

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 21, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Psychology (“Board”) convened on March 21, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Peck, Ph.D., Chair
Thomas Ryan, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: Richard G. Willis, Psy.D., LCP
License No.: 0810-002852
Case No.: 150599

DISCUSSION: Dr. Willis appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 18, 2014, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of Psychology in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Willis was represented by Adam Harrison, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Willis and also received statements from Reverend Hollis G. Dodge, M.A., CRC, CSAC.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Ryan and duly seconded by Dr. Peck, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia to consider medical and mental records of Dr. Willis. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Chappell, Ms. Harris, and Mr. 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.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Ryan and duly seconded by Dr. Peck, the Committee voted to convene in 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 Richard Willis, Psy.D., LCP. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Chappell, Ms. Harris and Mr. 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 decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Ryan and duly seconded by Dr. Peck, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact, and deferred conclusions of law and decision pending receipt of additional information.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Edward Peck, Ph.D, Chair

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

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