

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL SESSION - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

- CALL TO ORDER:** On November 19, 2010, at 12:05 p.m., with a quorum of the Virginia Board of Counseling (“Board”) present and the Board Chair presiding, a telephone conference call was convened to consider whether a practitioner’s ability to practice as a Certified Rehabilitation Provider constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair  
Zena Bowen, LPC, LMFT  
Michael Fletcher  
Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT  
Charlotte Markva, LPC, LMFT, CSAC  
Patricia L. Mullen, LPC  
William R. Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT  
Catherine Shwaery  
Linda K. Seeman, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT  
John Penn Turner, LPC, LSATP
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Lou Argow, LPC, LMFT, LSATP  
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT  
Charles R. McAdams, III, LPC, LMFT
- 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 Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.
- QUORUM:** With ten (10) members participating, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
- BOARD COUNSEL:** Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
- PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:** Wayne T. Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER CONSIDERED: Sylvester Britt, RN, CRP**  
**Certificate #: 0715003025**  
**Case No. 132407**

The Board received information from Mr. Halbleib in order to determine whether Mr. Britt's ability to practice as a Certified Rehabilitation Provider constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Halbleib provided details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Mr. Turner, and duly seconded by Dr. Seeman, the Board determined that the practice of Sylvester Britt as a Certified Rehabilitation Provider constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety and voted to summarily suspend his certificate simultaneous with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*. Further, upon a motion by Mr. Turner, and duly seconded by Ms. Bowen, the Board voted to offer to Mr. Britt a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of his certificate in lieu of a formal administrative hearing.

**VOTE:**

The votes was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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