

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on Friday, December 19, 2008, at 9:40 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA., Board Room 2.
- FIRST CONFERENCE:** **Lori Kochanski Mandeville, LCSW, Reinstatement Applicant
Case No.: 118653**
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne A. Martin, Vice-Chair
Charles R. Chambers, Jr.
Willie T. Greene
Susan Horne-Quatannens
Catherine L. Moore
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patricia Smith-Solan
- STAFF PRESENT:** Howard M. Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director, Board of Social Work
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Social Work
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant, Board of Social Work
- PARTY ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
- COURT REPORTER:** Melissa Custis, Capitol Reporting
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Mandeville appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated October 28, 2008.
- The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from Ms. Mandeville regarding her petition for reinstatement.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Chambers and duly seconded by Ms. Horne-Quatannens, the Board 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 Lori Kochanski Mandeville, LCSW, Reinstatement Applicant. Additionally, he moved that Mr.

Casway, Ms. Brown and Ms. Chappell, attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Moore, and duly seconded by Mr. Chambers, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to deny Ms. Mandeville's petition for reinstatement of licensure. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

RECONVENE:

12:10 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

**Bernard Hirsh, LCSW
License No.: 0904-003478
Case Nos.: 120330 and 120326**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne A. Martin, Vice-Chair
Charles R. Chambers, Jr.
Willie T. Greene
Catherine L. Moore
Dolores Paulson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Patricia Smith-Solan

STAFF PRESENT:

Howard M. Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director, Board of Social Work
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Social Work
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant, Board of Social Work

**PARTIES ON BEHALF
OF THE COMMONWEALTH:**

Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
James Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER:

Melissa Custis, Capitol Reporting

**WITNESSES ON BEHALF
OF THE COMMONWEALTH:**

Pamela Kinchloe, Senior Investigator
Client A
Client A's spouse
Client A's friend (*by telephone*)
Client B
Client B's spouse

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Hirsh appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated November 7, 2008. Mr. Hirsh was represented by William Ruhling, Esquire and Michael Graziano, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice from witnesses called to testify and Mr. Hirsh.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Chambers and duly seconded by Dr. Paulson, the Board 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 Bernard Hirsh, LCSW. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Casway attend the closed meeting, because his presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Moore, and duly seconded by Mr. Chambers, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to place Mr. Hirsh's license on indefinite suspension with terms imposed. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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

Wayne A. Martin, Vice- Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

Date