

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 25, 2011, at 10:35 am, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Seeman, Chair
Dr. Johnston Brendel
Dr. Charles McAdams, III
Ms. Charlotte Markva
Ms. Patricia Mullen
Michael Fletcher

BOARD COUNSEL: Rachel Baer, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Debbie Harris, Administrative Assistant

COURT REPORTER: Patricia Price White, Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Wayne Halbleib, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Patricia Harte-Byers, Sr. Investigator, DHP

RESPONDENT: Sylvester Britt
Certification No.: 0715-003025
Case No.: 132407

RESPONDENT’S WITNESSES: Karen Schaller, Sr. Investigator, DHP
Sylvester Britt
Applicant A
Tina Jones, CRP
Applicant B
Applicant D

DISCUSSION: Sylvester Britt appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated November 25, 2010. Mr. Britt was represented by George Minor, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice from witnesses called to testify.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Markva and duly seconded, the Board voted to convene 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 Sylvester Britt. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Baer, Ms. Larimer, and Ms. Harris attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Brendel, and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a motion by Dr. McAdams, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Board voted to revoke the certification of Mr. Britt. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Linda Seeman, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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