

**PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

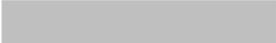
In the Matter of the Certified Public
Accountant (CPA) Certificate and/or
Licenses to Practice Public Accounting of:



Respondent.

No. 

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Washington State Board of Accountancy (Board) and 
(Respondent), stipulate and agree as follows:

Section 1: Procedural Stipulations

- 1.1 Respondent understands that the Board may issue a statement of charges in this matter and proceed to a hearing before the Board upon the merits of said charges.
- 1.2 Respondent understands that should the Board prevail at hearing based on a statement of charges that the Board has the power and authority to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the Respondent's CPA certificate or any individual or firm licenses to practice public accounting as a CPA or CPA firm in Washington and may impose a fine plus the Board's investigative and legal costs in bringing charges or impose conditions precedent to renewal of the certificate or license, or impose full restitution to injured parties.
- 1.3 Respondent has the right to defend against a statement of charges by demanding a hearing and presenting evidence on the Respondent's behalf. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a hearing and all other rights which may be accorded the Respondent by the

Administrative Procedures Act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and the laws of Washington, including the right to petition the courts for judicial review.

- 1.4 Respondent wishes to expedite the resolution of this matter by means of this Consent Agreement and does not desire to proceed to a formal hearing based on the emergency temporary order and statement of charges issued by the Executive Director on [REDACTED]
- 1.5 Respondent understands that the terms of this Consent Agreement are not binding unless approved by the Board and fully executed.
- 1.6 Should this Consent Agreement be rejected by the Board and the Board proceeds to issue a statement of charges, the Respondent waives any objection to the participation of any members of the Board at a hearing on this matter, other than the consulting Board member in this proceeding.

The parties further stipulate to the following Stipulated Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order:

Section 2: Stipulated Facts

- 2.1 Respondent holds a valid Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license to practice public accounting ([REDACTED]) in Washington State.
- 2.2 On [REDACTED] the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) implemented discipline against Respondent in Order Instituting Disciplinary Proceedings, Making Findings, and Imposing Sanctions (“Order”). In accordance with the Order, Respondent is restricted from performing public audits for five (5) years, and the now dissolved firm [REDACTED] agreed to pay a fine of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). Respondent stated that no value of stock was misrepresented, and that there

was no harm to the public, as a result of [REDACTED] actions in the PCAOB's findings. Respondent and Respondent's legal counsel informed the Executive Director that the PCAOB agreed action was primarily the result of Respondent and Respondent's firm's failure to change engagement partners within the appropriate period specified by regulation.

Section 3: Conclusions of Law

- 3.1 The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
- 3.2 The conduct described in Stipulated Facts 2.2 constitutes cause for Board discipline under RCW 18.04.295, for violations of WAC 4-30-048. WAC 4-30-048 requires compliance with rules, regulations, and professional standards.
- 3.3 The conduct described in Stipulated Facts 2.2 also constitute cause for Board discipline under RCW 18.04.295, for violations of WAC 4-30-142(6)(b). WAC 4-30-142(6)(b) outlines an order of the PCAOB as prima facie evidence that a licensee has engaged in dishonesty, fraud, or negligence when representing oneself as a licensee.

Section 4: Agreed Order

- 4.1 Respondent consents to the entry of this Agreement and has waived any right to a hearing.
- 4.2 Pursuant to RCW 18.04.295, the Board has the power to impose discipline. Based on the preceding Stipulated Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Board and Respondent agree that:
 - 4.2.1 The Executive Director will immediately withdraw the issued statement of charges and emergency temporary order on the effective date of this Consent Agreement.
 - 4.2.2 Respondent's individual license is suspended for a three (3) years from the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

4.2.3 The suspension in Paragraph 4.2.2 shall be stayed. If it is determined, after due notice and opportunity for a hearing, that during the stayed suspension Respondent violates or fails to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement, Chapter 18 RCW, and/or Title 4 WAC, the Board may vacate the stay and impose the original suspension period in Paragraph 4.2.2.

4.2.4 Respondent's reports must pass a preissue review by a reviewer approved by the Executive Director prior to the issuance of any assurance or attest report(s) for one (1) year from the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Any costs involved with preissue reviews are to be borne by Respondent. A copy of any preissue review(s) must be submitted to the Board by the approved reviewer within 30 days of its completion.

4.2.5 Respondent must complete four (4) separate courses of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) within 180 days of the service of this Agreement. Respondent must submit certificates of completion to the Board within 30 days of each course completion. The CPE must cover the following topics:

4.2.5.1 SSARS No. 21,

4.2.5.2 Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book),

4.2.5.3 Auditing under A-133 for HUD Engagements,

4.2.5.4 Four (4) hour course on Ethics and Regulation in Washington State presented in a group study environment. A self-study course will not qualify to meet this condition.

4.2.6 Pay the Board the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to reimburse the Board's estimated investigative and legal costs within 90 days of the service of this Agreement.

I, [REDACTED] certify that I have read this Consent Agreement in its entirety, and that I fully understand and agree to all of it and that it may be presented to the Board without my appearance. If the Board accepts the Consent Agreement, I understand that I will receive a signed copy.

DATED this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED]

RESPONDENT

[REDACTED]

The Board accepts and enters this Consent Agreement.

DATED this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED]

WASHINGTON STATE
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

[REDACTED]