

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 16, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Friday, August 16, 2013, at 12:38 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Mullen, LPC, Chair
Sandra Malawer, LPC, LMFT

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad E. Hughes, Vice President of Operations, American Security Group

MATTER SCHEDULED: Bethany McLemore, LPC
License No.: 0701-003259
Case Nos.: 147488, 147489, 147491, 147492 and 147494

DISCUSSION: Ms. McLemore appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated June 24, 2013, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. McLemore was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. McLemore.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Malawer and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the Code of Virginia to consider medical and mental records. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Chappell, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper and Mr. Hughes attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary in their consideration.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Malawer and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, 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 Bethany McLemore, LPC. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Chappell and Mr. Opper attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

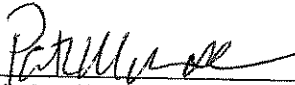
Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Malawer, and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to offer Ms. McLemore a consent order for the revocation of her license.


ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Patricia Mullen, LPC, Chair
08/30/13

Date



Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
9/5/13

Date