

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

May 8, 2015 - 1:30 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Styron, PT, Chair
Dixie Bowman, DPT

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director
Mykl Egan, Adjudication Specialist, APD

OTHERS PRESENT: Margaret Hardy, Esq.

MATTER: **Walter M. Ward, PT**
License No.: 2305-006157
Case No.: 158212

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ward appeared before the Committee in accordance with the Amended Notice of the Board dated April 1, 2015. Mr. Ward was present and was represented by Margaret Hardy, Esq.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations, as outlined in the Amended Notice of Informal Conference.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Bowman, and duly seconded by Mr. Styron, 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 Walter Ward, P.T. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Helmick and Mr. Egan attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary

and would aid the Committee in its discussions. The Committee entered into closed session at 2:32 p.m.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session at 3:09 p.m.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bowman and duly seconded by Mr. Styron, the Committee moved to forward this case to a formal administrative hearing. Motion carried.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Michael Styron, PT, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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