Education Handbook to reflect acknowledgement of CPA Evolution: Draft, review and approved in August 31, 2021, Board meeting. Draft communications plan available in October 2021. Draft updates to VBOA regulation, Policy, Education Handbook following release of Practice Analysis and Blueprint for public comment in mid-2022: August 2022. Final updates to VBOA regulation, Policy, Education Handbook following Practice Analysis and Blueprint: February 2023. Communications plan available: April 2023. *Continuous assessment throughout evolution is imperative	

Status Update	
Status Date	January 11, 2022
Forecasted to complete on time (Yes/No)? If No, please provide explanation.	yes
Unresolved Significant Risks/Contingencies	Draft model curriculum and draft transition plan released, June 2021, by NASBA and AICPA.
Resources Needed	none
Board Decisions Needed	none
Significant Actions Completed	Draft communications plan discussed at Sept. 30, 2021, Board meeting.
Significant Actions Not Completed	none

## **GOAL: CPE Credits**

Board members: Nadia Rogers and Laurie Warwick

S	Specific	Updating existing VBOA Policy (and VBOA regulations, if necessary) by adding a standardized formula for awarding CPE for publications, presentations, professional designations/exams, and training programs.
М	Measurable	Through a developed standardized formula and approved by the Board.
A	Achievable	Yes
R	Relevant	Very relevant
т	Time-based	1/1/2022

Status Update		
Status Date	January 11, 2022	
Forecasted to complete on time (Yes/No)? If No, please provide explanation.	Yes	
Unresolved Significant Risks/Contingencies	none	
Resources Needed	none	
Board Decisions Needed	none	
Significant Actions Completed	Vote on qualifying guidelines during Jan. 11, 2022, Board meeting.	
Significant Actions Not Completed	none	

## **GOAL: Fee Structure**

Board members: Jay Bernas and Brian Carson

S	Specific	Have a reasonable fee structure that will fund all of our expenditures for a minimum of the next 10 years while maintaining a minimum contingency fund in line with our VBOA Policy.
М	Measurable	It's approved by the Governor's Office and the General Assembly, if needed.
A	Achievable	Yes
R	Relevant	Very relevant
т	Time-based	June 2023

Status Update		
Status Date	January 11, 2022	
Forecasted to complete on time (Yes/No)? If No, please provide explanation.	yes	
Unresolved Significant Risks/Contingencies	none	
Resources Needed	none	
Board Decisions Needed	none	
Significant Actions Completed	Initial 10-year forecast has been completed. Preliminary discussions held with the Department of Planning and Budget, and Secretary of Finance.	
Significant Actions Not Completed	none	



## VBOA Policy #4

TITLE:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

**AUTHORITY:** 

POLICY STATEMENT:

Continuing Professional Education Guidelines for CPAs

August 19, 2020 JanuaryJuly 1-11, 2022

Code of Virginia 54.1-4409.2 and 54.1-4413.2 and VBOA regulations 18VAC5-22-90 and 18VAC5-22-140

Specific CPE requirements of the Virginia Board of Accountancy (VBOA) are listed in the authority sections named above. This policy details the CPE guidelines approved by the VBOA.

#### **General guidelines**

Persons who hold a Virginia license must obtain 120 hours of CPE during a rolling threecalendar-year reporting period. For each calendar year within the reporting period, the person must obtain a minimum of 20 hours of CPE that must include a VBOA-approved ethics course of at least 2 hours. If the person releases or authorizes the release of reports on attest services, compilation services, or financial statement preparation services during the calendar year, the person must obtain a minimum of 8 hours of CPE related to those services in that same calendar year, which are included as part of the annual minimum and reporting period minimum.

CPE requirements for persons who have been newly issued a Virginia license can be found in VBOA regulation 18VAC5-22-90(B). CPE requirements for a person wishing to reinstate a Virginia license or wishing to transition the status of their Virginia license from Inactive back to Active can be found in VBOA regulation 18VAC5-22-90(C).

