

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
May 16, 2008
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board of Social Work convened on May 16, 2008, at 9:20 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David R. Boehm, LCSW
Francis N. Nelson Jr., LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, LCSW**
License No.: 0904-001680
Case No.: 111893

DISCUSSION: Viola Vaughan-Eden appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 6, 2008, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of Social Work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Vaughan-Eden was represented by Michael Goodman, Esq. and Dana Dews, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Vaughan-Eden.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson and duly seconded by Mr. Boehm, the Committee 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 Viola Vaughan-Eden. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Ms. Joseph, and Ms. Chappell attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and 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, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its findings.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson, and duly seconded by Mr. Boehm, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to issue her a reprimand.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr. Vaughan-Eden within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

David R. Boehm, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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