

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
MAY 25, 2007  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee convened on Friday, May 25, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S.  
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist  
Carol Lipinski, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Heather L. Howard, Esquire

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Eric V. Kothari, Psy.D., Case #110503**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Kothari appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 19, 2007, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of clinical psychology in Virginia. Dr. Kothari was represented by Heather L. Howard, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Kothari.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Falk and duly seconded by Ann Benson, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Eric V. Kothari, Psy.D. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Lipinski 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 Mr. Falk and duly seconded by Ms. Benson, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to reprimand Dr. Kothari and place him on probation with terms and conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 11:20 am.

*As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Dr. Kothari unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Kothari within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

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Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee convened on Friday, May 25, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S.  
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist  
Carol Lipinski, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Client A

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Efrain Segarra, Ph.D., Case #112071**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Segarra appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 20, 2007, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of clinical psychology in Virginia. Dr. Segarra was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Segarra.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Falk and duly seconded by Ann Benson, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of medical or mental records of Client A. Additionally, he moved that Evelyn Brown, Patricia Larimer, Peter Opper, and Carol Lipinski attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its consideration of the matter.

**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.

**DISCUSSION:** The Committee received statements from Client A.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Falk and duly seconded by Ann Benson, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Efrain Segarra, Ph.D. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Lipinski 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 Mr. Falk and duly seconded by Ms. Benson, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Dr. Segarra a Consent Order that would revoke his license to practice clinical psychology in Virginia.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 1:40 pm.

*As provided by law, this decision shall become final upon entry of the ConsentOrder.*

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Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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