

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

May 5, 2023

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive
Board Room 2
Henrico, Virginia 23233

Matter: **Famika Robertson, LSATP Applicant**

Attorney: None
Case No.: 192382

Call to Order: A panel of the Board of Counseling convened on May 5, 2023 at 12:40 p.m.

Presiding: Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP, Hearing Chairperson

Board Members Present: Benjamin Allison, Citizen Member
Angela Charlton, Ph.D., LPC
Natalie Franklin, LPC, LMFT
Gerard Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP
Matthew Scott, LMFT
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP
Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC

Board Staff: James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director
Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Manager
Anne Atkinson, Administrative Assistant

Court Reporter: Juan Ortega
Freelance Court Reporter

Establishment of a Panel: With 8 members present, a panel of the board was established.

Parties on Behalf of the Commonwealth: Emily Tatum, Sr. Adjudication Specialist, APD

Discussion: Famika Robertson appeared before the board in person, in accordance with the board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated September 29, 2021, and an Amended Notice dated April 7, 2023. Famika Robertson was not represented by legal counsel.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations contained in the Notice dated.

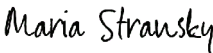
Closed Session: Upon a motion by Dr. Lawson, and duly seconded by Mr. Allison, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter. Additionally, he moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, Charlotte Lenart, Christy Evans, and Anne Atkinson attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberation.

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 and Vote: Dr. Lawson moved to deny Famika Robertson's application for licensure by endorsement as a Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioner. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Famika Robertson at the address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yancey and carried unanimously.


Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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

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Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP, Hearing Chairperson
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Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
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