

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
September 30, 2016
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on September 30, 2016 at 1:11 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Training Room 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
Danielle Hunt, LPC

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Board of Counseling
Anne Joseph, Deputy Executive Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

RESPONDENT: Mark Pinsker, Ed.D., LPC
License No.: 0701-000127
Case No.: 170071
Witness(es): None

DISCUSSION: Dr. Pinsker appeared before the Committee, in person, in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated August 30, 2016. He was not represented by legal counsel.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Pinsker.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Hunt, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee voted to convene in a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mark Pinsker, Ed.D., LPC. Additionally, she moved that Jennifer Lang and Anne Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

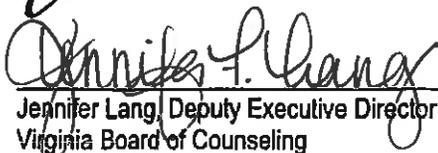
DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hunt, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee made certain findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to issue an order of reprimand and impose indefinite probation with certain terms and conditions. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the respondent, unless the respondent makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.


Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson

10/04/2016
Date


Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Counseling

10/5/16
Date

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
September 30, 2016
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on September 30, 2016 at 9:36 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Training Room 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
Danielle Hunt, LPC

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Board of Counseling
Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

RESPONDENT: Julie Newsome, LPC
License No.: 0701-004128
Case No.: 161140 and 161417
Witness(es): None

DISCUSSION: Ms. Newsome appeared before the Committee, in person, in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated July 6, 2016. She was not represented by legal counsel.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Ms. Newsome.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Hunt, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee voted to convene in a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Julie Newsome, LPC. Additionally, she moved that Jennifer Lang and Tammie Jones attend the closed meeting because their presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hunt, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Committee made certain findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to place the license of Ms. Newsome under indefinite probation with certain terms and conditions. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

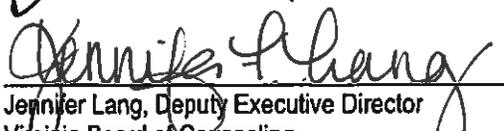
As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the respondent, unless the respondent makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.



Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson

10/04/2016

Date



Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Counseling

10/5/16

Date