

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
June 1, 2018  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on June 1, 2018 at 9:45 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Training Room 2.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson  
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Counseling  
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, APD

**RESPONDENT:** Michael Blackson, Resident in Counseling  
License No.: 0704-006040  
Case No.: 179316

**PRELIMINARY MATTER and DISCUSSION:** The Chairperson noted that the time was 9:50 a.m. and Mr. Blackson was noticed to appear before the Committee at 9:30 a.m.. Ms. Tatum advised the Committee that the Notice was mailed to the Respondent's address of record with the Board of Counseling, and that neither the certified Notice nor the regular mail had been returned. The Chairperson determined that Mr. Blackson had been properly noticed and the informal conference would proceed in the Respondent's absence.

The Committee considered the information contained in the informal conference package.

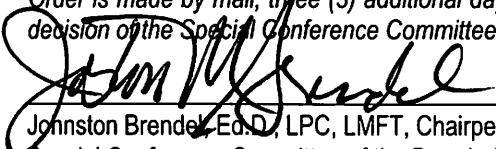
**CLOSED MEETING:** Upon a motion by Dr. Tinsley, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee voted to convene in a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Michael Blackson, Resident in Counseling. Additionally, he moved that Jennifer Lang attend the closed meeting because her presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

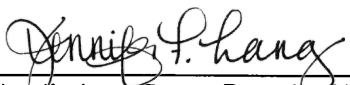
**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Tinsley, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee made certain findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to place certain terms and conditions on Mr. Blackson's registration as a Resident in Counseling. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the respondent, unless the respondent makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

  
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Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson  
Special Conference Committee of the Board of Counseling

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Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Counseling

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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE – June 1, 2018  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on June 1, 2018 at 10:41 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Training Room 1.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson  
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

**RESPONDENT:** Maya Richardson, LPC Residency Applicant

Case No.: 177651

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Richardson appeared in person before the Committee, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated March 29, 2018.

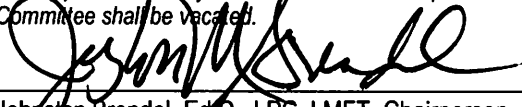
**CLOSED MEETING:** Upon a motion by Dr. Tinsley, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee voted to convene in a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Maya Richardson, LPC Residency Applicant. Additionally, he moved that Jennifer Lang attend the closed meeting because her presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Tinsley, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee made certain findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to approve Ms. Richardson's application for registration of supervision to practice as a Resident in Counseling. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the respondent, unless the respondent makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

  
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Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson  
Special Conference Committee of the Board of Counseling

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