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The VBOA-approved ethics course of at least 2 hours is a separate and distinct annual requirement from the one-time American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ethics course needed for initial licensure.

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The VBOA-approved ethics course must include the specific VBOA Segment. Licensees must complete a VBOA-approved ethics course annually.

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#### Qualifying CPE other than the VBOA-approved ethics course

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A variety of continuing professional education is acceptable, as specified in VBOA regulations.

#### Accepted professional education credits

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The VBOA will determine on a case-by-case basis the acceptability of other forums for CPE not otherwise specified in regulation. Restrictions on specific forums for CPE are found in VBOA regulations. Acceptance of hours of CPE is at the discretion of the VBOA.

In addition to CPE, the VBOA will accept The VBOA has also approved that Continuing Education (CE), Continuing Education Units (CEU), Continuing Legal Education (CLE), Continuing Medical Education (CME), and Quality Assurance Service (QAS) are acceptable as hours of CPE and semester and guarter-hour credits as CPE credits.

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#### **Subject Matter Experts**

Acceptable CPE must be instructed, developed or peer reviewed by subject matter experts. These are individuals or teams having expertise in the subject matter. Expertise may be demonstrated through practical experience or education, or both.

#### Acceptable CPE

- Attending a seminar or educational conference. Instructors must have up-to-date knowledge of the subject matter and use appropriate teaching materials.
- Earning course credit at an accredited college or university. One semester-hour of credit for completion of courses at an accredited college or university constitutes 15 hours of CPE and one quarter-hour of credit constitutes 10 hours of CPE.
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- Making a presentation. The licensee may present at a professional seminar, educational conference or classroom setting, if up-to-date knowledge of the subject matter is demonstrated and appropriate teaching materials are used. Licensees may page 3 of 7

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Teaching courses at an accredited college or university. College and university instructors, at accredited institutions, may count first time preparation and presentation of a course for CPE. CPE is only permitted the first time the course is prepared and offered by the instructor. One semester hour of credit constitutes 15 hours of CPE; one quarter hour of credit constitutes 10 hours of CPE. A copy of the syllabus and a statement certifying it was the licensee's first time preparing and teaching the section is required. During each 3 year period, a maximum of 30 hours for preparing and presenting courses is allowable.

During each rolling 3-year period, a maximum of 30 hours for preparing and making presentations is allowable.

The definition of presentations made in a classroom setting includes teaching courses at an accredited college or university. College and university instructors, at accredited institutions, may count first time preparation and presentation of a course for CPE. CPE is only permitted the first time the course is prepared and offered by the instructor. One semester-hour of credit constitutes 15 hours of CPE; one quarter-hour of credit constitutes 10 hours of CPE. A copy of the syllabus and a statement certifying it was the licensee's first time preparing and teaching the section is required. Documentation needs to include a letter from the Department Head or Chair confirming that information.

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 Published articles, books, or CPE programs. Licensees may receive CPE credit for their research and writing time to the extent it maintains or improves their professional competence. Topics must be relevant to the development of CPAs performing professional services or improve their professional competence. Materials must be formally reviewed by an authoritative independent party and must be published in a book, magazine or similar publication. CPE can be claimed upon publication. Revisions of published materials are not eligible for additional CPE.

Self-study guides and training materials that are produced for a training library and written by a licensee may be counted as CPE. The curriculum must contribute to the accounting profession in providing services to the public or to or on behalf of an employer. As a rule, training materials written and presented by a licensee will be considered for CPE under the presentation guidelines and cannot be claimed under **Formatted:** List Paragraph, Indent: Left: 2.25", Add space between paragraphs of the same style

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this provision. An independent party, who is a subject matter expert, must formally review all written materials.

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 CPE credit for certifications/exams/licensures. VBOA has approved CPE hours for studying and passing certain exams and professional certifications or licenses. CPE is awarded based on the length of the exam with five CPE awarded for each hour of the exam. For example, a one-hour exam would constitute five hours of CPE. As a general rule, licensees cannot earn additional CPE for passing c eertifications/exams/licensures if they were awarded CPE by the sponsor of an exam preparation course.

