

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

October 8, 2021

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive
Board Room 1
Henrico, Virginia 23233

Matter: **Brian Artis, QMHP-A, QMHP-C**
Attorney: n/a

Registration Nos.: 0732004702, 0733004130
Case No.: 209032

Call to Order: A panel of the Board of Counseling convened on October 8, 2021 at 10:02 a.m.

Board Members Present: Johnston Brendel Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
Angela Charlton, Ph.D., LPC
Danielle Hunt, LPC
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC

Establishment of a Panel: With six (6) members present, a panel of the board was established.

Board Counsel: James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

Board Staff: Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director

Court Reporter: Colleen Gregory-Gettel, CTR, Veteran Reporters

Witnesses on Behalf of the Respondent: None

Parties on Behalf of the Commonwealth: Erin Weaver, Assistant Attorney General
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, APD

Witnesses on Behalf of the Commonwealth: Debra Hay-Pierce, Sr. Investigator, DHP
Christopher Lee, Sr. Detective, Special Victims Unit, Chesterfield Co. PD
Ricky Scott, CEO, Community Counseling Group

Preliminary Matters: Dr. Brendel noted that Mr. Artis was not present at the hearing and was not represented by legal counsel. The Commonwealth presented an affidavit attesting that the Notice had been mailed to Mr. Artis's address of record by certified and first class mail. Dr. Brendel opined that proper notice of the proceeding had been provided to Mr. Artis and the formal hearing would proceed in Mr. Artis's absence.

The Commonwealth moved to submit a new exhibit and the Chairperson ruled to accept Commonwealth's Exhibit 3 into evidence.

Discussion: The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations contained in the Notice.

Closed Session: Upon a motion by Ms. Stransky, and duly seconded by Dr. Tinsley, 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. Additionally, she moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, and Jennifer Lang attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberation.

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 and Vote: Ms. Hunt moved that the Board of Counseling revoke the QMHP-A and QMHP-C registrations of Brian Artis. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Mr. Artis at the address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yancey and carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions and decisions of this formal hearing panel.

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