

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 11, 2015
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

- TIME & PLACE:** The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 9:15 a.m., on December 11, 2015, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Verdun, M.A., CCC- SLP
A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A
- STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Richard C. Kalunga, SLP**
License No.: 2202003170
Case No.: 164241
- PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 9:15 a.m., and Mr. Kalunga had been noticed to appear before the SCC at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Blount advised the SCC that the Notice had been mailed to Mr. Kalunga's address of record with the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Additionally, she informed the SCC that the certified Notice and the regular mail had not been returned.
- The Chair determined that Mr. Kalunga had been properly noticed; therefore, the informal conference would proceed in his absence.
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kalunga did not appear before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 9, 2015, and Mr. Kalunga was not represented by counsel. The SCC considered the information contained in the informal conference package.

CLOSED SESSION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gleason, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Richard C. Kalunga, SLP**.

Additionally, it was moved that Amanda Blount and Mykl Egan attend the Closed Session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

OPEN SESSION:

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. Gleason and duly seconded, the SCC made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Mr. Kalunga a reprimand and subject his license to certain terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Laura P. Verdun, M.A., CCC-SLP
Chair

Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D.
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TIME & PLACE: The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 9:40 a.m., on December 11, 2015, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Verdun, M.A., CCC-SLP
A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Valeria N. Lawrence, SLP**
License No.: 2202003744
Case No.: 164324

PRELIMINARY MATTER: The Chair noted that the time was 9:40 a.m., and Ms. Lawrence had been noticed to appear before the SCC at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Blount advised the SCC that the Notice had been mailed to Ms. Lawrence's address of record with the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Additionally, she informed the SCC that the certified Notice had been returned as unclaimed; however, the regular mail had not been returned.

The Chair determined that Ms. Lawrence had been properly noticed; therefore, the informal conference would proceed in her absence.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Lawrence did not appear before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated November 10, 2015, and Ms. Lawrence was not represented by counsel. The SCC considered the information contained in the informal conference package.

CLOSED SESSION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gleason, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Valeria N. Lawrence, SLP.**

Additionally, it was moved that Amanda Blount and Mykl Egan attend the Closed Session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

OPEN SESSION:

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. Gleason and duly seconded, the SCC made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Ms. Lawrence a reprimand and subject her license to certain terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Laura P. Verdun, M.A., CCC-SLP
Chair

Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D.
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TIME & PLACE: The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 10:10 a.m., on December 11, 2015, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Verdun, M.A., CCC-SLP
A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D, CCC-A

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Mykl Egan, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Erin D. Jackson, SLP**
License No.: 2202002294
Case No.: 169189

PRELIMINARY MATTER: The Chair noted that the time was 10:10 a.m., and Ms. Jackson had been noticed to appear before the SCC at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Blount advised the SCC that the Notice had been mailed to Ms. Jackson's address of record with the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Additionally, she informed the SCC that the certified Notice had been signed for on November 16, 2015 and the regular mail had not been returned.

The Chair determined that Ms. Jackson had been properly noticed; therefore, the informal conference would proceed in her absence.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Jackson did not appear before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated November 10, 2015, and Ms. Jackson was not represented by counsel. The SCC considered the information contained in the informal conference package.

CLOSED SESSION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gleason, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Erin D. Jackson, SLP**. Additionally, it was moved that Amanda Blount and Mykl Egan attend the Closed Session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

While the SCC was in closed session, the Board office received a telephone call at 10:22 a.m., from Ms. Jackson stating she was on her way to the hearing. Ms. Stamey informed the SCC of the call. The closed session recessed to await Ms. Jackson's arrival. The SCC gave Ms. Jackson a deadline of 11:00 a.m. to arrive or it would reconvene in closed session in her absence.

CLOSED SESSION:

The SCC reconvened at 11:05 a.m due to Ms. Jackson not appearing.

OPEN SESSION:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Gleason and duly seconded, the SCC made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Ms. Jackson a reprimand and subject her license to certain terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Laura P. Verdun, M.A., CCC-SLP
Chair

Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D.
Deputy Executive Director