

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES
Friday, June 29, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board of Counseling convened on Friday, June 29, 2018 at 10:25 am, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA in Board Room 3.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson
Barry Alvarez, LMFT
Jane Engelken, LPC, LSATP
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP
Terry Tinsley, Ph D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP
Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT
Tiffineé Yancey, Ph D., LPC

BOARD COUNSEL: James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist

COURT REPORTER: Annette Imbriaco, Crane-Snead & Associates Court Reporting

RESPONDENT: Babatunde Adekson, LPC, CSAC
License #: 0701-006978
Certificate #: 0710-103048
Case #: 184439

WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT: None

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Julia Bennett, Assistant Attorney General
Jess Kelley, Adjudication Specialist

WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Mark Cranfill, Senior Investigator
Deborah Warren, LCSW
Tabitha Kelly, LCSW

DISCUSSION: Dr. Adekson appeared in person before the Board, without legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 23, 2018. The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations contained in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mr. Alvarez, and duly seconded by Ms. Stransky, 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. Additionally, he

moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Hoyle, Ms. Lang and Ms. Evans attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberation.

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. Engelken, and duly seconded by Dr. Yancey, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law, and voted to continue the suspension of Dr. Adekson's license and certificate and to stay the suspension upon proof of entry in, and compliance with, the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). .

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 1:51pm.

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



Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Chairperson

7/3/18

Date



Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

7/9/18

Date