

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
June 3, 2010
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on June 3, 2010, at 10:15 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Penn Turner, Chair, LPC, LSATP
Mary Lou Argow, LPC, LMFT, LSATP

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Debbie Harris, Administrative Assistant

MATTER SCHEDULED: Barbara Purdy, LPC Applicant

Case No.: 131219

DISCUSSION: Barbara Purdy appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated May 10, 2010, to consider her application for licensure as a licensed professional counselor, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny her application. Ms. Purdy was accompanied by her husband, Tom Purdy and was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Purdy. The Committee also received statements from Mr. Purdy.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mary Lou Argow and duly seconded by Mr. Turner, 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 Barbara Purdy. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Harris 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 Mary Lou Argow, and duly seconded by Mr.

Turner, the Committee, made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to allow Ms. Purdy to proceed with the application process.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

John Penn Turner, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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