

A P P R O V E D
VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

FORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2004

TIME & PLACE: The Formal Hearing in the matter of Michael Pauling convened 11 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2004 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Ekleberry
George Offerman
Nandini N. Assar
Valerie Carter-Williams
Anne Keast
Fredrick Weston

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Julia Messersmith, Senior Adjudication Analyst
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

CASE: **MICHAEL PAULING, LCSW - CASE 89812**

Mr. Pauling did not appear for the Formal Conference that was scheduled before the Board for 11:00 a.m.

In the absence of Mr. Pauling the Board convened at 11:00 a.m. 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. Weston moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Pauling regarding the allegations outlined in the Notice of Hearing.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Ms. Carter-Williams certified in a motion that the Committee discussed only issues exempt from the Freedom of Information Act while in executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION:

Michael Pauling's right to renew his license was REVOKED by the Board of Social Work.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conferences were adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Sharon C. Ekleberry, LCSW
Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Board of Social Work