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**GSCPA Member Appointed to Department of Revenue's Advisory Group**

The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants (GSCPA) is honored to announce that member, Brad Dickson, has been appointed to the Department of Revenue's Advisory Group to serve a two-year term beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Dickson is a partner with Tarpley and Underwood as well as the chair of the GSCPAs' Taxation Section.

As background, the Department of Revenue established an Advisory Group in 2004 comprised of members of the business community for the purpose of providing a forum for shared feedback and counsel to assist in establishing tax policy and governance within the state. A copy of the Mission Statement for the Advisory Group is attached for your information.

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## Department of Revenue Advisory Committee

### I. MISSION STATEMENT

- A. Maintain an effective and open dialogue between the Department of Revenue and the business community
- B. Provide counsel to the Georgia Department of Revenue Commissioner with respect to tax policy including:
  - 1. The implications of existing or proposed legislation, regulations or departmental policies with regard to:
    - a. conformity with other states
    - b. conformity with federal law
    - c. cost of compliance
    - d. business environment
  - 2. Experience with "best practices" in Georgia and other states
  - 3. Development of a fair, efficient, and cost effective tax system within the confines of the existing statutes
  - 4. The identification of alternatives to the existing statutory framework that would promote a fair, efficient, and cost effective tax system
- C. Provide counsel to the Georgia Department of Revenue Commissioner with respect to tax administration including:
  - 1. Best practices in Georgia and other states regarding:
    - a. the manner in which issues are fairly and timely resolved
    - b. streamlining Department of Revenue processes in a fair, efficient, and cost effective manner for both taxpayer and the Department of Revenue
    - c. combating tax fraud
    - d. increased tax compliance

### II. GOVERNANCE

- A. Commissioner sets the agenda
- B. Term limits

1. Staggered terms
    - a. Provides continuity
    - b. Brings fresh ideas and perspectives
  2. Individuals may be reappointed at Commissioner's discretion
  3. Ability to suspend service to avoid conflict of interest
- C. Expectation of confidentiality
1. Required in order to maximize openness within group
    - a. Applies to DOR communication
    - b. Applies to industry and professional communication
  2. Members who violate will be asked to leave Committee
- D. Members serve in their individual capacity
1. Appointed by the Commissioner or other method prescribed by the Commissioner
  2. expectation that members will consider the interests of the public and not just the interests of their company of employment
- E. Quarterly Meeting
1. Meetings to be held quarterly or at the convenience of the Commissioner

### III. MEMBERSHIP

#### CPA FIRMS

Big 4 (1 year term)	1
Ga. Society (2 year term staggered)	2 (1 filled and 1 open)

#### LAW FIRMS

(2 year term staggered)	3
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#### COST

(2 year term)	1
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(1 year term)	1
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#### INDUSTRY

Outside Ga. (2 year term)	1
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Top 20 Inside Georgia (2 year term staggered)	<u>7</u>
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