

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
MINUTES OF A FORMAL HEARING**

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Virginia Board of Counseling was called to order at 9:38 a.m., on May 9, 2008 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Boardroom 2, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Linda K. Seeman, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donnie G. Conner, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Charles McAdams, Ed.D., LPC, MFT
Sandra Malawer, LPC, MFT
Eric McCollum, Ph.D., MFT
Yvonne Ortega, LPC, LSATP
Vivian Sanchez-Jones
William R. Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
John Penn Turner, LPC, LSATP

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Lou Argow, LPC, LMFT, LSATP
Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP
Philip Haber, LPC
Nan Harris
Natale Ward, LPC

OAG & STAFF PRESENT: Howard M. Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director, Board of Counseling
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Counseling
Diana Pollick, Administrative Assistant

COURT REPORTER: Diane Parrfus, Capitol Reporting

DEANNA PETIT-SAILOR A formal hearing was held in the matter of Deanna Petit-Sailor, LPC applicant to determine if Ms. Sailor meets the requirements set forth in 18 VAC 115-20-45(4) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling.

Ms. Petit-Sailor appeared before a panel of the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing and Statement of Particulars dated April 17, 2008. Ms. Petit-Sailor was not represented by counsel.

Peter Opper, Department of Health Professions Adjudication Specialist, presented the case.

The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by John Penn Turner and duly seconded by Yvonne Ortega, the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel the matter of Deanna Petit-Sailor. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Pollick attend the

closed meeting.

RECONVENE:

John Penn Turner moved, and the Board voted unanimously, that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion for closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. William Scott and duly seconded by Sandra Malawer, the Board voted unanimously, to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as read by Mr. Casway.

Upon a motion by Dr. Scott and duly seconded by John Penn Turner the Board voted unanimously that Ms. Petit-Sailor's license to practice as a professional counselor in the Commonwealth of Virginia be denied. (Attachment #1).

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 10:32 a.m..

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

Linda K. Seeman, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

Date

Attachment 1
Board of Counseling
Formal Hearing
May 9, 2008

Deanna Petit-Sailor, LPC Applicant
Case No. #114127

Findings of Fact: 1. By application received September 8, 2006, Deanna M. Petit Sailor applied for licensure by endorsement as a professional counselor in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. Ms. Petit Sailor failed to demonstrate completion of 60 hours of graduate study in counseling and to demonstrate completion of 4000 hours of post-graduate degree experience in counseling practice under supervision satisfactory to the Board.

3. Notwithstanding her experience in Michigan, Ms. Petit Sailor's credentials are not substantially equivalent to those required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Conclusions of Law: The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 does not comply with 18 VAC 115-20-50(A) and (B) of the Virginia Regulations Governing the Practice of Counseling effective October 7, 1993, the Virginia regulations in effect when Ms. Petit Sailor was granted her Michigan license.

2. Finding of Fact No. 3 does not comply with 18 VAC 115-20-45(4) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Counseling effective March 22, 2006.

Sanction: WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Counseling, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS that the application of Deanna M. Petit Sailor for licensure by endorsement as a professional counselor be, and hereby is, DENIED.

