

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK  
FORMAL HEARING  
OCTOBER 8, 2014  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 10:09 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Blosser, L.C.S.W., Chair  
Maria Eugenia del Villar, L.C.S.W.  
Yvonne Haynes, L.C.S.W.  
Dolores Paulson, L.C.S.W.  
Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** James Rutkowski, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director  
Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager  
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Specialist

**COURT REPORTER:** Andrea Pegram, Court Reporting Services, LLC.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** Anne Joseph, Deputy Executive Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESS:** Ashley Moran, DHP Senior Investigator

**RESPONDENT:** Carolyn Newman, L.C.S.W. Reinstatement Applicant  
License No.: 0904-000462  
Case No.: 155323

**RESPONDENT’S WITNESSES:** Paul Spector, M.D.  
Margaret Moriarty

**DISCUSSION:** Carolyn Newman appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated September 4, 2014. Ms. Newman was not represented by counsel.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice from witnesses called to testify.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh and duly seconded by Ms. Haynes, the Board voted to convene 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 Ms. Newman. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Chappell, Ms. Georgen and Ms. Lenart attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Paulson, and duly seconded by Dr. Walsh, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a motion by Dr. Paulson, and duly seconded by Ms. del Villar, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement of Ms. Newman's license with terms. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Jennifer Blosser, L.C.S.W., Chair

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Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK  
FORMAL HEARING  
OCTOBER 8, 2014  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 12:39 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Blosser, L.C.S.W., Chair  
Maria Eugenia del Villar, L.C.S.W.  
Yvonne Haynes, L.C.S.W.  
Dolores Paulson, L.C.S.W.  
Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** James Rutkowski, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director  
Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager  
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Specialist

**COURT REPORTER:** Andrea Pegram, Court Reporting Services, LLC.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESS:** Patricia Sheehan, DHP Senior Investigator

**RESPONDENT:** James Schmidt, L.C.S.W. Reinstatement Applicant  
License No.: 0904-004884  
Case No.: 157547

**DISCUSSION:** James Schmidt appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated September 4, 2014. Mr. Schmidt was not represented by counsel.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice from witnesses called to testify.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh and duly seconded by Ms. del Villar, the Board voted to convene 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 Mr. Schmidt. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Chappell, Ms. Georgen and Ms. Lenart attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Paulson, and duly seconded by Ms. del Villar, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a motion by Dr. Paulson, and duly seconded by Ms. del Villar, the Board voted to approve the reinstatement of Mr. Schmidt's license with terms. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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Jennifer Blosser, L.C.S.W., Chair

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Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

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