

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 22, 2010  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 10:48 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Mc Adams, Ed.D., Chair  
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist  
Diana Pollick, Operations & Compliance Manager

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Laura Lazarus, LPC Applicant  
Case No.: 128242

**DISCUSSION:** Laura Lazarus appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated October 9, 2009, to consider her application to register her supervisor as a preliminary requirement for licensure as a professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny her application. Ms. Lazarus was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Lazarus.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Brendel and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, 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 in the matter of Laura Lazarus. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Pollick 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 recommendations.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Brendel, and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the Committee made certain recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to recommend to the Board that Laura Lazarus's application to register a supervisor be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 11:34 a..m.

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Charles McAdams, Ed.D., Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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