VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (VIRTUAL) INFORMAL CONFERENCES – JUNE 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 and the applicable provisions of § 2.2-3708.2 of the Freedom

of Information Act, the Committee convened a virtual meeting of a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") on June 25, 2021 at 10:41 a.m. via WebEx.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson

Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Counseling

Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Manager, Board of Counseling Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

RESPONDENT: Alison Queen, Applicant for Licensure as a Resident in Counseling

Case No.: 207266

PRELIMINARY MATTERS AND DISCUSSION:

Ms. Hunt noted that the time was 10:41 a.m. and Ms. Queen was noticed to appear before the committee at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Tatum advised the committee that the Notice was mailed to the Respondent's address of record with the Board of Counseling and that neither the certified mail nor the regular mail had been returned. The Notice was also sent via email to the Respondent. Ms. Hunt determined that Ms. Queen had been properly noticed and the informal conference would proceed in the Respondent's absence. The committee considered the information contained in the informal conference package.

CLOSED MEETING:

Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee voted to convene in 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 Alison Queen, Applicant for Licensure as a Resident in Counseling. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Lang and Ms. Evans attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee made certain findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to deny Ms. Queen's application for licensure as a Resident in Counseling. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the respondent, unless the respondent makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

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RESPONDENT: <u>Maceo Thomas, QMHP-C Applicant</u>

Case No.: 196835

DISCUSSION: Mr. Thomas appeared via video before the Committee, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the

allegations contained in the Notice dated October 24, 2019, and Amended Notices dated March 11,

2021 and April 8, 2021.

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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 Maceo Thomas, QMHP-C Applicant. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Lang and Ms. Evans attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee

in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of

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DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Ms. Hunt, the Committee made certain

findings of facts and conclusions of law and voted to deny Mr. Thomas' application for registration as

a Qualified Mental Health Professional-Child. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the respondent, unless the respondent makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

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