

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 3
HENRICO, VA
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (“Board”) was convened on February 13, 2018, at 12:33 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 3, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE: 12:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP, Chairperson
Corliss V. Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Natalie Unmussig, Administrative Assistant
Jessica L. Kelley, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Kylie Werlitz

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Deniece Margarita Payne, SLP**
Case No.: 178575

Discussion: Ms. Payne appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 22, 2018, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of speech-language pathology in Virginia. Ms. Payne was represented by Margaret Hardy, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Payne.

Closed Session: Dr. Booker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Deniece Margarita Payne, SLP**. Additionally, Dr. Booker moved that Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene: Dr. Booker moved that the Committee certify that it

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heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION

Case No. 178575:

The Committee closed the case and imposed no sanction, finding that there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

2:12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP, Chairperson
Corliss V. Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Natalie Unmussig, Administrative Assistant
Jessica L. Kelley, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lloyd Taliaferro

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Laura R. Taliaferro, SLP
Case No.: 175955**

Discussion:

Ms. Taliaferro appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 22, 2018, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of speech-language pathology in Virginia. Ms. Taliaferro was represented by Derek Mungo, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Taliaferro.

Closed Session:

Dr. Booker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision

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in the matter regarding **Laura R. Taliaferro, SLP**. Additionally, Dr. Booker moved that Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Booker moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION

Case No. 175955:

Ms. Blount read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Blount also reported that the Committee voted to Reprimand Ms. Taliaferro.

Upon a motion by Dr. Booker, and duly seconded by Ms. Verdun, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP, Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director