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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

April 28, 2011

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 9:55 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Smith-Solan, Board Member
Art Mayer, Board Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Sarah Georgen, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Rachel Preston
Susan Witt, LCSW
Roger LaPlace, LPC, LMFT
Maurice S. Fisher, Jr.
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Maurice Fisher, LCSW
License No.: 0904000926
Case No.: 133370
- DISCUSSION:** Maurice Fisher, LCSW, appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 1, 2011, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of Social Work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Fisher was represented by Michael Goodman, Esquire and Kristi VanderLann, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Fisher and also received statements from Ms. Preston, Ms. Witt, Mr. LaPlace and Mr. Fisher, Jr.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Mayer and duly seconded by Ms. Smith-Solan, 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 Maurice Fisher, LCSW. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Larimer, Ms. Georgen, and Mr. Opper, 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 decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Mayer, and duly seconded by Ms. Smith-Solan, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to subject Dr. Fisher's license to certain terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Patricia Smith-Solan
Patricia Smith-Solan, Chair

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- Discipline

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