

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATION
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

In the Matter of:

Evan Hegge
Licensee.

COMPLAINT
(SDCL 36-1C-2)

Case No. 104-25

License No. 3399

TO: Evan Hegge, 805 S 6th Ave, Brandon, SD 57005, via email only at evan.hegge@gmail.com.

This complaint is based on the following facts:

1. The following person is a certified public accountant with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, Board of Accountancy (Board):
 - a. Name: Evan Hegge (Licensee)
 - b. License Number: 3399
 - c. Date License Issued: September 25, 2018
 - d. Most Recent Date of License Expiration: July 31, 2025
2. Licensee is required to report all claimed continuing professional education (CPE) to the Board in accordance with Board requirements.
3. On June 25, 2024, Licensee emailed the Board office to request an extension to complete CPE for CPE period July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. The Board office responded to Licensee via email which stated that they were granted an extension until September 30, 2024, to complete 78.4 hours of CPE required by June 30, 2024.
4. On July 22, 2024, Licensee completed an active renewal for period ending July 31, 2025.
5. On September 16, 2024, Board office sent an email to inform Licensee that reporting CPE through the extension was due no later than October 4, 2024.
6. Licensee did not submit any CPE documentation to the Board office by the deadline or otherwise respond to the request.
7. On October 7, 2024, Board office sent an email to inform Licensee that reporting CPE through the extension was due no later than October 8, 2024.

8. On October 7, 2024, Licensee responded to the email that "I'm not even close to hitting the CPE. I'm guessing I'll have to get removed from eligibility or go "inactive". I'll research what the implications are."
9. Licensee was required to complete 78.4 hours of CPE for year ending June 30, 2024, to fulfill requirement for active renewal status. Licensee did not request subsequent extension to complete CPE.
10. Licensee reported 0 hours of CPE through extension period of September 30, 2024.

The above facts support the conclusion that you violated the following rules and statute:

ARSD 20:75:03:03. Application for renewal of certificates -- Fees.

SDCL 36-20B-27 Renewal of certificate – Continuing education requirement -- Exception

SDCL 36-20B-40(3) and (6). Disciplinary action--Remedies available to board—Grounds.

SDCL 36-1C-3 states that licensees shall send a response to this complaint to the undersigned executive director within **20 business days** after service of this complaint. The response timeline may be extended by the executive director for good cause. Failure to respond to the complaint is grounds for disciplinary action.

A response is due in this case to executive director at the address listed below no later than November 8, 2024.

Dated this 10th day of October 2024.



Nicole Kasin, Executive Director
South Dakota Dept. of Labor and Regulation
Board of Accountancy
301 East 14th Street, Suite 200
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-367-5770

If you agree that the above-listed facts of the complaint are true and correct and you wish to resolve this matter without a hearing, the Board office proposes to resolve this matter with the following:

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) 36-1C-6 and 1-26-20, in consideration of the above-captioned matter, and as the full and final resolution of this matter, the undersigned parties do hereby consent and agree to the following:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 36-20B.
2. ARSD 20:75:03:03 requires an application for renewal be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has complied with the CPE requirements under SDCL 36-20B-27 and ARSD chapter 20:75:04.
3. SDCL 36-20B-27 requires a licensee to complete 120 hours of continuing education in each three-year renewal period.
4. SDCL 36-20B-40(3) authorizes the Board to impose discipline upon a licensee for "failure, on the part of a holder of a certificate, license, or permit holder to maintain compliance with the requirements for issuance or renewal of such certificate, license, permit, or registration or to report changes to the board".
5. SDCL 36-20B-40(6) authorizes the Board to impose discipline upon a licensee for a violation "of any provision of this chapter or rule, promulgated by the board pursuant to chapter 1-26, or violation of professional standards".
6. Licensee agrees that the facts stated in the preceding complaint are true and correct.
7. Licensee agrees that the conduct described in the complaint constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to SDCL 36-20B-40(3) and (6).

