

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 18, 2013**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on Thursday, July 18, 2013, at 9:03 a.m., in Hearing Room 5 of the Conference Center, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arthur Mayer, LCSW, Chair
Joseph Walsh, LCSW
- STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** James Neil DeMasters, LCSW
License No.: 0904-005788
Case No.: 139959
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. DeMasters appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with an Amended Notice of the Board dated June 11, 2013, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the regulations governing the practice of social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. DeMasters was represented by Nathan Kottkamp, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. DeMasters.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh, and duly seconded by Mr. Mayer, 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 James Neil DeMasters. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Chappell 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 meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open meeting and announced its decision.

DECISION:

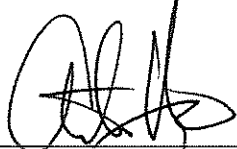
Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh, and duly seconded by Mr. Mayer, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to issue Mr. DeMasters a reprimand, and ordered him to obtain 6 hours of Board-approved continuing education in the area of boundaries.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Arthur Mayer, LCSW, Chair
7/19/13

Date

Catherine Chappell

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
7/22/13

Date