

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
MINUTES
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 30, 2005**

TIME & PLACE: The meeting of the Informal Conference Committee convened at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nadia Kuley, Ph.D., Chair
Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia Larimer, Senior Legal Assistant
Joyce D. Williams, Administrative Assistant
Ann Joseph, Deputy Executive Director
Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: W. Scott Johnson, Esquire

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:** Peter O. Powell, Ph.D. Case #96615

Dr. Powells, represented by W. Scott Johnson, appeared before the Informal Conference Committee at 10:10 a.m. to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of psychology in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Chair recognized Dr. Powells and Mr. Johnson and invited their comments regarding the allegations. Dr. Owens made his opening statement.

Ms. Benson moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Powells regarding the allegations outlined in the Notice of Hearing. Additionally, Ms. Benson moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Ms. Williams and Ms. Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Ms. Benson moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom on 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.

ACTION:

Dr. Kuley informed Dr. Powells and Mr. Johnson that the Committee is referring this case to the Board of Psychology for a formal hearing because the Committee believes that Dr. Powells' license to practice clinical psychology should be suspended or revoked.

These minutes are prepared using standard language and a standard format.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Nadia Kuley, Ph.D. Chair
Board of Psychology

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Board of Psychology