

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 16, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 9:05 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA, Hearing Room 5.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT  
William B. Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT

**STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Thomas Arbaugh, Jr., Ph.D., LPC  
License No.: 0701-003388  
Case No.: 151964

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Arbaugh appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 16, 2014, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Arbaugh was represented by Nathan Kottkamp, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Arbaugh.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Scott and duly seconded by Ms. Malawer, the Committee 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 Dr. Arbaugh. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Chappell and Mr. Opper 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 Dr. Scott, and duly seconded by Ms. Malawer, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Dr. Arbaugh a Consent Order in lieu of proceeding to a formal hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT  
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- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Friday, May 16, 2014, at 11:40 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA, Hearing Room 5
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT  
William B. Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
- STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Stella Brizuela-Moreno, Ph.D., LMFT, LSATP  
License Nos.: 0717-000665; 0718-000189  
Case No.: 151972
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Brizuela-Moreno appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 3, 2014, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of marriage and family therapists and the regulations governing the practice of licensed substance abuse treatment practitioners in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Brizuela-Moreno was represented by Kim M. Crump, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Brizuela-Moreno.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Malawer and duly seconded by Dr. Scott, the Committee 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 Dr. Brizuela-Moreno. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Chappell and Mr. Opper 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. Malawer, and duly seconded by Dr. Scott, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to impose no sanction.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

*William R. Scott*

William R. Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT

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