During each rolling 3-year period, a maximum of <u>640</u> hours for preparing and making presentationscertifications/exams/licensures is allowable.

#### **CPE reporting period**

The VBOA uses a rolling three calendar-year period to determine CPE compliance. This period includes the three calendar years prior to the current calendar year. For example, if asked by the VBOA to produce evidence of CPE compliance, submit such evidence for the three calendar years prior to the current calendar year.

#### **CPE compliance reviews**

On a monthly basis, the VBOA randomly selects people who hold a Virginia license for CPE compliance. The VBOA will notify licensees selected for a CPE compliance review. If selected, a person will be required to submit acceptable CPE documentation to verify compliance through a means determined by the VBOA. As a function of this CPE review process, a person may be required to provide additional documentation as requested by the VBOA to support compliance.

In addition to the random selection process, people who hold a Virginia license will also be selected for a CPE compliance review as a component of any open investigation or enforcement case or in situations where the VBOA believes that a CPE compliance review is warranted.

#### **CPE documentation requirements**

Required documentation can generally be satisfied by providing:

- Certificates of completion or some other form of documentation from the CPE sponsor(s) including the sponsor(s) name, participant's name, course/content name, date taken and hours of CPE earned.
- Official transcript of the college or university for earning course credit at an accredited college or university.
- Official sSyllabus/agenda and signed statement indicating the length of the presentation when making a presentation.

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The VBOA has restrictions on the types of documentation it regards as acceptable. The VBOA will not accept receipts, registration confirmations, canceled checks, outlines, PowerPoint presentations or sign-in sheets, etc., as valid CPE documentation.

#### **Retention requirements for CPE documentation**

People who hold a Virginia license must retain CPE documentation for the four calendar years preceding the current calendar year.

#### **CPE violations**

As the result of a CPE compliance review, the VBOA may find that a person who holds a Virginia license has violated the CPE requirements during the reporting period. In such cases, enforcement action may be taken and the person will generally be offered a Consent Order and be subject to disciplinary action.

A person who holds a Virginia license may also determine on their own, outside of a CPE compliance review, that they are deficient in CPE for a specific reporting period. The person should notify the VBOA immediately when it is determined that a CPE deficiency has occurred.

In accordance with VBOA regulations, depending on the facts and circumstances, the VBOA may waive all or part of the CPE requirement for one or more calendar years or grant additional time for complying with the CPE requirement, provided that the waiver or deferral is in the public interest. However, requests for a waiver or a deferral must generally be received in advance of the deadline for CPE completion. It is the policy of the VBOA that such waivers or deferrals generally be considered only in situations resulting from extreme medical hardship or active military deployment.

Requests for a waiver or deferral made under this section will be considered on a caseby-case basis. Such approvals are rare.

**APPROVAL AND REVIEW:** 

This VBOA policy was reviewed and approved on June 23, 2020 January 11, 2022.

Changes related to maximum hours for published materials will be effective July 1, 2022.

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# This VBOA policy replaces Board Policy #4 that was approved on September 19, 2019June SUPPRESSION: <u>23, 2020</u>. **VBOA CHAIR AT** LAST REVIEW: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA, Chair **VBOA MEMBERS AT** LAST REVIEW: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA Wendy P. Lewis, CPA, Vice Chair Matthew P. BosherJay Bernas W. Barclay Bradshaw, CPA William R. Brown, CPA D. Brian Carson, CPA, CGMA Nadia A. Rogers, CPA Stephanie S. Saunders, CPA **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Nancy J. Glynn, CPA

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# VBOA Policy #4

TITLE:

**Continuing Professional Education Guidelines for CPAs** 

July 1, 2022

Code of Virginia §§ 54.1-4409.2 and 54.1-4413.2 and VBOA regulations 18VAC5-22-90 and 18VAC5-22-140

**POLICY STATEMENT:** 

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 

**AUTHORITY:** 

Specific CPE requirements of the Virginia Board of Accountancy (VBOA) are listed in the authority sections named above. This policy details the CPE guidelines approved by the VBOA.

