

**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:

Elizabeth Holtz
License No. 26564

Respondent.

No. ACB-1464

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Washington State Board of Accountancy (Board) and Elizabeth Holtz (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. The Board has not done so in order to facilitate resolution of this matter in accordance with the legislative intent endorsed in RCW 34.05.060 and the provisions of WAC 4-30-140.
- 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 that 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 issuance of a statement of charges.
- 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 (License No. 26564, issued on 11/30/2007) in Washington State.
- 2.2 On 8/23/2016, Respondent responded to the Board's 2016 CPE Audit.
- 2.3 Respondent failed to submit sufficient documentation for 60 of the 120 hours of Continuing Professional Education required for credential renewal.

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 2.1 through 2.3 constitute cause for Board discipline under RCW 18.04.215 and RCW 18.04.295, for violation of WAC 4-30-134. WAC 4-30-134 (2)(a) states a licensee must complete a total of 120 CPE credit hours during the CPE reporting period to be eligible to renew a CPA license.**

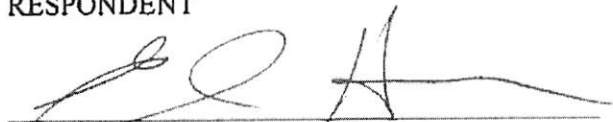
Section 4: Agreed Order

- 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 Respondent's individual license will be immediately retired.**
 - 4.2.2 Prior to the Board accepting any application from Respondent to renew out of retirement, Respondent must:**
 - 4.2.2.1 Pay the Board a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500).**
 - 4.2.2.2 Pay the Board the amount of five hundred (\$500) to reimburse the Board's investigative and legal costs.**
 - 4.2.2.3 Submit documentation for all CPE required at the time of application, and satisfy the then current CPE requirements.**

I, Elizabeth Holtz, 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 18TH day of APRIL, 2017.

RESPONDENT


Elizabeth Holtz

The Board accepts and enters this Consent Agreement.

DATED this 20th day of April, 2017.

WASHINGTON STATE
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY


Thomas G. Neill, CPA
Chair