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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2012**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Psychology (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 2, 2012, at 9:14 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert S. Falk, Ph.D., Chair
Herbert Lee Stewart, Ph.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter K. Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Laura Z. Rothrock, Administrative Assistant
Debbie Harris, Compliance Case Manager
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Carrie E. Schaffer, Ph.D.**
License No.: 0810-002178
Case Nos.: 134704 and 136697
- DISCUSSION:** Carrie E. Schaffer, Ph.D. appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated January 12, 2012, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of Psychology in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Schaffer was represented by Michael L. Goodman and S. Virginia Bondurant. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Schaffer.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Stewart and duly seconded by Dr. Falk, 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 Dr. Schaffer. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Rothrock 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 Dr. Stewart, and duly seconded by Dr. Falk, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Dr. Schaffer a Consent Order for the Indefinite Suspension of her license for not less than one (1) year.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Robert S. Falk, Ph.D., Chair

Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director,
Discipline, Board of Psychology

Date

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