

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of the Board of Social Work ("Board") convened on January 24, 2014, at 1:16 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Horne-Quatannens
Jennifer Blosser
Yvonne Haynes
John Salay
Joseph Walsh
Kristi Wooten

BOARD COUNSEL: Braden J. Curtis, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Medford Howard, Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF
OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** James Schliessmann, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, APD

**COMMONWEALTH
WITNESSES:** Charlotte Hudson, DHP Sr. Investigator
Jeffery Burns, LCSW
Louise Friedman, LCSW
Frederic Bricka, LCSW
Karen Hamilton
Tracey Wilson
Daniel Greer
J. Gordon Burch, M.D.

RESPONDENT: Lisa F. Cowan, LCSW
License No.: 0904-004802
Case No.: 147226

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cowan was not present and was not represented by counsel. Upon a motion by Ms. Wooten, which was seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board voted to proceed with the hearing in Ms. Cowan's absence.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice from witnesses called to testify.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Salay, and duly seconded by Ms. Haynes, the Board 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 Lisa Cowan. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Curtis, Ms. Chappell and Ms. Larimer attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Salay, and duly seconded by Ms. Wooten, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a motion by Dr. Walsh, and duly seconded by Ms. Haynes, the Board voted to revoke the license of Ms. Cowan. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Susan Horne-Quatannens
Susan Horne-Quatannens, LCSW, Chair

Catherine Chappell
Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

Feb 3, 2014
Date

February 7, 2014
Date