

# VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL SESSION - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

**CALL TO ORDER:** On April 6, 2012, at 12:01 p.m., with a quorum of the Virginia Board of Psychology (“Board”) present and the Board Chair presiding, a telephone conference call was convened to consider whether a practitioner’s ability to practice as a licensed clinical psychologist constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert S. Falk, Ph.D. - Chair  
Krishna Leyva  
Herbert L. Stewart, Ph.D.  
Virginia Van de Water, Ed.D.  
Edward A. Peck, Ph.D.  
Ali Ahmad

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.  
Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.  
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.

**POLL OF MEMBERS:** The Board members were polled as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. The majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

**QUORUM:** With six (6) members participating, a quorum was established.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Acting Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Kathryn Theado, Administrative Assistant

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:** James E. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General  
Corie Wolf, Assistant Attorney General  
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER CONSIDERED:** **Brian Wald, Psy.D.**  
**License No.: 0810001650**  
**Case No. 141257**

The Board received information from Mr. Schliessmann in order to determine whether Dr. Wald’s ability to practice as a licensed clinical psychologist

constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Schliessmann provided details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Stewart, and duly seconded by Dr. Van de Water, the Board went into closed session 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 Brian Wald, Psy.D. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Chappell, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Theado attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its discussions.

**RECOVENE:** Having certified that the matter discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Stewart, and duly seconded by Mr. Ahmad, the Board determined that the practice of Brian Wald, Psy.D., as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety and voted to summarily suspend his license simultaneous with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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Robert S. Falk, Ph.D. - Chair

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Catherine Chappell, Acting Executive Director

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