

**UNAPPROVED D R A F T**

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 23, 2009  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, October 23, 2009, at 11:16 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles McAdams, Ph.D., Chair  
Mary Lou Argow

**STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist  
Diana Pollick, Operations & Compliance Manager

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Duane P. Gray, LPC Applicant  
Case No.: 127349

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Gray appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated September 16, 2009, to consider his application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny his application. Mr. Gray was not represented by Counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Gray.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Argow and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, 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 in the matter of Duane Gray. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Pollick 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 recommendations.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Ms. Argow, and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the Committee made certain recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to recommend to the Board that Mr. Gray's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor by examination be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Charles McAdams, Ed.D., Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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