

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
BOARD ROOM 3  
HENRICO, VA  
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 September 25, 2018, at 11:36 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Board Room 3, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP, Chairperson  
Kyttra Burge, Citizen Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Jessica L. Kelley, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Martin J. Ganderson, Esquire  
Jaime E.K. Tyler, Esquire
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Ross S. Barrett, SLP**  
**Case No.: 181279**
- Discussion:** Mr. Barrett appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 11, 2018, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of speech-language pathology in Virginia. Mr. Barrett was represented by Jaime E.K. Tyler, Esquire and Martin J. Ganderson, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Mr. Barrett.
- 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 **Ross S. Barrett, SLP**. Additionally, Ms. Burge moved that Ms. Knachel and Ms. Moss attend the closed meeting because their 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

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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. 181279**

Ms. Knachel read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Knachel also reported that the Committee voted to reprimand Mr. Barrett, impose a monetary penalty of \$15,000 and impose other terms.

Upon a motion by Ms. Burge, 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. Knachel.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The hearing adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP, Chairperson

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Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director