### **General guidelines**

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During each rolling 3-year period, a maximum of 60 hours for certifications/exams/licensures is allowable.

**CPE reporting period** 



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In addition to the random selection process, people who hold a Virginia license will also be selected for a CPE compliance review as a component of any open investigation or enforcement case or in situations where the VBOA believes that a CPE compliance review is warranted.

### **CPE documentation requirements**

Required documentation can generally be satisfied by providing:

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- Official transcript of the college or university for earning course credit at an accredited college or university.
- Official syllabus/agenda and signed statement indicating the length of the presentation when making a presentation.
- A statement certifying it was the licensee's first time preparing and teaching the section is required and a letter from the Department Head or Chair confirming that information.
- A statement from the writer supporting the number of CPE hours claimed. The name and contact information of the independent reviewer(s) or publisher. A copy of the published article, book or written material (or proof of publication), or in the case of a CPE program, the final course documentation. Copies of materials must list the name of the licensee as author or contributor.

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A person who holds a Virginia license may also determine on their own, outside of a CPE compliance review, that they are deficient in CPE for a specific reporting period. The person should notify the VBOA immediately when it is determined that a CPE deficiency has occurred.

In accordance with VBOA regulations, depending on the facts and circumstances, the VBOA may waive all or part of the CPE requirement for one or more calendar years or grant additional time for complying with the CPE requirement, provided that the waiver or deferral is in the public interest. However, requests for a waiver or a deferral must generally be received in advance of the deadline for CPE completion. It is the policy of the VBOA that such waivers or deferrals generally be considered only in situations resulting from extreme medical hardship or active military deployment.

Requests for a waiver or deferral made under this section will be considered on a caseby-case basis. Such approvals are rare.

**APPROVAL AND REVIEW:** This VBOA policy was reviewed and approved on January 11, 2022.

Changes related to maximum hours for published materials will be effective July 1, 2022.

This VBOA policy replaces Board Policy #4 that was approved on June 23, 2020.

VBOA CHAIR AT LAST REVIEW:

**SUPPRESSION:** 

VBOA MEMBERS AT LAST REVIEW: Laurie A. Warwick, CPA, Chair

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# VIRGINIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY BYLAWS FEBRUARY 2020

### Article I – Members

The appointment and limitations of service of the members shall be in accordance with Section 54.1-4402-54.1-4404 of the Code of Virginia.

## Article II - Officers of the Board

Officers of the Board shall consist of Chair and Vice Chair. The terms of office of the Chair and Vice Chair shall be for 12 months or until succeeded. The term of each office shall begin July 1 of each year. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office unless serving an unexpired term.

- A. Chair: The Chair shall preserve order and preside at all meetings according to parliamentary rules, the Virginia Administrative Process Act, and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The Chair shall sign his or her name as Chair to the certificates authorized to be signed by the Chair.
- B. Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair.
- C. Order of succession: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the office of Chair for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice Chair, a special election will be held.

## **Article III - Election of Officers**

The Board shall elect officers for a term of one year. The term of each office shall begin July 1 of each year.

Board members may nominate fellow Board members for Chair and Vice Chair at the first scheduled Board meeting following April 1 of each year. The election of officers shall occur at this meeting. The elected officers shall assume their duties July 1 of each year.

- A. Officers shall be elected at a meeting of the Board with a quorum present.
- B. Voting shall be by voice vote, roll call or show of hands. A simple majority shall prevail with the current Chair casting a vote only to break a tie.
- C. The election shall occur in the following order: Chair, Vice-Chair.

## Article IV – Committees

A. The Board may establish committees as deemed necessary to assist the Board in its work.



- B. The Board shall approve the members of the committees. The Board may appoint members to a committee who are not members of the Board when it serves the purpose of the committee.
- C. The work of committees shall be outlined in policy and be advisory to the board unless otherwise specified.

### Amendments to Bylaws

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by presenting the amendments in writing to all Board members seven calendar days prior to any scheduled Board meeting.