

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
FORMAL HEARING
Friday, April 25, 2014**

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting convened at 4:01 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Susan Horne-Quatannens, Chair called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Blosser
Yvonne Haynes
Susan Horne-Quatannens, Chair
Arthur Mayer
Bernadette Winters

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Salay
Nettie Simon-Owens
Joseph Walsh
Kristi Wooten

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager

COUNSEL PRESENT: James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Joseph, Deputy Executive Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
Lori Larsen, Court Reporter, Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc.
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM:**

With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

**Melodi Horne, L.C.S.W.
Case No.: 143615**

Ms. Horne did not appear and was not represented by counsel.

Anne Joseph, Deputy Executive Director, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. J. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Lori Larsen, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Mayer moved that the Board of Social Work convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Melodi Horne, L.C.S.W. Additionally, Mr. Mayer moved that Ms. Chappell, Mr. Rutowski, and Ms. Georgen attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence would aid the Board in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session.

Mr. Mayer moved that the Board of Social Work certified that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meetings requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Mr. Mayer moved that the Board of Social Work accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Joseph. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Winters moved that the Board of Social Work revoke the license of Ms. Horne.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of the formal hearing panel.

ADJORNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Susan Horne-Quatannens, Chair

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director