

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Friday, October 23, 2020**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (the Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provisions of § 2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Committee convened the meeting virtually to consider such regulatory and business matters as are presented on the agenda necessary for the committee to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

**PRESIDING:** Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT, Chairperson

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director  
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing  
Jared McDonough, Administrative Assistant  
Sharniece Vaughan, Licensing Specialist

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:** Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst

**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** To received public comment on the Board's proposed regulatory change to amend its regulations to specify in regulations that the standard of practice requiring persons license, certified or registered by the Board to "*Practice in a manner that is in the best interest of the public and does not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare*" precludes the provision of conversion therapy and to define what conversion therapy is and is not.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Tracy called the virtual hearing to order at 9:45 a.m.

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Adam Trimmer, Born Perfect Virginia Ambassador  
Dr. MurielAzia-Evans, LPC  
Ari Loach, LPC  
Calvin Bartella  
Lindsay Goodrich Komline


**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Adam Trimmer stated that he is a survivor of conversion therapy and he appreciates and supports the Board's efforts on the regulatory changes on conversion therapy.

Dr. Azia-Evans, LPC, advocated that there is no scientific evidence that conversion therapy is helpful, and it has shown to be harmful and unethical. Expressed support for the Board's intended regulations.


Ari Loach, LPC, comments echoed Dr. Azia-Evans comments and supported the intended regulatory changes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Tracy adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:52 a.m.

  
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Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT  
Chairperson

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Jaime Hoyle, JD  
Executive Director

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