

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
APRIL 4, 2007
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee convened on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David R. Boehm, Chair, LCSW
Francis N. Nelson, Jr., LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant
Carol Lipinski, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael L. Goodman, Esquire
Client A

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Howard Vidaver, LCSW, Case #107974**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Vidaver appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 8, 2007, to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Vidaver was represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Vidaver and also received statements from Client A.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson and duly seconded by Mr. Boehm, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Howard Vidaver, LCSW. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, Ms. Covington and Ms. Lipinski attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee 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 Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Nelson, and duly seconded by Mr. Boehm, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to place Mr. Vidaver on probation with terms and conditions for a period of not less than two (2) years.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Mr. Vidaver unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Vidaver within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

David R. Boehm, LCSW, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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