

**A P P R O V E D**

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK  
MINUTES  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**TIME & PLACE:** The Informal Conference Committee convened at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Valerie Carter-Williams, LCSW  
David Boehm, LCSW

**STAFF PRESENT:** Benjamin Foster, Deputy Executive Director  
Julia Messersmith, Senior Adjudication Analyst  
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lynne Kemp, Esquire

**CONFERENCE  
SCHEDULED:** **Amy Scinta, LCSW, Case # 95477**

Ms. Scinta appeared before the Informal Conference Committee at 10:00 a.m. to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Chair recognized Ms. Scinta and Ms. Kemp and invited their comments regarding the allegations. Ms. Kemp addressed the Committee.

The Committee convened into executive session pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a conclusion regarding the allegations outlined in the Notice of Hearing.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Mr. Boehm certified in a motion that the Committee discussed only issues exempt from the Freedom of Information Act while in executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Ms. Scinta violated 18 VAC 140-20-150(1) and (9), and 18 VAC 140-20-160(3), (5) and (8) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work, in that, she failed to maintain boundaries and engaged in an inappropriate personal relationship with Client A.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

After consideration of the evidence and statements concerning the allegations, the Committee referred the matter to the Board for a formal hearing and also offered to accept the surrender of the license for Ms. Scinta for not less than two years

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The conference was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Valerie Carter-Williams, LCSW  
Chair

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Benjamin Foster, Deputy Executive Director  
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