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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
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Board of Counseling

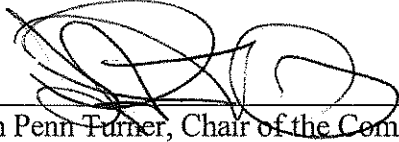
- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on September 9, 2011, at 10:45 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Penn Turner, LPC, LSATP, Chair
Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Debbie Harris, Administrative Assistant
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Ellen L. Hall, C.S.A.C.
Certification No.: 0710-102288
Case No.: 136402
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Hall failed to appear before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated August 1, 2011, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of substance abuse counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In her absence, the Committee discussed the allegations.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Malawer and duly seconded by Mr. Turner, 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 Ellen L. Hall, C.S.A.C. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper and Ms. Harris 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 Ms. Malawer and duly seconded by Mr. Turner, the Committee voted to refer the matter to a formal board hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 10:55a.m.



John Penn Turner, Chair of the Committee

9.13.11
Date



Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

9-20-11
Date