

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

September 13, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Social Work ("Board") convened on Friday, September 13, 2013, at 9:25 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bernadette Winters, LCSW
Joseph Walsh, LCSW
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, APD
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Talya Gershon, LCSW
License No.: 0904-002346
Case No.: 148111
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Gershon appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with an Amended Notice of the Board dated August 1, 2013, 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. Ms. Gershon was represented by Dante Filetti, Esquire and his law clerk, Mike Arena. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Gershon.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh and duly seconded by Dr. Winters, 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 Talya Gershon, LCSW. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer, Ms. Joseph, 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 Dr. Walsh, and duly seconded by Dr. Winters, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to issue Ms. Gershon a reprimand.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Bernadette Winters

Bernadette Winters, LCSW, Chair

9/21/2013
Date

Patricia L. Larimer

Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

9-25-13
Date