VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
May 5, 2011
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

An Informal Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 11:10 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA, Board Room 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Penn Turner, Chair
Charlotte Markva, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Jennifer Lang, Administrative Assistant

MATTERS SCHEDULED:

Kimberly Royster-Bennett, LPC Applicant

DISCUSSION:

Kimberly Royster-Bennett appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a notice of the Board dated April 6, 2011, to consider her application for registration of a supervisor and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny her application. Ms. Royster-Bennett was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Royster-Bennett.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Charlotte Markva and duly seconded by John Penn Turner, 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 Kimberly Royster-Bennett. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Lang 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.

DECISIONS: Upon a motion by Charlotte Markva, and duly seconded by John Penn Turner, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to deny Ms. Royster-Bennett's application for registration of supervision.

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John Penn Turner, Chair   Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director

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