

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE MINUTES – JULY 27, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on July 27, 2018 at 9:33 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
Danielle Hunt, LPC

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

RESPONDENT: **Craig Dupuis, LPC, LMFT, CSAC, Reinstatement Applicant**
Case No.: 185014
License #: 0701002496, 0717000124, and 0710000854
Attorney: Nicholas Balland, Esquire

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dupuis appeared in person before the Committee, with legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated May 31, 2018.

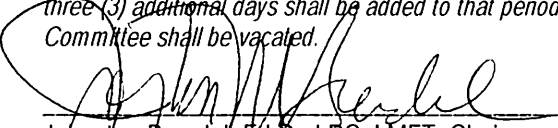
CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Hunt, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee voted to convene in a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Craig Dupuis, LPC, LMFT, CSAC, Reinstatement Applicant. Additionally, she 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 Ms. Hunt, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee made certain findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to approve Mr. Dupuis' applications for reinstatement with certain terms and conditions. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:15 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.



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

07/27/2018

Date



Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Counseling

7/27/18

Date

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 27, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on July 27, 2018 at 10:21 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
Danielle Hunt, LPC

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

RESPONDENT: Elvage Fondren, LPC Residency Applicant
License No.: None
Case No.: 159486

PRELIMINARY MATTER and DISCUSSION: The Chairperson noted that the time was 10:22 a.m. and Mr. Fondren was noticed to appear before the Committee at 10:00 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 the certified mail was returned unclaimed but the regular mail had not been returned. The Chairperson determined that Mr. Fondren 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.

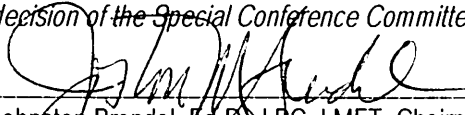
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RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hunt, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee made certain findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to deny Mr. Fondren's application for registration of supervision, as a preliminary requirement for licensure by examination to practice professional counseling. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

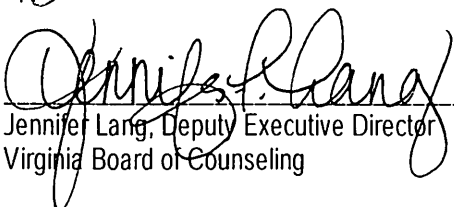
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