

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**March 27, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 9:38 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Lou Argow, Chair  
Natale Ward

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Von Renee Brown, LPC Applicant**  
**Case No.: 123850**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Brown appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 13, 2009, to consider her application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny her application. Ms. Brown was represented was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Brown.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, 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 in the matter of Von Renee Brown. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer and Peter 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 findings.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward, and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, the Committee made certain recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to recommend to the Board that Ms. Brown’s application be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The conference adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 11:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Lou Argow, Chair  
Natale Ward

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

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Lisa Lang, LPC Applicant**  
**Case No.: 123848**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Lang appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 13, 2009, to consider her application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny her application. However, when informed that she was not eligible for application by endorsement, but the Committee would consider her application by examination, Ms. Lang elected to leave the conference. Ms. Lang was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, 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 in the matter of Lisa Lang. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer and Peter 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 findings.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward, and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, the Committee made certain recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to recommend to the Board that Ms.

Lang's application be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The conference adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Lou Argow, Chair  
Natale Ward

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Aaron Blanchette, LPC Applicant**  
**Case No.: 123849**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Blanchette failed to appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 13, 2009, to consider his application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny his application. Mr. Blanchette was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, 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 in the matter of Aaron Blanchette. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer and Peter 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 findings.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward, and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, the Committee made certain recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to recommend to the Board that Mr. Blanchette’s application be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The conference adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 1:26 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Lou Argow, Chair  
Natale Ward

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Takesha Walker, LPC Applicant**  
**Case No.: 123844**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Walker failed to appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 13, 2009, to consider her application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny her application. Ms. Walker was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, 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 in the matter of Takesha Walker. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer and Peter 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 findings.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward, and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, the Committee made certain recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to recommend to the Board that Ms. Walker’s application be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The conference adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Lou Argow, Chair  
Natale Ward

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Howard Shumate, LPC Applicant**  
**Case No.: 123845**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Shumate appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 6, 2009, to consider his application for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny his application. Mr. Shumate was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Shumate.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, 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 in the matter of Howard Shumate. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer and Peter 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 findings.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Ward, and duly seconded by Ms. Argow, the Committee made certain recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to recommend to the Board that Mr. Shumate’s application be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT:**            The Committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Mary Lou Argow, Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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