

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS & EMBALMERS
FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
MINUTES**

October 12, 2021

**Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233**

CALL TO ORDER: The formal hearing of the Board was called to order at 2:19 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Thomas Slusser, Jr., FSL, President, (Chair)
Kenneth "Scott" Hickey, M.D., Vice President
Jason Graves, FSL, Secretary-Treasurer
Joseph Frank Walton, FSL
Mia Mimms, FSL
Joseph Michael Williams, FSL
Lacyn Barton, FSL
Muhammad Hanif, Citizen Member

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin L. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Corie Tillman Wolf, Executive Director
Sarah Georgen, Licensing and Operations Manager

COURT REPORTER: Able Forces Court Reporters

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH'S WITNESSES: Shawn Baker
Ron Houser, Senior Inspector, DHP

OTHERS PRESENT: Angela Pearson
Gary Pond
Gayle Miller
Robert B. Baker, III
Nadia Baker
Molly Newton

MATTER: Tyra La'Nise Baker, FSL
License No.: 0502-901586
Case #205638

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

With eight (8) members present, a quorum was established.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Baker appeared before the Board in accordance with the Notice of Formal Hearing dated July 13, 2021. Ms. Baker was represented by counsel, Michael L. Daniels, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony on behalf of the Commonwealth and Ms. Baker regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Scott Hickey and duly seconded by Muhammad Hanif, 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 Tyra La’Nise Baker, FSL. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Barrett, Ms. Tillman Wolf and Ms. Georgen 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.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Scott Hickey and duly seconded by Frank Walton, the Board moved to suspend the license of Tyra La’Nise Baker for a period of 6 months and imposed a monetary penalty. The motion carried.


VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

For the Board:


Corie Tillman Wolf, JD, Executive Director

February 11, 2022
Date