

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee convened on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 10:05 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
John Penn Turner, LPC, LSATP
- STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist
Carol Lipinski, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda D. Frith, Esquire
Dr. Loretta P. Shea, LPC, LMFT
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Duke C. Turman, L.P.C. License No. 0701-001739
Case # 113694**
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. Turman appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 5, 2007, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Turman was represented by Linda D. Frith, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Turman. The committee also heard comments from Dr. Loretta Shea.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Turner and duly seconded by Dr. Conner, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Duke C. Turman, L.P.C. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Lipinski 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 Mr. Turner and duly seconded by Dr. Conner, the Committee voted to dismiss the matter with no action. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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