

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE MINUTES – MARCH 31, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on March 31, 2023 at 10:20 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Emily Tatum, Sr. Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Laverne Powell, Applicant for Licensure as a Resident in Counseling**
Case No.: 221852

PRELIMINARY MATTER AND DISCUSSION: The Chairperson noted that the time was 10:22 a.m. and Laverne Powell was noticed to appear before the Committee at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Tatum advised that the Notice was sent to the applicant’s address of record with the board via certified and first class mail, and a copy was emailed to the applicant. Based on information provided by Ms. Tatum, the Chairperson determined that proper notice had been provided to Laverne Powell and the informal conference would proceed in their absence.


CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Laverne Powell, Applicant for Licensure as a Resident in Counseling. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans 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. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to deny Laverne Powell’s application for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant 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

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on March 31, 2023 at 10:42 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Emily Tatum, Sr. Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Ella Damron, Applicant for registration as a QMHP-C**
Case No.: 224207

PRELIMINARY MATTER AND DISCUSSION: The Chairperson noted that the time was 10:45 a.m. and Ella Damron was noticed to appear before the Committee at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Tatum advised that the Notice was sent to the applicant’s address of record with the board via certified and first class mail, and a copy was emailed to the applicant. Based on information provided by Ms. Tatum, the Chairperson determined that proper notice had been provided to Ella Damron and the informal conference would proceed in their absence.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Ella Damron, Applicant for registration as a QMHP-C. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans 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. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to deny Ella Damron's application for registration as a QMHP-C. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant,, unless the applicant 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

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on March 31, 2023 at 11:15 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Haleh Tajbakhsh, Applicant for licensure as a Resident in Counseling**
Case No.: 220208

PRELIMINARY MATTER AND DISCUSSION: The Chairperson noted that the time was 11:15 a.m. and Haleh Tajbakhsh was noticed to appear before the Committee at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Corey advised that the Notice was sent to the applicant’s address of record with the board via certified and first class mail, and a copy was emailed to the applicant. Based on information provided by Ms. Corey, the Chairperson determined that proper notice had been provided to Haleh Tajbakhsh and the informal conference would proceed in their absence.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Haleh Tajbakhsh, Applicant for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans 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. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to deny Haleh Tajbakhsh’s application for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant 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

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
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STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Michelle Thrift, Applicant for licensure as a Resident in Counseling**
Case No.: 223275

DISCUSSION: Michelle Thrift appeared in person before the Committee, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated February 23, 2023.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Michelle Thrift, Applicant for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans 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. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to deny Michelle Thrift's application for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant 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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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on March 31, 2023 at 12:21 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Barbara Folcini, Applicant for licensure as a Resident in Counseling**
Case No.: 223524

DISCUSSION: Barbara Folcini appeared in person before the Committee, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated February 15, 2023.


CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Barbara Folcini, Applicant for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans 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.

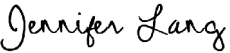
DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to deny Barbara Folcini's application for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant 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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