AGENCY: Department of Commerce – Credit Union Division

RULE CITATION: All Rules

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In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made:

Did you receive any written requests for a public hearing pursuant to 150B-21.2(e)?

Please format all rules in accordance with 26 NCAC 02C .0108.

The capitalization of "Credit Union" is inconsistent throughout the rules.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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The Submission for Permanent Rule Form references 04 NCAC 06C .0200-.0204; however, the Rule does not contain this information. Was that intentional?

Is "Parity." in (a) necessary? You have deleted all other introductory language throughout the Rule and it seems unnecessary here.

In (a), should "To preserve and protect the welfare of state chartered credit union" be "To preserve and protect the welfare of **a** state chartered credit union" or "To preserve and protect the welfare of state chartered credit **unions**." As written, it is missing something.

In (a), what do you mean by "fields of membership"?

You may want to consider rewriting (a) to make it less wordy and more clear.

In (b), should "request" be "requests"?

In (b), please cite to the General Statutes in accordance with 26 NCAC 02C .0109 (b)(1).

What exactly do you mean by (b)? Please consider rewriting to make more clear.

In (c), how does the Administrator determine whether or not to approve the charter or bylaws? Are there factors that he or she considers? What is the process for this? Is the process set forth in statute or rule?

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1 4 NCAC 06C .0203 is amended as published in 29:07 NCR 729 as follows:

2 04 NCAC 06C .0203 FIELDS OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) Parity. To preserve and protect the welfare of state chartered credit union, the Administrator may approve
 fields of membership and allow state chartered credit unions the same latitude with regard to membership
 limitations and restrictions as is available to federally chartered credit unions, as set forth in 12 CFR Part
 <u>701.1.</u>

7 (b) <u>New charters and expansion request shall be reviewed and approved in conformity with credit unions</u>
 8 <u>organized under Articles 14A to 14L of Chapter 54-109 of the North Carolina General Statutes.</u>

9 (b) New Charters. The field(s) of membership of an applicant for a new credit union shall be reviewed and

10 approved or disapproved in conformity with criteria and policies set out in Chapter 1 of the National Credit Union

11 Administration's Interpretative Ruling and Policy Statement 89-1, entitled CHARTERING AND FIELD OF

12 MEMBERSHIP POLICY, which are adopted by reference pursuant to G.S. 150B-14(c).

13 (c) Expansion Requests. Requests for expanded multiple fields of membership for existing credit unions shall be

14 reviewed and approved or disapproved in conformity with criteria and policies set out in Chapter 1, Part 2, pages

- 15 2-312.45 to 2-312.56 of the National Credit Union Administration's Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement 89-1,
- 16 entitled CHARTERING AND FIELD OF MEMBERSHIP POLICY (Rel. 20-2/90 Pub. 161), which are adopted by reference
- 17 pursuant to G.S. 150B-14(c).

(d) (c) In allowing an expansion of the field of membership, any such credit union would shall be bound by
 membership limitations or restrictions contained in its charter or bylaws as amended and approved by
 the Administrator., Administrator, as set forth in G.S. 54-109.4.

21 History Note: Authority G.S. 54-109.1; 54-109.2(e); 54-109.3(3); 54-109.4; 54-109.11(3); 54-109.12;

22 54-109.21(25); 54-109.22; <u>54-109.26; 54-109.27; 54-109.28</u>

- 23 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
- 24 Amended Eff. March 1, 1977;
- 25 Readopted Eff. April 4, 1978;
- 26 Amended Eff. November 1, 1990; October 1, 1983; April 1, 1979.
- 27 Amended Eff. February 1, 2015
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AGENCY: Department of Commerce – Credit Union Division

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In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made:

In (a), please delete the comma following the stricken "Treasurer/Manager." Please correct "Treasure/Manager" to "Treasurer/Manager"

In (b), did you mean this Rule instead of Section? I don't see where outside attorneys nor outside accountants are used anywhere else.

In (b)(1), please consider rewording "where the percentage is determined by the amount of the credit union's legal expense annually" to something like "based on the credit union's annual legal expense." How about attorneys that provide less than 25% of the annual expense? Are they just not considered an "official"? In (b)(2), is there no similar percentage requirement for "outside accountants?"

