## VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING ROOM 2 HENRICO, VA DECEMBER 16, 2021

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 December 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Alison King, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Chairperson Kyttra Burge, Committee Member
STAFF PRESENT:	Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Specialist Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
MATTER SCHEDULED:	Richard Kalunga, Speech-Language Pathologist Reinstatement Applicant License No. 2202-003170 (suspended) Case No. 209555
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	Dr. Kalunga appeared before the Committee by teleconference in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 29, 2021, to consider his application for reinstatement of his license to practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to determine if there is sufficient evidence that he has met the eligibility requirements for licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist in Virginia and is safe and competent to practice. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Kalunga.
CLOSED SESSION:	Ms. Burge 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 <b>Richard Kalunga</b> , <b>Speech-Language</b> <b>Pathologist Reinstatement Applicant.</b> Additionally,

Ms. Burge moved that Ms. Moss 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:** Ms. Burge 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  $\S$ 2.2-3712(D) of the Code. **DECISION:** Case No. 209555 Ms. Burge moved that the Committee deny the

reinstatement application of Richard Kalunga to practice Speech-Language Pathology in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Kalunga. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

The hearing concluded at 9:57 a.m.

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director