

VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES

SPECIAL SESSION - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

- CALL TO ORDER:** On September 14, 2012, at 12:03 p.m., with a quorum of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") present and the Board Chair presiding, a telephone conference call was convened to consider whether a practitioner's ability to practice as a licensed clinical social worker constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Horne-Quatannens, LCSW - Chair
Jennifer Blosser, LCSW
Yvonne Haynes, LCSW
Nettie Simon-Owens
Kristi Wooten
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Arthur Mayer, LCSW
Catherine Moore, LCSW
Joseph Walsh, LCSW
Bernadette Winters, LCSW
- POLL OF MEMBERS:** The Board members were polled as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. The majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.
- QUORUM:** With five (5) members participating, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Kathryn Theado, Administrative Assistant
Sarah Georgen, Administrative Assistant
- BOARD COUNSEL:** Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
- PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:** James E. Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER CONSIDERED:** Derek Findlay, LCSW
License No.: 0904-004351
Case No. 144319

The Board received information from Mr. Schliessmann in order to determine whether Mr. Findlay's ability to practice as a licensed clinical social worker constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Schliessmann provided details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Nettie Simon-Owens, and duly seconded by Jennifer Blosser, the Board went into closed session 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 Derek R. Findlay. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Chappell, Ms. Larimer, Ms. Theado and Ms. Georgen attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its discussions.

RECOVENE: Having certified that the matter discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Kristi Wooten, and duly seconded by Yvonne Haynes, the Board determined that the practice of Derek R. Findlay, as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety and voted to summarily suspend his license simultaneous with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 12:47 p.m.


Susan Horne-Quatannens, LCSW

September 21, 2012
Date


Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

October 1, 2012
Date