In (c), should the semi-colon following "cosignor" on line 14, be a comma?

Please delete the comma following "shall be reviewed."

In (c), is the loan or line of credit being reviewed after it has been approved?

In (c)(1)(C), (c)(2)(A), and (e), please add a comma after "cosigned" for consistency purposes.

In (d), please capitalize Board of Directors.

In (d), when will the board of directors appoint a committee to review and report on the loans? Are there some loans that the Board of Directors will do?

In (d), what is the procedure? Is the procedure simply that a written report will be sent to each director on a monthly basis? If so, the language requiring that a procedure be established is unnecessary.

In (e)(2), what do you mean by "immediate family member"? I see that there is a definition in (e)(3), please move it to (e)(2).

In (e)(3), please add a comma after "investment" and "terms" for consistency purposes.

In (f), please capitalize "Credit" on line 48.

In (f), please add "or she" after "he" on line 51.

Please capitalize "board of directors" and "credit union" in (g)(1), line 55.

In (g)(1), please change "such" to "the."

- In (g)(2), please delete "to" at the beginning of the sub-paragraph.
- In (g)(2), delete "its" before face value.

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1 4 NCAC 06C .0205 is amended as published in 29:07 NCR 729 as follows:

2 04 NCAC 06C .0205 LOANS TO CREDIT UNION OFFICIALS

3 (a) Officials. For purposes of this Rule, an "official" is a member of the board of directors, credit committee, or
4 supervisory committee; the President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, General
5 Manager, Treasurer/Manager, Treasure/Manager, or Executive Vice President; and <u>outside</u> attorneys and <u>outside</u>
6 accountants of the credit union.

7 (b) For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions apply:

8 (1) "outside attorneys" means independent attorneys or law firms that are retained to provide 25 percent
 9 or more of the legal services for the credit union, where the percentage is determined by the amount of the
 10 credit union's legal expense annually; and

(2) "Outside accountants" means independent accountants or accounting firms that are retained to provide accounting or audit services for the credit union.

13 (b)(c) Loans to Officials. A loan or line of credit extended to an official as the borrower, direct obligor, 14 endorser, <u>cosigner cosigner;</u> or guarantor with direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the loan shall be reviewed, 15 by the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee thereof, as provided in Paragraph (c) (d) of this Rule, at 16 the next regular meeting following the date of such extension of credit, provided the following computation 17 produces a total amount in excess of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) 18 including limits of credit cards.

19 (1) Add:

20		(A)	the loan amount extended for the current loan;
21 22		(B)	the outstanding balances of loans, including the used portion of an approved line of credit, extended to or endorsed, cosigned or guaranteed by the official; and
23 24		(C)	the total unused portion of approved lines of credit extended to or endorsed, cosigned or guaranteed by the official.
25	(2)	Subtrac	t from the above total:
26 27		(A)	the amount of shares pledged by the official on loans or lines of credit extended to, or endorsed, cosigned or guaranteed by the official; and

28 (B) the amount of shares pledged by the official on the current loan or line of credit.

29 (c) (d) Review of Loans to Officials by Duly Appointed Committee. The board of directors may appoint a committee 30 to review and report on loans made to officials. All members of the committee shall be on the board of 31 directors. The committee shall meet before the regular monthly board meeting to review all officials' loans that 32 have been approved since the previous meeting. The committee shall make a report to the board which that shall 33 consist of at least the official's loan number, his or her title or position, the amount of the loan, purpose of the 34 loan, aggregate amount of indebtedness to the credit union union, and a statement regarding compliance with 35 loan policies. Each credit union's board of directors must shall review this loan approval report on a monthly 36 basis. This review may be done at the regular monthly board meeting. In the event the board does not meet 37 monthly, a procedure must shall be established whereby a written report will shall be sent to each director on a 38 monthly basis.

