

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
MINUTES**

**Friday, November 21, 2014
12:30 P.M.**

**Department of Health Professions
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

CALL TO ORDER: The Formal Hearing of the Board was called to order at 12:42 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Belmont, PT, Chair
Michael Styron, PT, MBA
Sarah Schmidt, P.T.A
Melissa Wolff-Burke, PT, EdD
Dixie Bowman, PT, DPT, EdD
Allen Jones, Jr., PT, PhD.
Steve Lam, Citizen Member

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin L. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Missy Currier, Deputy Executive Director
Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director
Kathy Petersen, Discipline Operations Manager

COURT REPORTER: Angela Pegram Court Reporting Services, LLC

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESS: Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator, DHP

MATTER SCHEDULED: Douglas Palmer, P.T. Reinstatement Applicant
License No.: 2305-006111 - Suspended
Case No.: 159156

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

With seven (7) members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Palmer appeared before the Board via video conference in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated November 10, 2014. Mr. Palmer was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Palmer acknowledged he understood of the Order of Proceedings and stated it was his intent to proceed without counsel.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from the witness called by the Commonwealth, regarding the matters as set forth in the Statement of Particulars.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dixie Bowman, and duly seconded by Michael Styron, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting at 1:46 p.m., 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 Douglas Palmer. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Barrett, Ms. Helmick, Ms. Petersen and Ms. Currier attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Upon a motion by Dixie Bowman, and duly seconded by Michael Styron, the Board voted to reconvene at 2:55 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Dixie Bowman certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Board reconvened in open session.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Sarah Schmidt and duly seconded by Michael Styron, the Board moved to continue this matter to a later date, so that all evidence may be adequately reviewed for consideration in this case.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Peggy Belmont, PT, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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