

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FRIDAY, May 27, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Psychology (“Board”) convened on Friday, May 27, 2011, at 10:15 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Benson, Ed. S. Chair
Herbert Stewart, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Debbie Harris, Administrative Assistant

MATTER SCHEDULED: Ronald S. Jacobson, Ph.D.
License No.: 0810-000305
Case No.: 130333

DISCUSSION: Dr. Ronald Jacobson appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with an amended Notice of the Board dated May 20, 2011, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of clinical psychology in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Jacobson was represented by John Franklin, III, of Taylor Walker PC. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Jacobson.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Stewart and duly seconded by Ms. Benson, 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 Ronald Jacobson. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Harris 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. Stewart, and duly seconded by Ms. Benson, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to place Dr. Jacobson on indefinite probation with terms and conditions for not less than two (2) years.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Ann Benson Ed. S., Chair

Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director-Discipline

Date

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