

A P P R O V E D
VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005

TIME & PLACE: The Informal Conference Committee convened at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Grant Kronenberg, Adjudication Specialist
Arnice Covington, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Eisenhower

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:** James Eisenhower, LCSW

Mr. Eisenhower appeared before the Informal Conference Committee on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. 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.

The Chair recognized Mr. Eisenhower and invited his comments regarding the allegations. Mr. Eisenhower made an opening statement.

Following review of the allegations Mr. Boehm moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Eisenhower regarding the allegations outlined in the Notice of Hearing. Additionally, Mr. Boehm moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Covington, and Mr. Kronenberg attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Mr. Boehm moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom on Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

After consideration of the evidence and statements concerning the allegations, the Committee makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

Between on or about January 10, 2002, and April 29, 2003, Dr. Eisenhower provided individual counseling to Client A for panic disorder with dissociative symptoms. During and subsequent to treatment, Dr. Eisenhower violated 18 VAC 140-20-150(1) and (9), and 18 VAC 140-20-160(5) of the Board of Social Work Regulations, in that Dr. Eisenhower failed to monitor transference/counter-transference, maintain appropriate therapeutic boundaries, and engaged in sexual contact with the client.

ORDER

Based on Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Committee issued Mr. Eisenhower a Reprimand with terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Conference was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Valerie Carter-Williams, LCSW

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Board of Social Work

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after the service of such order unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against Mr. Eisenhower is received from Mr. Eisenhower 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 conference shall be vacated.