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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SHANK STEPHEN G Issuer Symbol CAPELLA EDUCATION CO (Check all applicable) [CPLA] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director X__ 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 225 SOUTH 6TH STREET, 9TH 12/21/2009 Chairman

FLOOR

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

| MINNEAPO | OLIS, MN 55402 | | | | | | Form filed by Person | y More than One | Reporting |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------|----------|--|--|---|
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Ao | equired, Disposed | of, or Benefic | ially Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi mAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) o of (D |)) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common stock | 12/21/2009 | | G V | 1,980 | D | \$0 | 1,524,943 (1) | D | |
| Common stock | | | | | | | 25,535 <u>(1)</u> | I | By Family Foundation |
| Common stock | | | | | | | 3,811 | I | By Retirement Savings Plan |
| Common stock | | | | | | | 149,577 | I | By Spouse |
| | | | | | | | 43,172 | I | By Trust |

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| Common stock | | | |
|--------------|--------|---|----------------------|
| Common stock | 43,172 | I | By Spouse's Trust |
| Common stock | 43,172 | I | By Trust |
| Common stock | 43,172 | I | By Spouse's Trust |
| Common stock | 44,376 | I | By Trust |
| Common stock | 44,376 | I | By Spouse's Trust |
| Common stock | 12,780 | I | By Trust |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | ınt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SHANK STEPHEN G 225 SOUTH 6TH STREET 9TH FLOOR MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402 | X | X | Chairman | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Kimberly F. Stephan, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen G.
Shank

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Total takes account of 2,700 shares previously held directly that were transferred to the family foundation on December 21, 2009 and are now held indirectly.

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