



Dr. Tonya Smalls, DBA, MBA, CPA, CGMA

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Dr. Tonya Smalls has over 30 years of professional work experience, including 14 years in direct finance leadership positions. Her work experience includes approximately 6 years as an auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, approximately 3 years working for a publicly traded company and managing the accounting and SEC reporting processes, and approximately 11 years of not-for-profit accounting, reporting, risk management, and compliance experience at the American Cancer Society, Inc. (ACS). Her experience at ACS includes serving in various accounting/finance executive positions, including serving as the Chief Financial Officer of the South Atlantic Division for over 3 years. She currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Communities In Schools of Georgia, Inc.

Tonya graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. degree in Accounting from Clark Atlanta University in 1995, earned her MBA from Emory University in 2005, and earned her Doctor of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting degree from Kennesaw State University in July 2015. In May 2021, she was awarded a certificate of completion for the Performance Measurement for Effective Management of Nonprofit Organizations Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Executive Education. Tonya is interested in research topics focused on the prevention and detection of accounting fraud, behavioral and ethical decision making, whistleblowing, nonprofit accounting and financial management, and teaching/learning in the area of accounting education. Tonya is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).

Dr. Tonya Smalls has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. since March 22, 1995. She was initiated in Sigma Chapter on the campus of Clark Atlanta University. She is currently a member of Henry County

(GA) Alumnae Chapter. She was elected as an Alumnae Member of the National Internal Audit Committee in 2015 and served in that role for 6 years. She served as Chair of the National Audit and Corporate Compliance Committee from 2021 to 2025. She is currently the Chair of the National Finance Committee, and has served as a member of the National Board of Directors of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. since 2021. Tonya, her husband, and two sons reside in Jonesboro, Georgia.