39 (d)(e) Non preferential treatment. The rates, terms and conditions on a loan or line of credit made to or
 40 endorsed, co-signed or guaranteed by:

41 (1) an official;

- 42 (2) an immediate family member of an official, <u>; or</u>
- 43 (3) any individual having a common ownership, investment or other pecuniary interest in a business
 44 enterprise with an official or with an immediate family member of an official, shall not be more
 45 favorable than the rates, terms and conditions for comparable loans or lines of credit to other
 46 credit union members. For the purpose of this rule; "Immediate family members" means a
 47 spouse or other family member living in the same household.

48 (e)(f) Avoidance of conflicts. No official or any employee of the credit Union shall in any manner, directly or 49 indirectly, participate in the deliberation upon or the determination of any question affecting his <u>or her</u> pecuniary 50 interest or the pecuniary interest of any corporation, partnership, or association (other than the credit union) in 51 which he is directly or indirectly interested.

- 52 (f) (g) Indirect Benefits. It shall be unlawful for an official or employee to:
- (1) have any interest whatsoever or to benefit in any manner in the proceeds of a loan or from the
 sale by the credit union of any real or personal property unless the official or employee has
 disclosed to the board of directors of the credit union the nature and extent of the
 benefit which will that may be received and such loan or sale, regardless of the amount of money
 involved, has been approved by a vote of at least two thirds of the directors of the credit union;
 or

- 59 (2) to have any interest direct or indirect, in the purchase at less than its face value of any savings
 60 account or evidence of indebtedness issued by a credit union.
- 61 (g)(h) Penalty. A violation of the provisions of this Rule shall be sufficient basis for removal of any official or
 62 employee by the Administrator. Administrator, as set forth in G.S. 54-109.19.
- 63 History Note: Authority G.S. 54-109.12; 54-109.19; 54-109.39;
- 64 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
- 65 *Readopted Eff. April 4, 1978;*
- 66 *Amended Eff. August 1, 1998; October 1, 1983.*
- 67 Amended Eff. February 1, 2015

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In (a), are there any minimum safeguards or is this entirely left to the Credit Union. Please also capitalize "credit union" on line 5.

In (b), is it safe to assume that your regulated public is familiar with generally accepted accounting principles? Where are these contained?

In (c), what is an EDP system? What does this stand for? Is this information contained in another rule?

In (c), what is the process for review and approval? Is this set forth in rule or statute?

In (c), what happens if the Administrator is not notified in advance of extensive planning and the beginning of system programming?

In (d), please change should to shall. How will the administrator determine whether he or she will grant the request for modification?

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3	04]	NCAC 06C .0301 GENERAL PROVISIONS
4	(a)	Internal controls, bookkeeping accounting procedures, and operational standards reasonably adequate to
5		safeguard the assets shall be established by all credit unions.
6	(b)	Each credit union shall use the procedures in either the "Handbook and Accounting Manual for State
7		Chartered Credit Unions" or the federal manuals "Accounting Manual for Federal Credit Unions," NCUA
8		8022, and the "Data Processing Guidelines for Federal Credit Unions," NCUA 8009. If the federal manuals
9		are used, those portions in conflict with state law shall be modified to conform with state law. The
10		Administrator shall be informed as to which manuals the Credit Union is using. Credit Unions with ten
11		million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more in assets shall follow generally accepted accounting principles
12		(GAAP) for financial statement and report preparation. Credit Unions with less than ten million dollars
13		(\$10,000,000) in assets may follow GAAP or use the procedures in the "Accounting Manual for Federal
14		Credit Unions posted on the National Credit Union Administration website.(www.ncua.gov).
15	(c)	At least 60 days before a credit union converts its records from a manual to an EDP system through an
16		outside servicer or changes EDP services, a copy of the proposed contract and a description of the data
17		processing system shall be submitted to the Administrator for review and approval. If an in-house EDP
18		system or the sponsoring company's EDP facilities are to be used, the Administrator should shall be
19		notified in writing of the proposed change before extensive planning and system programming begins.
20	(d)	Contracts and agreements, procedures and minimum data bases for EDP systems should conform with
21		conditions as specified in the "Handbook and Accounting Manual for State Chartered Credit Unions" or
22	(e)	(d) Fully justified request Requests for modification of the rules and regulations in regard to the general
23		provisions should be submitted in writing to the Administrator.
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25	His	tory Note: Authority G.S. 54-109.12; 54-109.16; 54-109.17(a),(b);
26	Eff.	February 1, 1976;
27	Am	ended Eff. November 1, 1977;
28	Rea	udopted Eff. April 4, 1978.
29	Am	ended Eff. February 1, 2015
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In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made:

Please check the capitalization of "credit union" throughout the Rule.

