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Board of Counseling

VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL SESSION - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: On November 24, 2014 at 4:32 p.m., with a quorum of the Virginia Board of Counseling ("Board") present and the Board Chairperson presiding, a telephone conference call was convened to consider whether a practitioner's ability to practice as a licensed professional counselor constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety pursuant to §54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT – Chairperson
Cinda Caiella, LMFT
Scott Johnson, Ph.D., LMFT
Benjamin Keyes, Th.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., LPC
Jane Nevins, LPC, LSATP
Joan Normandy-Dolberg, LPC
Phyllis Pugh, LPC, CSAC
Joseph Scislowicz, LPC, LMFT
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP
Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT
Leah Mills
Vivian Sanchez-Jones

POLL OF MEMBERS: The Board members were polled as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. The majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

QUORUM: With ten (10) members participating, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Licensing Manager

BOARD COUNSEL: James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH: Corie Wolf, Assistant Attorney General
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Div.

MATTER CONSIDERED: Elizabeth Button, LPC
License No.: 0701-004279
Case No.: 159014

The Board received information from Ms. Wolf in order to determine whether Ms. Button's ability to practice as a licensed professional counselor constituted a substantial danger to public health and safety. Ms. Wolf provided details of the case to the Board for its consideration.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Scislowicz and duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Board determined that the practice of Elizabeth Button, as a Licensed Professional Counselor, constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety and voted to summarily suspend her license, simultaneous with the institution of proceedings for a formal administrative hearing pursuant to §54.1-2408.1(A) of the *Code of Virginia*.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Dr. Johnston Brendel, Chairperson

11/25/2014
Date



Catherine Chappell, MHRM, Executive Director

11/26/14
Date