#### Georgia Society of CPAs Annual Report on Oversight

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## I. Administering Entity Oversight Process and Procedures

#### **Oversight of Peer Reviews and Reviewers**

The Georgia Society of CPAs Peer Review Committee selects various peer reviews for oversight. The selections are made randomly or are based on (but not limited to) suggestions from the (RAB) Report Acceptance Body Committee and are usually based the committee's concerns about a reviewer or a firm.

#### Firms

The selection of firms to be reviewed is based on several factors including (but not limited to)

- 1. Previous non-pass reports
- 2. If this is the firm's initial system review
- 3.If the firm conducts engagements in high-risk industries.

#### Reviewers

All peer reviewers are subject to oversight, and they may be selected based on several factors including (but not limited to)

- 1. Random selection
- 2. Frequent submission of pass reports with no MFCs or FFCs
- 3. Conducting a significant number of reviews for firms with audits in high-risk industries
- 4. Performance of their first peer review
- 5. Performing high volumes of reviews
- 6. A high volume of reviewer feedback
- 7. Performance deficiencies or a history of performance deficiencies.

#### **Oversight Process**

An active member in the Georgia Society of CPAs Peer Review program performs all oversight of engagements. For a system review and must-select engagement oversights, members must have team captain experience and high risk industry experience, if applicable. Selection of the oversight reviewer is on a volunteer basis. If there are no volunteers, The Georgia Society of CPAs Peer Review Executive Committee will appoint a member to complete the oversight.

All oversight reviewers are paid by The Georgia Society of CPAs at the maximum technical reviewer administrative rate. For on-site reviews, the rate is applied from door-to-door. The current IRS mileage rate and other incidental expenses are reimbursed in addition to the hourly rate.

The AICPA Peer Review Program Oversight checklists are available on the AICPA peer review website. Oversight reports are uploaded into the AICPA's PRIMA (Peer Review Integrated Management Application) system. The final report is prepared on the reviewer's letterhead and submitted to The Georgia Society of CPAs Peer Review Executive Committee. The reviewer may respond and make corrections as deemed necessary.

#### **Minimum Requirements**

In 2023, The Georgia Society of CPAs was required to conduct minimal oversight on 2% of all reviews performed in a twelve-month period of time and within the 2% selected, there must be at least two of each type of peer review evaluated (system and engagement reviews). \* *See section III for details on oversights performed* 

#### Administrative Oversight

GSCPA participates in the annual AICPA Plan of Administration review and benchmark reporting three times per year which allows the AICPA and GSCPA's peer review executive committee to monitor administrative procedures. Additionally, the GSCPA peer review executive committee receives quarterly updates on peer review statistics that include (but are not limited to) open reviews, late reviews, results of reviews presented to RAB, oversights in process, & open corrective actions and implementation plans. \* See section III for details on the most recent administrative oversight performed

## II. Summary of Peer Review Program(s)

#### The Georgia Society of CPAs administers the AICPA Peer Review Program.

The Georgia State Board of Accountancy (SBOA) requires all firms in Georgia, who provide attestation or compilation services as part of their public accounting process, to be enrolled in a practice monitoring program. The SBOA has designated The Georgia Society of CPAs as an authorized report acceptance body to approve peer review reports issued for firms enrolled in peer review programs administered by The Georgia Society of CPAs.

	AICPA Peer Review Program
Sole Practitioners	204
2 to 5	257
6 to 10	61
11 to 19	18
20 to 49	9
50 to 99	0
100 +	1
Total enrolled firms	550

#### **Results of Peer Reviews Accepted During the Year 2023**

#### a) Results by Type of Peer Review and Report Issued

	AICPA Rev Prog	iew
System Reviews		%
Pass	74	88.1
Pass with deficiency(ies)	8	9.52
Fail	2	2.38
Total	84	100

	AICPA Peer Review Program	
Engagement Reviews		%
Pass	81	93.1
Pass with deficiency(ies)	5	5.75
Fail	1	1.15
Total	87	100

### b) Type and Number of Reasons for Report Deficiencies for System Reviews

	AICPA Peer Review Program
Leadership responsibilities for quality within the firm	2
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Relevant ethical requirements	0
Acceptance and continuance of client relationships and specific engagements	0
Human resources	2
Engagement performance	8
Monitoring	2
Total	14

# c) Number of Engagements Not Performed or Reported on in Conformity with Professional Standards in All Material Respects (Nonconforming engagements)

	AICPA Peer Review Program		
	Number of Engagements		
			% of total
		Nonconforming	engagements
Engagement Type	Reviewed	engagements	reviewed
Audits:	131	28	
Single Audit			15.53
Government Auditing			
Standards – All Other	32	6	3.8
ERISA	32	7	3.8
FDICIA	0	0	0
Other	1	0	.012
Reviews	309	13	36.66
Compilations and Preparations:	50	4	
With Disclosures			5.93
Omit Disclosures	247	5	29.3
Financial Forecasts & Projections	0	0	0
SOC Reports	6	0	.71
Agreed Upon Procedures	23	4	2.73
Other SSAEs	12	1	1.42
Totals	843	68	100

d) Summary of Required Follow-up Actions (includes corrective actions and implementation plans)

	AICPA Peer Review
Type of Follow-Up Action	Program
Agree to take/submit proof of certain CPE	10
Submit to review of nonconforming engagements	2
Agree to pre-issuance reviews	5
Agree to post-issuance reviews	2
Agree to review of remedial actions	0
Submit monitoring or inspection report to Team Captain or Peer Review Committee	0
Submit to outside party revisit	0
Elect to have accelerated review	0
Submit evidence of proper firm licensure	6
Firm has represented in writing they no longer perform or are engaged to perform any engagements subject to peer	
review	0
Agree to hire outside party or consultant for inspection	0
Team Captain to review Quality Control Document	0
Submit proof of purchase of manuals	0
Agree to join an Audit Quality Center	0
Other	1
Total	26

## III. Oversight Process and Oversight Results

a) Peer reviews

AICPA Peer Review Program Firms

Type of Peer Review	Must Select Engagement (GAGAS, ERISA, FDICIA, SOC)	Total Oversights
System	1	2
Engagement	2	2

b) Oversight Performed on the AE

Date of Last Administrative Oversight Performed by AICPA Oversight Task Force	November 10-11, 2022
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The results of our most recent oversight performed by the AICPA Oversight Task Force, which covers only the AICPA Peer Review Program, are available on the <u>AICPA's website</u>.