

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Friday, May 25, 2012**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Psychology (“Board”) convened on Friday, May 25, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.
Herbert Lee Stewart, Ph.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Kathy Theado, Administrative Assistant
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Margaret A. Swank, Ph.D.
License No.: 0810-003904
Case No.: 139139
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Margaret A. Swank appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 13, 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. Swank was present and was represented by Tracy Hague, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Swank.
- 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. Margaret A. Swank. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Theado, 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 place Dr. Swank on indefinite probation for not less than one (1) year under terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 1:59 p.m.



Robert S. Falk, Ph.D., Chair

6/8/2012

Date



Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director

6-12-12

Date

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