

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
MINUTES
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
June 19, 2006**

TIME & PLACE: The meeting of the Informal Conference Committee convened at 10:37 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2006 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nadia Kuley, Ph.D., Chair
Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Peter Opper, Senior Legal Assistant
Joyce D. Williams, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph P. McMenamain Esquire
Jennifer Challis
Client A
Starile Cox
Stephanie Grana
Merle Pinsker

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: **Mark A. Pinsker Ed.D. Case #104878**

Dr. Pinsker, represented by Joseph P. McMenamain, appeared before the Informal Conference Committee at 10:37 a.m. to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of psychology in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Chair recognized Dr. Pinsker and Mr. McMenamain and invited their comments regarding the allegations. Dr. Pinsker made his opening statement.

Ms. Benson moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3705(a)(5) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of considering medical records of the source in the matter of Dr. Pinsker. Additionally, Ms. Benson moved that Ms. Brown, Mr. Opper and Ms. Williams attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Ms. Benson moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom on 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 carried.

Dr. Pinsker and Mr. McMenamain made closing statements.

Ms. Benson moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr.Pinsker regarding the allegations outlined in the Notice of Hearing. Additionally, Ms. Benson moved that Ms. Brown, Mr. Opper and Ms. Williams attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Dr. Kuley moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom on 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 carried.

ACTION:

A motion was made by Ms. Benson that Dr. Pinsker's informal conference will be continued.

The motion was seconded and carried.

These minutes are prepared using standard language and a standard format.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Nadia Kuley, Ph.D. Chair
Board of Psychology

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Board of Psychology