

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING**  
**Telephone Conference Call Minutes**  
**April 4, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Counseling was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on April 4, 2018, to consider the possible summary suspension of the certificate of Katya Dassel to practice as a substance abuse counseling assistant in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**PRESIDING:** Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barry Alvarez, LMFT  
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT  
Jane Engelken, LPC, LSATP  
Natalie Harris, LPC, LMFT  
Danielle Hunt, LPC  
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP  
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP  
Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT  
Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director  
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manager

**PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:** James Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

**POLL OF MEMBERS:** The Board Members were polled as to whether they could have attended a regular meeting at the office of the Board in a timely manner, for the purpose of hearing evidence in a possible summary suspension case. With the 10 members participating, it was established that a quorum could not have been convened in a regular meeting to consider this matter.

**MATTER CONSIDERED:** Katya Dassel, CSAC-A  
Certificate #: 0711-000288  
Case #: 182187

Mr. Schliessmann presented a summary of the evidence in this case.

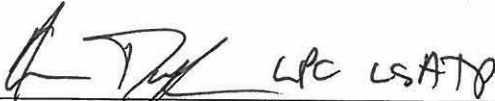
**CLOSED MEETING:** Dr. Brendel moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Katya Dassel. Additionally, he moved that Erin Barrett, Jaime Hoyle, Jennifer Lang, and Charlotte 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 Ms. Engelken, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Board voted that, in consideration of the evidence presented, Ms. Dassel's continued practice as a substance abuse counseling assistant poses a substantial danger to the public and the certificate shall be summarily suspended pending a formal hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Further, upon a motion by Ms. Engelken, and duly seconded by Mr. Alvarez, the board voted to offer Ms. Dassel a Consent Order for indefinite suspension, for no less than 24 months, in lieu of a formal hearing. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

  
Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

  
Date

  
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director

04/04/2018  
Date