



Virginia Board of Counseling Telephone Conference Call – Summary Suspension Consideration July 7, 2023

- 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 on July 7, 2023 at 12:03 p.m., to consider the possible summary suspension of the license of Erica Church, LPC.
- PRESIDING:** Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Benjamin Allison, Citizen Member
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
Angela Charlton, Ph.D., LPC
Natalie Franklin, LPC, LMFT
Gerard Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP
Matthew Scott, LMFT
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
- QUORUM:** With eight (8) members participating, a quorum was established.
- 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 eight (8) members participating, it was established that a quorum could not have been convened in person.
- BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director
Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Manager
- PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH:** Mandy Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, OAG
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, APD
- MATTER CONSIDERED:** Erica Church, LPC
License No. 0701005987
Case No. 224833
- PRESENTATION:** Ms. Wilson presented a summary of the evidence in the case.
- CLOSED MEETING:** Dr. Lawson moved that the Board convene in a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* to consider a settlement proposal. Additionally he moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, Jennifer Lang, Charlotte Lenart, and Christy Evans attend the meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- 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 an open meeting.

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DECISION:

Dr. Lawson made a motion to summarily suspend the license of Erica Church to practice as a professional counselor, pending a hearing, and to offer Ms. Church a Consent Order for revocation of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The formal hearing of this matter will be scheduled on August 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Danielle Hunt, LPC, Chairperson
Board of Counseling

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Date

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Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Board of Counseling

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Date