

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES
March 16, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board of Social Work convened on March 16, 2018, at 10:16 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA in Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Haynes, LCSW, Chairman
Jamie Clancey, LCSW
Maria Eugenia del Villar, LCSW
Gloria Manns, LCSW
Joseph Walsh, Ph.D., LCSW

BOARD COUNSEL: James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist
Latasha Austin, Licensing Manager

COURT REPORTER: Deborah Langlo
DLL Court Reporting

RESPONDENT: Cynthia Sample, LCSW
License #: 0904003947
Case #: 153979 and 181348

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

PRELIMINARY MATTERS: Ms. Haynes noted that Ms. Sample did not appear before the Board in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated February 6, 2018, and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Tatum presented an affidavit attesting that the Notice had been mailed to Ms. Sample's address of record with the Board by certified and first class mail. Ms. Haynes opined that proper notice of the proceeding had been provided and the formal hearing would proceed in Ms. Sample's absence.

DISCUSSION: The Chairman accepted Commonwealth's Exhibit(s) 1-11 into evidence and the Board received sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Manns, and duly seconded by Ms. del Villar, the Board 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. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Hoyle, Ms. Evans, and Ms. Austin attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberation.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Ms. Clancey moved that the Board accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and decision in the matter as presented by Mr. Rutkowski, with a modification to include finding of fact 2(c) as a confidential attachment. She further moved that the Board revoke Ms. Sample's right to renew her license to practice clinical social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Manns.

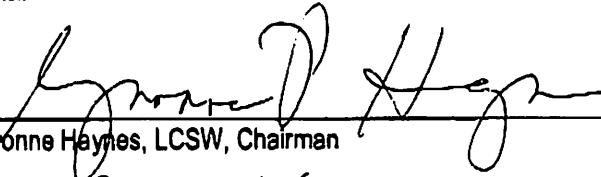
VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions and decisions of this formal hearing panel.



Yvonne Haynes, LCSW, Chairman

3/20/18
Date



Jaime Hayle, Executive Director

3/30/18
Date