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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**January 10, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Friday, January 10, 2014, at 1:25 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Mullen, LPC  
William Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT  
Benjamin Keyes, Th.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., LPC

**STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline  
Peter Oppen, Adjudication Specialist, APD

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Patricia A. Miller, CSAC  
License No.: 0710102506  
Case No.: 134598

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Miller appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated September 17, 2013, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the certification of substance abuse counselors in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Miller was represented by Andrew M. Sacks, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Miller.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Keyes and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, 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 Patricia A. Miller, CSAC. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Chappell and Mr. Oppen 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. Keyes, and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to place Ms. Miller on probation with terms and conditions.

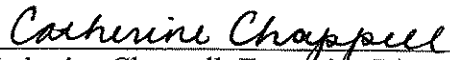
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ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

  
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