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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016
2:00 P.M.**

**Department of Health Professions
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

CALL TO ORDER: The Formal Administrative Hearing of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Schmidt, P.T.A., Chair
Arkena L. Dailey, PT, DPT
Dixie Bowman, P.T., DPT, EdD
Allen Jones, Jr., P.T., PhD.
Tracey Adler, P.T., DPT
Steve Lam, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Wolff-Burke, P.T., EdD

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin L. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Missy Currier, Deputy Executive Director
Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director
Kathy Petersen, Discipline Operations Manager

COURT REPORTER: Andrea Pegram, Certified Court Reporter

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESS: Gayle Miller, DHP Senior Investigator

RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL: Dr. Ramon Rodriguez, III, Esq.

RESPONDENT'S WITNESSES: Elizabeth Gotwals, LCSW
Dr. Harvey Shapiro (via telephone)

MATTER SCHEDULED: Douglas Palmer, P.T.
Reinstatement Applicant
License No.: 2305-006111 - Suspended
Case No.: 159156

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With six (6) members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Palmer appeared before the Board in accordance with the Amended Notice of Formal Hearing dated April 1, 2016, and was represented by Dr. Ramon Rodriguez, Esq. The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by both parties, regarding the matters as set forth in the Statement of Particulars.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Allen Jones, Jr., and duly seconded by Arkena Dailey, the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed meeting at 4:00 p.m., 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 Douglas A. Palmer, P.T. Reinstatement Applicant. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Hahn, Ms. Barrett, Ms. Helmick, Ms. Petersen and Ms. Currier attend the closed meeting as their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Upon a motion by Tracey Adler, and duly seconded by Arkena Dailey, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene at 4:25 p.m.

CERTIFICATION: Allen Jones, Jr. certified that the matters discussed in the closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia. The Board reconvened in open session.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dixie Bowman and duly seconded by Arkena Dailey, the Board moved to reinstate the license of Douglas A. Palmer, PT, to practice as a physical therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Sarah Schmidt, PTA, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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