

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (“Board”) was convened on December 19, 2016, at 10:08 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A , Chairperson
Bradley W. Kesser, M.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Mykl D. Egan, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Valeria Nettles Lawrence, S.L.P.**
License No.: 2202-003744
Case No.: 174658
- PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 10:08 a.m., and Ms. Lawrence had been noticed to appear before the Committee at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Egan advised the Committee that the Notice had been mailed to Ms. Lawrence’s address of record with the Board. Additionally, he informed the Committee that the certified Notice and 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 Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 8, 2016, and a letter dated November 22, 2016. Ms. Lawrence was not represented by counsel. The Committee considered the information contained in the informal conference package.
- Closed Session:** Dr. Kesser moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision

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in the matter regarding **Valeria Nettles Lawrence, S.L.P.** Additionally, Dr. Kesser moved that Ms. Blount and Mr. Egan attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Kesser moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Mr. Egan read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Mr. Egan also reported that the Committee decided to issue a reprimand to Ms. Lawrence.

Upon a motion by Dr. Kesser, and duly seconded by Dr. Gleason, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Mr. Egan.

ADJOURNMENT:

The hearing adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director