

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE MINUTES – MAY 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on May 19, 2023 at 10:13 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Tiffani Savage, QMHP-C Applicant**
Case No.: 226506

DISCUSSION: Tiffani Savage appeared in person before the Committee, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated April 12, 2023.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Tiffani Savage, QMHP-C Applicant. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans attend the closed meeting because her presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to deny Tiffani Savage's application for registration as a QMHP-C. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated

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INFORMAL CONFERENCE MINUTES – MAY 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on May 19, 2023 at 11:11 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Joao Pedro Benzaquen Perosa, Applicant for Residency in Counseling**
Case No.: 222502

DISCUSSION: Joao Pedro Benzaquen Perosa appeared in person before the Committee, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated April 12, 2023.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Joao Pedro Benzaquen Perosa, Applicant for Residency in Counseling. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans attend the closed meeting because her presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to refer this matter to a formal hearing before the Board of Counseling. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on May 19, 2023 at 12:34 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Counseling
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

APPLICANT: **Suzanne Schuler, Applicant for Residency in Counseling**
Case No.: 226720

DISCUSSION: Suzanne Schuler appeared in person before the Committee, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated April 12, 2023.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, 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 Suzanne Schuler, Applicant for Residency in Counseling. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans attend the closed meeting because her presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to deny Suzanne Schuler’s application for licensure as a resident in counseling. The motion carried.

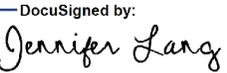
ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

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