

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SUMMARY SUSPENSION CONSIDERATION – MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
Danielle Hunt, LPC, Vice-Chairperson
Benjamin Allison, Citizen Member
Barry Alvarez, LMFT
Angela Charlton, Ph.D., LPC
Natalie Franklin, LPC, LMFT
Bev-Freda Jackson, Ph.D., Citizen Member
Gerard Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP
Matthew Scott, LMFT
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP
Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC

With 12 members participating, a quorum was established.

CALL TO ORDER:

On September 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., a quorum of the Virginia Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Henrico, Virginia 23233, to consider whether a practitioner’s ability to practice as a Resident in Counseling constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety pursuant to §54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia.

BOARD COUNSEL:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT:

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director - Licensing

**PARTIES FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH:**

Erin Weaver, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Emily Tatum, Sr. Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER CONSIDERED:

Dustin Butler, Resident in Counseling
License No.: 0704013360
Case No.: 211635 and 216185

A summary of the evidence of the case was presented by Ms. Weaver and Ms. Tatum.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Alvarez moved that the Board 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 Dustin Butler, Resident in Counseling. Additionally, he moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, Jennifer Lang, and Charlotte Lenart attend the meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

RECONVENE:


Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open meeting.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Lawson, and duly seconded by Ms. Franklin, the Board voted that, in consideration of the evidence presented, Dustin Butler's continued practice as a resident in counseling poses a substantial danger to the public and the license shall be summarily suspended pending a formal hearing. Further, the board voted to offer Dustin Butler a Consent Order, for revocation of his license to practice as a resident in counseling, in lieu of a formal hearing. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:


With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
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Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
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