

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
September 11, 2008
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board of Social Work convened on Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 9:35 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

FIRST CONFERENCE: 9:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Boehm, LCSW
Francis Nelson, LCSW
Susan Horne-Quatannens, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant

Bernard Hirsh, LCSW

Case Nos. 120330 & 120326 Bernard Hirsch, LCSW appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 28, 2008, 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. Mr. Hirsh was represented by his attorneys, Gerald Cunningham and Michael Graziano. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Hirsh.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson and duly seconded by Ms. Horne-Quatannens, 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 Bernard Hirsh, LCSW. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, 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 decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson, and duly seconded by Ms. Horne-Quatannens, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Mr. Hirsh a Consent Order for the suspension of his license for not less than two years.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE: 12:55 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Boehm, LCSW
Francis Nelson, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant

**Jonathan Doyle, LCSW
Case No. 119542**

Jonathan Doyle, LCSW appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated July 10, 2008, 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. Mr. Doyle was represented by his attorney, Robert Adams. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Doyle.

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 Jonathan Doyle, LCSW. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, 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 decision.

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 place Mr. Doyle's license on probation for not less than one year under terms and conditions:

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 2:30 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 him is received from Mr. Doyle 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.

THIRD CONFERENCE: 2:50 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Boehm, LCSW
Francis Nelson, LCSW
Susan Horne-Quatannens, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant

**Renee Graham, LCSW
Case No. 119012**

Renee Graham, LCSW failed to appear before the Committee in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated August 12, 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.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson and duly seconded by Ms. Horne-Quatannens, 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 Renee Graham, LCSW. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, 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 decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson, and duly seconded by Ms. Horne-Quatannens, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Ms. Graham a Consent Order for the suspension of her license for not less than one year.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

David Boehm, LCSW, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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