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## VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY Board of Psychologysession - Telephone conference call

**Minutes** September 25, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** 

Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia, a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Psychology ("Board") was called to order at 3:11 p.m. on September 25, 2017, to consider the summary suspension of the certificate of Barbara Hernandez to practice as a Sex Offender Treatment Provider in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRESIDING:

Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., LCP, Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

John Ball, Ph.D., LCP Peter Sheras, Ph.D., LCP Rebecca Vauter, Psv.D., LCP Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D., LCP James Werth, Ph.D., LCP

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deja Lee, Citizen Member Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

**POLL OF MEMBERS:** 

The Board members were polled as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. Five (5) of the six (6) board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

QUORUM:

With six (6) members participating, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** 

The meeting was convened to hear a presentation from Assistant Attorney General, Julia Bennett, and Adjudication Specialist, Emily Tatum, regarding disciplinary case # 172834

and 180021.

Julia Bennett presented a summary of the evidence of the case.

**CLOSED MEETING:** 

Dr. Werth moved that the Board 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. Hernandez. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Lang, and Ms. Evans attend the meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open meeting and

announced the decision.

**DECISION:** 

Upon a motion by Dr. Ball and duly seconded by Dr. Vauter, the Board voted that, in consideration of the evidence presented, Dr. Hernandez's continued practice as a Sex Offender Treatment Provider poses a substantial danger to the public and the certificate

shall be summarily suspended pending a Formal Hearing. Further, the board voted to offer Dr. Hernandez a Consent Order in lieu of a Formal Hearing. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:	With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 3:34 p.m.		
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