

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Audiology Speech-Language Pathology Special Conference Committee convened for informal conference on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201 Hearing Room 3, Richmond, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sally Jones-McNamara, MCS, CCC-SLP, CCP, Chair
Kenneth Cox, MD

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Mykl D. Egan, Adjudication Specialist
Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager
Annie B. Artis, Licensure Operations Manager

MATTER SCHEDULED

**Respondent: Kimberly Dawn Navetta, Speech-Language Pathologist Applicant
Case Number: 118418**

CALLED TO ORDER

Ms. Jones called the conference to order at 1:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Kimberly Navetta appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated February 1, 2008.

The Committee fully discussed the process for licensure as a speech-language pathologist as outlined in the Notice with Ms. Navetta.

Specifically: Ms. Navetta must demonstrate that she has met the requirements of 18 VAC 30-20-170 of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; in particular, she may have violated 18 VAC 30-20-280(12) in that Ms. Navetta may be unable to practice with safety due impairment from alcohol abuse and was convicted in the Circuit Court of Knox County, Tennessee, of three (3) counts of Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

Ms. Navetta informed the Committee that she has a sponsor in Virginia and participates with Alcohol Anonymous (AA). She also informed the Committee she and her husband are members of a church support group and she successfully completed an Intensive Outpatient Program.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Dr. Cox and duly seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara, the Committee convened in a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the *Code of Virginia*, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Kimberly Navetta. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Ms. Hahn, Mr. Egan, and Ms. Minor attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Cox certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the *Code of Virginia* and the Committee re-convened in open session.

DECISION

Ms. Egan read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted by the Committee. A summary of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are as follows:

1. Kimberly Navetta application for licensure to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia was received in the board office November 1, 2007;
2. Kimberly Navetta meets the requirements of 18 VAC 30-20-170 of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

The Committee hereby **ORDERS** Kimberly Navetta application for licensure to practice as a speech-language pathologist is **GRANTED**.

Upon a motion by Dr. Cox and duly seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara, the decision of the Committee was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the matter at 2:20 p.m.

Sally Jones-McNamara, SLP, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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