

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Public Hearing: January 25, 2023

A special meeting of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy was held via Zoom webinar on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

The following Board members were present:

Clayton J. Huffman, CPA, Chair
Ashley Addison, CPA
Michael E. Mixon, CPA
Craig Smith, CPA
Charles Cole, CPA
Todd M. Tolbert, Consumer Member

Board Members absent:

Emily Farrell, CPA, Vice Chair

Staff present:

Paul Ziga, CPA, Executive Director
Ayokah Harrison-Roberts, Compliance Business Analyst 3
Swan Fleming, Licensing Tech 3
Sandy Ferris, Licensing Tech 2

Attorney General Representative:

Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Boyd Search, GSCPA, Chief Executive Officer
Greg Wilder, GSCPA, Chief Operating Officer
Don Cook, GSCPA, VP Legislative Affairs
Kathryn Fletcher, CPA

Chairman Huffman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

A public meeting was held to adopt the following proposed amendments to Board Rules Chapter 20-11 Continuing Professional Education:

- Added terms, definitions and means not previously included to modernize the rules and better align with the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Model Rule for CPE
- Removes the accounting and auditing “A&A” requirement adds a 50%/50% ratio requirement for technical and non-technical topics and an ethics requirement. 4 credits of ethics with 1 credit required to be specific to the Board’s laws, rules, and policies.
- Updates CPE provider standards to align with the current standards on CPE providers
- Updates language for CPE records to align with the UAA Model Rule
- Updates the qualification for CPE credit and accepted calculation to align with the UAA Model Rule

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- And adds CPE reciprocity for Georgia licensees residing and having a principal place of business in another state.

This new rule will go in effect on January 1, 2024.

There were no comments from the Public.

There were no comments from the Board.

There is no economic impact to licensees or businesses in Georgia.

Mr. Tolbert made a motion to adopt amended rule as presented. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

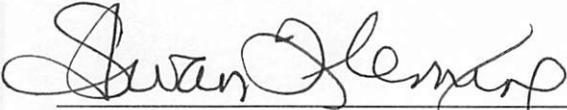
Mr. Tolbert made a motion to release the Attorney General's memo of statutory authority for this rule to the appropriate legislative committees and the Governor's Office. Mr. Mixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The amended rule is attached and made part of these minutes.

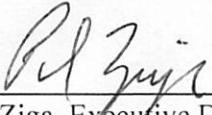
The hearing adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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With no other business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.



Recorded by Swan Fleming, Licensing Tech 3



Paul Ziga, Executive Director/Secretary



Clayton J. Huffman, Chair

These minutes were approved on March 22, 2023

State of Georgia
County of Fulton

Affidavit Supporting Closing
Of Public Meeting

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now Clayton J. Huffman the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Accountancy.

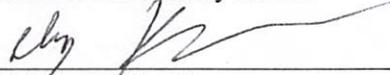
I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.

On January 25, 2023, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was O.C.G.A. § 43-3-25.1(a) and (b), O.C.G.A. §§ 43-3-20(b).

The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
Board Rules.

Further the affiant sayeth not.



(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 25 Day of January, 2023



Notary Public



Ayokah Harrison Roberts
NOTARY PUBLIC
Newton County, Georgia
My Commission Expires
February 9, 2026

My Commission Expires