

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

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board of Social Work ("Board") convened on January 24, 2014, at 4:45 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Horne-Quatannens
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: Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, APD

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline for Board of Social Work

RESPONDENT: Kayce L. Stewart, LSW
License No.: 0903-001628
Case No.: 142763

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stewart failed to appear before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated December 19, 2013. Ms. Stewart was not represented by counsel.

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

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mr. Salay and duly seconded by Dr. Walsh, 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 Kayce Stewart. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Curtis and Ms. Chappell attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the

Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

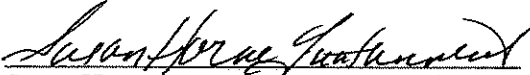
Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Salay, and duly seconded by Ms. Haynes, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a motion by Dr. Walsh, and duly seconded by Ms. Wooten, the Board voted to indefinitely suspend Ms. Stewart's right to renew her license. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


Susan Horne-Quatannens, LCSW, Chair

Feb 3, 2014
Date


Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

February 7, 2014
Date