8. Licensee is aware of and understands the nature of this matter. Licensee acknowledges that he or she has been informed of various rights he or she has in this matter. These rights include, but are not limited to, the right to:
- a. be represented by a lawyer in this matter;
 - b. receive notice of any hearing in this matter;
 - c. have a contested case hearing, as defined in SDCL 1-26-1(2). A contested case hearing includes the right of the licensee to be present at the hearing, be represented by legal counsel, introduce evidence, present testimony, call witnesses to testify, cross-examine all witnesses present, and submit argument on his or her own behalf; and
 - d. appeal any decision based on the contested case hearing to circuit court and the South Dakota Supreme Court, as provided by law.

Licensee agrees that, by signing this Consent Agreement, Licensee voluntarily waives all of these rights, procedures, and proceedings before the Board. Licensee further waives any other rights to which he or she may be entitled under state or federal law as applicable to this matter.

9. Licensee is not represented by an attorney in this matter and is representing himself or herself in this matter.
10. Licensee understands that by entering into this Consent Agreement, the Board is making a finding that Licensee violated SDCL 36-20B-27 and ARSD 20:75:03:03 and is subject to discipline pursuant to SDCL 36-20B-40(3) and (6). In addition, Licensee understands that by entering into this Agreement, the Board is taking formal disciplinary action against Licensee.
11. In return for Licensee's agreement to the provisions of this Consent Agreement, the Board agrees not to proceed to formal hearing in this matter and agrees that this Consent Agreement will constitute the final Board disposition of this matter.
12. Licensee agrees that this Consent Agreement shall serve as the final resolution of this matter, including any appeal. Licensee also agrees, in lieu

of further contesting this matter, that their license shall be suspended for a period of 90 days from the effective date of this agreement which shall be held in abeyance pending compliance with the following requirements:

- a. Licensee shall report any CPE completed during the year ending June 30, 2024, with the extension September 30, 2024, and complete any shortfall of CPE by December 31, 2024.
 - b. Licensee shall pay a fine of **\$250** to the board office within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement.
 - c. Licensee shall not request any CPE extensions for the next three years immediately following the effective date of the Consent Agreement. The board office may summarily deny any requests for CPE extensions by Licensee during that time without bringing the request to the Board.
 - d. Licensee shall be subject to a CPE audit for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, with extensions.
13. If Licensee fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Agreement, Licensee agrees that any such violation would constitute new grounds for further discipline and/or grounds to revoke the stay of suspension.
 14. Licensee understands and agrees that the terms of this Consent Agreement and the preceding complaint shall be public. A summary of the contents of this Consent Agreement and the complaint may be published on the Board's website.
 15. Licensee consents, agrees, and acknowledges that this Consent Agreement including the referenced complaint must be submitted to the Board at a public meeting for acceptance or rejection. If the Board rejects this Consent Agreement, Licensee waives any right to claim prejudice or to request recusal of any Board member by reason of any factual basis submitted to the Board in an effort to resolve this matter by Consent Agreement rather than by formal proceeding.

16. Licensee understands that nothing in this Consent Agreement will be deemed to restrict the Board from raising facts in reference to Licensee outside of those set forth in this Consent Agreement, if there are other material facts related to the matters under investigation that have not been set forth or disclosed herein.
17. Licensee understands that this Consent Agreement may be considered in any future licensing matters with the Board and for the purposes of determining the appropriate sanctions in any future actions by the Board for any violations of laws or regulations of the State of South Dakota or for failing to abide by any order or decision of the Board.
18. Licensee has read, understands, and agrees to this Consent Agreement and is freely and voluntarily signing it. This Consent Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relating to the matters referenced in the Consent Agreement. Licensee is not relying on any other representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.
19. Licensee agrees to waive any rights and procedures afforded him or her under SDCL Chapters 1-26, 36-20B, 36-1C, and ARSD Article 20:75.
20. If this Consent Agreement is approved by the Board, Licensee agrees that service of copy of the executed Consent Agreement shall be complete upon the Board sending a copy to Licensee's email address on file with the Board.
21. This Consent Agreement shall be effective on the date it is signed by the Board Chair.

Dated this 20 day of November 2024.
(month and year)

Dei Budahl
Deidre Budahl
Board Chair

CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I accept and agree to the terms of this Consent Agreement. I agree that I have read and understand the terms of this Consent Agreement and I understand that I am waiving my due process rights and my right to a hearing. I am freely and voluntarily entering into this agreement.

Dated this __6th__ day of ____November 2025_____
(month and year)

Evan Hegge

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Licensee