



**Virginia Board of Counseling**  
**Formal Hearing**  
**April 19, 2024**

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**Matter:** Heavenly Weaver, LPC and LSATP Reinstatement Applicant  
Attorney: Margaret Hardy, Esquire  
Case No.: 236281  
License Nos.: 0701007271  
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**Call to Order:** A panel of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on April 19, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, Board Room 2.

**Presiding:** Gerard Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

**Board Members Present:** L Paul Bernard, LPC  
Natalie Franklin, LPC, LMFT  
Nakeisha Gordon, LPC  
Matthew Scott, LMFT  
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP  
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP  
Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC

**Board Counsel:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

**Board Staff:** Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Latasha Austin, Licensing and Operations Supervisor

**Court Reporter:** Virginia Mack, Court Reporter  
County Court Reporters

**Establishment of a Panel:** With nine (9) members present, a panel of the board was established.

**Parties on Behalf of the Commonwealth:** Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist  
Administrative Proceedings Division

**Discussion:** Heavenly Weaver appeared before the board in person, in accordance with the board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated March 14, 2024. Heavenly Weaver was represented by Margaret Hardy, Esquire.  
  
The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations contained in the Notice.


**Closed Session:** Upon a motion by Dr. Yancey, and duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, the Board voted unanimously 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, she moved that James Rutkowski, Jennifer Lang, and Latasha Austin 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. Yancey moved that the Board of Counseling approve Ms. Weaver's applications for reinstatement to practice professional counseling and substance abuse treatment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Dr. Tinsley moved that the Board of Counseling place certain terms and conditions on Ms. Weaver's licenses. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 8-1-0. The basis for these decisions will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Heavenly Weaver at the address of record.

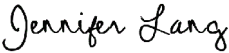
**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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

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## Virginia Board of Counseling Formal Hearing April 19, 2024

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**Matter:** Dennis Gowin, LPC Reinstatement Applicant  
Attorney: n/a  
Case No.: 236304  
License No.: 0701004772

**Call to Order:** A panel of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on April 19, 2024 at 2:36 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, Board Room 2.

**Presiding:** Gerard Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

**Board Members Present:** L Paul Bernard, LPC  
Natalie Franklin, LPC, LMFT  
Nakeisha Gordon, LPC  
Matthew Scott, LMFT  
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP  
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP  
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**Board Counsel:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

**Board Staff:** Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Latasha Austin, Licensing and Operations Supervisor

**Court Reporter:** Virginia Mack, Court Reporter  
County Court Reporters

**Establishment of a Panel:** With nine (9) members present, a panel of the board was established.

**Parties on Behalf of the Commonwealth:** Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist  
Administrative Proceedings Division

**Discussion:** Dennis Gowin appeared before the board in person, in accordance with the board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated March 21, 2024. Dennis Gowin was not represented by legal counsel.  
  
The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations contained in the Notice.

**Closed Session:** Upon a motion by Dr. Yancey, and duly seconded by Ms. Franklin, the Board voted unanimously 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, she moved that James Rutkowski, Jennifer Lang, and Latasha Austin attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberation.

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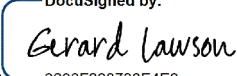
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**Reconvene:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

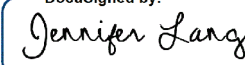
**Decision and Vote:** Ms. Gordon moved that the Board of Counseling deny Dennis Gowin's application to reinstate his license to practice professional counseling. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Dennis Gowin at the address of record.

**Adjournment:** The Board adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

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

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