In (1), please delete or define "adequate" and "detailed."

In (2), please change "a" to "an."

In (3), the language regarding EDP has been deleted – is this captured by computerized systems?

In (5), "at a minimum" is unnecessary as rules set the minimum standard.

In (10), how shall all bank and Credit Union accounts be preserved?

In (13), how shall facsimile signature plates be controlled?

In (16), delete or define "currently."

In (17), please change "should" to "shall."

In (18), who is an authorized person?

In (19), what is the process for approval by the Board of Directors. Please also capitalize "Board of Directors."

In (20), how shall the membership cards be maintained? Electronically?

In (21), delete or define "detailed." Also, please delete the comma following "detailed record."

In (22), please add a comma after "name" for consistency purposes. Change "on which" to "that."

In (23), please capitalize Directors on line 52 and Board of Directors on line 56. Delete or define "in detail." Please change the semi-colon to a comma after "board of directors" on line 56.

In (23), who is the designated member when the secretary does not make a matter of record in the minutes?

In (24), is your regulated public familiar with what "work papers" are? Are there any specific requirements as to how the reports and work papers shall be retained?

In (25), please add a comma after signed for consistency purposes. Also are there any specific requirements as to how the reports shall be preserved?

In (26), please delete or define "in detail."

In (28), what do you mean by "improper withdrawal"?

In (29), should "cash and general ledger" be "cash and general ledgers" or "cash and the general ledger"?

In (30), "that may" does not seem to fit in this Paragraph. Would other wording be more appropriate? Also, please check the capitalization of "credit union."

In (31), what laws shall tax liabilities be determined and paid? Is your regulated public familiar with these?

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1 4 NCAC 06C .0302 is amended as published in 29:07 NCR 729 as follows:

2 3 04 NCAC 06C .0302 PROCEDURES

4 The basic internal controls, bookkeeping accounting procedures and operation standards for all credit unions are as 5 follows:

- 6 (1) An adequate general ledger and detailed cash journal shall be maintained as necessary for
 7 the proper control of all transactions of the Credit Union.
- 8 (2) A detailed and complete record of all correcting and adjusting entries, with a full explanation of 9 each entry, shall be maintained.
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 (3)
 For manual and machine- computerized accounting systems, all receipts and disbursements shall

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 be recorded and posted daily to cash journal and subsidiary accounts. Systems using EDP shall be

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 posted no less frequently than monthly.
- 13(4)Deposits in the bank or credit union shall consist of an entire day's receipts as entered in the14journal and cash record. If amounts are less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), more than one15day's total receipts may be combined in a single deposit provided that no funds are held more than16three banking days.
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 (5)
 Adequate security Security shall be provided (cash drawer and lockbox for overnight) at

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 a minimum) for storage of funds.
- 19 (6) Credit union funds must shall be kept separate from all other funds.
- 20 (7) Cash shall be balanced at the end of each working day, and a record made thereof by each
 21 teller (detailing detailing specie, currency, checks checks, and other items counted
 22 as cash). cash.
- 23 (8) A "cash over and short" account shall be maintained in the expense ledger, with a record showing
 24 the name of each person responsible for each difference.
- 25 (9) A pre-numbered receipt slip or other original record shall be made and preserved covering each
 26 payment received.
- 27 (10) All bank <u>or credit union</u> accounts shall be reconciled at least monthly and such reconciliations
 28 preserved.
- 29 (11) A duplicate of itemized bank <u>or credit union</u> deposit slips, or other comparable detailed item
 30 record, shall be preserved.
- 31(12)The exact status of all the credit union's funds, including investments and/or and funds held by32agents or attorneys, must shall be determinable at all times without detailed search. times.
- (13) Checks must be pre-numbered by the printer and not signed in blank in advance of
 issue. Facsimile signature plates shall be adequately-controlled.
- 35 (14) Disbursements <u>must shall</u> be supported by invoices, vouchers, or other explanations of record,
 36 each clearly showing the nature or purpose of each disbursement.
- 37 (15) Dual control must shall be maintained over all negotiable investment securities.

