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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 23, 2012**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 23, 2012, at 11:03 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donnie Conner, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair  
Patricia Mullen, LPC
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Peter K. Opper, Adjudication Specialist  
Laura Z. Rothrock, Administrative Assistant  
Debbie Harris, Compliance Case Manager
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Bayne
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Paul G. Becker, LPC**  
**License No.: 0701-004312**  
**Case No.: 115296**
- DISCUSSION:** Paul G. Becker, LPC, appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated January 26, 2012, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Becker was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Becker.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Mullen and duly seconded by Dr. Conner, 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 Paul G. Becker, LPC. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, Ms. Rothrock, and Ms. Harris, 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:** Upon a motion by Ms. Mullen, and duly seconded by Dr. Conner, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to grant Mr. Becker’s petition to terminate his probation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Donnie Conner, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair

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Discipline, Board of Counseling

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