

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
MAY 4, 2007  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee convened on Friday, May 4, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S.  
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **James R. Stewart, L.C.P, Case #109769**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Stewart appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 3, 2007, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of clinical psychology in Virginia. Mr. Stewart was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Stewart.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Falk and duly seconded by Ann Benson, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussion or consideration of medical or mental records of James R. Stewart, LCP. Additionally, he moved that Evelyn Brown, Patricia Larimer, Peter Opper, and Carol Lipinski attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its consideration of the matter.

**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.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Falk and duly seconded by Ann Benson, 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 James R. Stewart, LCP. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, 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. Falk and duly seconded by Ms. Benson, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and offered James R. Stewart, LCP a consent order that would revoke his license to practice as a licensed clinical psychologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 3:03 pm.

*As provided by law, this decision shall become final upon entry of the consent order.*

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Ann Tolbert Benson, Ed.S., Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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