# VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING FORMAL HEARING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** 

A panel of the Board of Counseling convened on January 27, 2017, at 12:15 p.m., at

the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive,

Henrico, VA in Board Room 1.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT

Charles Gressard, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LSATP Bev-Freda Jackson, Ph.D., Citizen Member

Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT

Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP

Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT

**BOARD COUNSEL:** 

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT:

Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manager

**COURT REPORTER:** 

Juan Ortega, Court Reporter Crane-Snead Court Reporting

RESPONDENT:

Craig Dupuis, LPC, LMFT, CSAC

License #:

0701-002496

0717-000124 0710-000854

Case #:

157647

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF

THE COMMONWEALTH:

Julia Bennett, Assistant Attorney General

Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

The Chairperson accepted Commonwealth's Exhibit(s) 1-3, an Agreement of

Stipulations, and Respondent's Exhibit(s) A into evidence.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dupuis appeared in person before the Board, without legal counsel, and fully

discussed the allegations contained in the Notice of Formal Hearing dated December

15, 2016.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the

Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:** 

Upon a motion by Ms. Tracy, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, 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, she moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, and Christy Evans 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.

Dr. Tinsley moved that the Board accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision in the matter as presented by Ms. Bennett, and further moved that the Board indefinitely suspend Mr. Dupuis' licenses to practice. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 2:04 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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Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

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### VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING FORMAL HEARING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

A panel of the Board of Counseling convened on January 27, 2017, at 2:14 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive.

Henrico, VA in Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

Cinda Caiella, LMFT

Charles Gressard, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LSATP Bev-Freda Jackson, Ph.D., Citizen Member

Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT

Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP

**BOARD COUNSEL:** 

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT:

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manager

**COURT REPORTER:** 

Juan Ortega, Court Reporter Crane-Snead Court Reporting

RESPONDENT:

Jerry Kestner, CSAC

License #:

0710-000122

Case #:

154611

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE

COMMONWEALTH:

Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** 

Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS:** 

Dr. Doyle noted that Mr. Kestner did not appear before the Board in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated December 15, 2016, and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Tatum presented an affidavit attesting that the Notice had been mailed to Mr. Kestner's address of record with the Board by certified and first class mail. Dr. Doyle opined that proper notice of the proceeding had been provided and the formal hearing would proceed in Mr. Kestner's absence.

The Chairperson accepted Commonwealth's Exhibit(s) 1-3 into evidence.

DISCUSSION:

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the

Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:** 

Upon a motion by Ms. Jackson, and duly seconded by Ms. Caiella, 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, she moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, and Charlotte Lenart attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board

in its deliberation.

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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:** 

Dr. Tinsley moved that the Board accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and decision in the matter as presented by Ms. Tatum, and further moved that the Board indefinitely suspend Mr. Kestner's certification to practice substance abuse counseling. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 2:33 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.

Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

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# VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING FORMAL HEARING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** 

A panel of the Board of Counseling convened on January 27, 2017, at 2:40 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive,

Henrico, VA in Board Room 1.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson Charles Gressard, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LSATP Bev-Freda Jackson, Ph.D., Citizen Member

Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT

Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP

**BOARD COUNSEL:** 

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** 

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manager

**COURT REPORTER:** 

Juan Ortega, Court Reporter Crane-Snead Court Reporting

**RESPONDENT:** 

Robin Snell, LPC

License #: 0701-003692 Case #: 153690

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:

Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** 

Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS:** 

Dr. Doyle noted that Ms. Snell did not appear before the Board in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated December 15, 2016, and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Tatum presented an affidavit attesting that the Notice had been mailed to Ms. Snell's address of record with the Board by certified and first class mail. Dr. Doyle opined that proper notice of the proceeding had been provided and the formal hearing would proceed in Ms. Snell's absence.

The Chairperson accepted Commonwealth's Exhibit(s) 1-3 into evidence.

DISCUSSION:

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the

Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:** 

Upon a motion by Dr. Jackson, and duly seconded by Dr. Gressard, 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, she moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle and Charlotte Lenart attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary

and would aid the Board

in its deliberation.

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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:** 

Dr. Tinsley moved that the Board accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and decision in the matter as presented by Ms. Tatum, and further moved that the Board indefinitely suspend Ms. Snell's right to renew her license. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 2:57 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.

Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

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Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

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