38	(16)	Members' accounts shall be posted currently and balanced not less frequently than monthly and
39		supported by EDP listing member trial balance or adding machine tapes, identified, dated, and
40		preserved.
41	(17)	A trial balance of the general ledger should be prepared within 15 working days from the close of
42		business of the last day of each month and financial statements prepared therefrom.
43	(18)	Erasures and eradications for correction of errors in records are prohibited; corrections must be
44		approved by an authorized person.
45	(19)	Members' passbooks shall be held in the Credit Union office only for temporary
46		periods. if authorized by the board of directors.
47	(20)	A signed membership card file covering all accounts shall be properly maintained.
48	(21)	Payment of dividends or interest on accounts shall be accomplished by check or by credit to the
49		individual account. Adding machine proof tape or other detailed <u>A</u> detailed record, in support of
50		dividend or interest paid by check or credited to accounts shall be preserved.
51	(22)	A cross-index card record should shall be maintained for each co-maker showing the date, name
52		and original amount of each note on which the individual appears as co-maker.
53	(23)	Minutes of meetings of the Board of directors shall record in detail all of its business transactions
54		and be signed by the presiding officer and the secretary. Such directors at such times as they
55		are meeting as a board of directors, shall require the secretary of such board or some duly
56		designated agent, to make a matter of record in the minutes of the meetings of such board of
57		directors, all letter communications from the Division. Upon meeting as a board of directors; the
58		secretary or designated member, shall make a matter of record in the minutes of the meeting all
59		written communications from the Division.
60	(24)	The supervisory committee shall have work papers to support its audit report. The reports and
61		work papers shall be retained and made available for review by the state examiners.
62	(25)	A report of actions taken by the credit committee and/or or loan officers shall be prepared, signed
63		and preserved.
64	(26)	Minutes of each annual meeting of the members of the Credit Union shall record in detail all
65		business transacted.
66	(27)	All books and records of the Credit Union shall have adequate and proper protection from fire
67		and other hazards at all times. Active books and records of the Credit Union should be located at
68		the principal office at all times.
69	(28)	Dormant accounts shall be controlled to prevent improper withdrawal.
70	(29)	Annual vacations of at least five consecutive working days (occasionally during (during periods
71		when proofs of subsidiary ledgers are being made) shall be taken by each employee having access
72		to cash. cash and general ledger. During the vacation, the employees shall remain continuously
73		absent.

74	(30)	A record shall be maintained which will that may at all times show the tax and insurance status of
75		each piece of real estate securing the Credit Union's credit union's investment of funds in real
76		estate mortgage loans.
77	(31)	All tax liabilities shall be determined and paid in accordance with the law.
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79	History Note:	Authority G.S. 54-109.11(4); 54-109.12; 54-109.16; 54-109.17;
80		Eff. February 1, 1976;
81		Readopted Eff. April 4, 1978;
82		Amended Eff. January 1, 1992; July 1, 1988; December 1, 1979.
83		Amended Eff. February 1, 2015
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1	4 NCAC 06C .0303 is recommended for repeal as published in 29:07 NCR 729 :			
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3	04 NCAC 06C .030	3 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION SCHEDULES		
4	Each credit union shall maintain a schedule of all items of real and personal property owned by the Credit			
5	Union. At the option of the Board of directors, personal and real property may be charged off as an operating			
6	expense over a reasonable period of time.			
7	The expense of conv	The expense of conversion, excluding equipment, from one accounting system to another may be amortized		
8	over a period not exc	over a period not exceeding three years.		
9	The expense of organ	The expense of organizing a new credit union shall be amortized over a period not exceeding two years.		
10 11 12 13 14 15	History Note:	Authority G.S. 54-109.12; Eff. February 1, 1976; Readopted Eff. April 4, 1978. Repealed Eff. February 1, 2015		
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