

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Special Conference Committee convened for an informal conference on Monday, September 17, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Conference Room #4, Richmond, Virginia

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sally Jones-McNamara, MCS, CCC-SLP, CCP, Chair
Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP
Ronald Spencer, RN

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Mykl D. Egan, Adjudication Specialist
Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Watkins, Father of Respondent

MATTER SCHEDULED

**Respondent: Valerie Ann Watkins, Audiologist
Case Number: 111238**

CALLED TO ORDER

Ms. Jones-McNamara called the conference to order at 1:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Watkins appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated August 9, 2007.

Ms. Watkins presented for the Committee's review documentation that she completed 12 graduate interdisciplinary credits offered through the Virginia Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment Disabilities (Va-LEND) and completed two hours of continuing education in ethics.

The Committee reviewed the information and fully discussed compliance with the Board's Order, responding to certified mail, and licensure as an audiologist as outlined in the notice with Ms. Watkins.

Specifically Ms. Watkins was granted a probationary license in Audiology and ordered to complete her Doctorate of Audiology within one year of entry of the Board's Order and submit certified a transcript to the Board showing that she had successfully done so.

Although Ms. Watkins did not satisfy the Board's 12 month time frame she was successful in completion of her doctorate degree and provided evidence.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and duly seconded by Mr. Spencer, the Committee convened 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 Ms. Watkins. Additionally, Ms. Moss moved that Ms. Hahn, Mr. Egan, and Ms. Minor attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.

OPEN SESSION

Ms. Moss certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia* and the Committee re-convened in open session.

DECISION

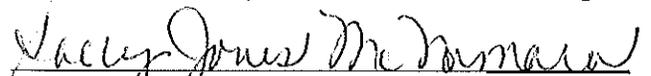
Due to lack of evidence of finding a violation the Committee closed the matter.

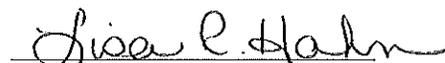
Ms. Watkins holds a current/active unrestricted Audiologist license.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and duly seconded by Mr. Spencer, the decision of the Committee was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the matter at 1:53 p.m.


Sally Jones-McNamara, MCS, CCC-SLP, CCP, Chair


Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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