VIRGINIA BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS & EMBALMERS SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 16, 2018

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300
Henrico, Virginia 23233

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to

order at 2:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blair Nelsen, FSL, Chair

Tommy Slusser, FSL

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director

Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER: Joseph Leroy Charity, FSL

License # 0502-770023

Case # 182813

DISCUSSION: Mr. Charity did not appear before the Committee. By letter

dated December 13, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Mr. Charity notifying him that an informal conference would be held on January 16, 2018. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. According to the tracking information available on the website for the United States Postal Service, the Notice sent by certified mail was delivered on December 15, 2017. The Notice sent by first class

mail was not returned to the Board.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations as referenced in

the December 13, 2017, Notice of Informal Conference.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Slusser, and duly seconded by Mr.

Nelsen, the Committee 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 Joseph Leroy Charity, FSL. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Helmick attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussions. The Committee entered into closed

session at 2:18 p.m.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session at 2:25 p.m.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Slusser and duly seconded by Mr. Nelsen, the Committee referred the case for a formal hearing. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Blair Welsen, FSL, Chair

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