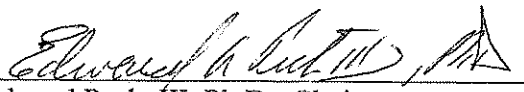


**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 7, 2014**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Psychology (“Board”) convened on February 7, 2014, at 10:25 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Edward Peck, III, Ph.D.
Giordana De Altin Popiolek, Psy.D.
Thomas Ryan, Ph.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Margarita P. Avedisian, Ph.D., L.C.P.
License No.: 0810-003016
Case No.: 148070
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Avedisian appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated November 22, 2013, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of psychology in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Avedisian was represented by Christopher E. Hassell, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Avedisian.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Ryan and duly seconded by Dr. De Altin Popiolek, 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. Avedisian. 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. Ryan, and duly seconded by Dr. De Altin Popiolek, the Committee voted to dismiss the case.

ADJOURNMENT:


The Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



Edward Peck, III, Ph.D., Chair

2/11/14

Date



Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

2/25/2014

Date