

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, January 10, 2014, at 10:50 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Mullen, LPC
William Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Benjamin Keyes, Th.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., LPC

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD

MATTER SCHEDULED: Karen L. Johnson, LPC, LMFT
License No.: 0701002130/0717000984
Case No.: 150136

DISCUSSION: Ms. Johnson appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated October 28, 2013, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling and the practice of marriage and family therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Johnson represented by Richard Samet, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Johnson.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Scott and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Karen Johnson, LPC, LMFT. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Chappell and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: The Committee voted to dismiss the case.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Patricia Mullen, Chair

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

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