

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
MAY 10, 2007
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: The Credentials Committee convened an informal conference on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., 2007, at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D.
Mary Lou Argow, LPC, LMFT, LSATP

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Diana Pollick, Administrative Assistant
Carol Lipinski, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Paul G. Becker, LPC Applicant, Case #111091**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Becker appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 5, 2007, to consider his application for licensure and to inquire into allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling in Virginia. Mr. Becker was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Becker.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Argow and duly seconded by Dr. Conner, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of medical or mental records of Paul G. Becker, LPC Applicant. Additionally, she moved that Evelyn Brown, Patricia Larimer, Peter Opper, Diana Pollick and Carol Lipinski attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its consideration of the matter.

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

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Argow and duly seconded by Dr. Conner, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Paul G. Becker, LPC Applicant. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, Diana Pollick, and Ms. Lipinski attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and 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, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Argow and duly seconded by Dr. Conner, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted that the application of Paul G. Becker for licensure as a licensed professional counselor in the Commonwealth of Virginia be approved, subject to his successful completion of the required examination, and that he be placed on probation with terms.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:25 pm.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Mr. Becker unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Becker within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Credentials Committee shall be vacated.

Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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