

**A P P R O V E D**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**  
**MINUTES OF FORMAL HEARING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Social Work convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

**PRESIDING:** Wayne A. Martin, Vice Chair, LCSW

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles R. Chambers, Jr.  
Willie T. Greene, Sr.  
Susan Horne-Quatannens, LCSW  
Francis N. Nelson, LCSW  
Dolores S. Paulson, LCSW  
Jill Smeltzer, LCSW

**STAFF PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

**COUNSEL PRESENT:** Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
James E. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist  
Jennifer Baker, Senior Investigator

**COURT REPORTER:** Stayce Denice Lawson

**QUORUM:** With seven members present, a quorum was established.

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Rick W. Lupacchino, LCSW, to discuss the allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work.

Mr. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General, representing the Commonwealth, presented the evidence in this matter and the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

On a motion made by Mr. Greene and properly seconded the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to Sections 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia to deliberate in reaching a decision in the matter of Mr. Lupacchino.

**RECONVENE:**

On a motion made by Mr. Greene and properly seconded, pursuant to Sections 2.2-3712(D) the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion, that only public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Nelson and properly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law that were presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson and properly seconded to revoke the license of Rick Lupacchino. The Board may consider an application for reinstatement after a period of three years and upon payment of the fees prescribed by the Board.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Wayne A. Martin, Vice Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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