VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

CALL TO ORDER: On April 6, 2012, at 12:01 p.m., with a quorum of the Virginia Board of Psychology ("Board") present and the Board Chair presiding, a telephone conference call was convened to consider whether a practitioner's ability to practice as a licensed clinical psychologist constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Robert S. Falk, Ph.D. - Chair
Krishna Leyva
Herbert L. Stewart, Ph.D.
Virginia Van de Water, Ed.D.
Edward A. Peck, Ph.D.
Ali Ahmad

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Michael L. Stutts, Ph.D.
Jeffrey L. Clark, Ph.D.
Desideria S. Hacker, Ph.D.

POLL OF MEMBERS: The Board members were polled as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. The majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

QUORUM: With six (6) members participating, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT:
Catherine Chappell, Acting Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Kathryn Theado, Administrative Assistant

BOARD COUNSEL: Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General

PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:
James E. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General
Corie Wolf, Assistant Attorney General
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER CONSIDERED: **Brian Wald, Psy.D.**
License No.: 0810001650
Case No. 141257

The Board received information from Mr. Schliessmann in order to determine whether Dr. Wald's ability to practice as a licensed clinical psychologist

constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Schliessmann provided details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Stewart, and duly seconded by Dr. Van de Water, the Board went into closed session 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 Brian Wald, Psy.D. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Chappell, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Theado attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its discussions.

RECOVENE: Having certified that the matter discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Stewart, and duly seconded by Mr. Ahmad, the Board determined that the practice of Brian Wald, Psy.D., as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety and voted to summarily suspend his license simultaneous with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia.*

VOTE: The votes was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Robert S. Falk, Ph.D. - Chair

4/16/2012
Date

Catherine Chappell, Acting Executive Director

4/20/2012
Date