



## Virginia Board of Social Work Informal Conference – Special Conference Committee October 20, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on October 20, 2023 at 10:13 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 1.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Teresa Reynolds, LCSW, Chairperson  
Elke Cox, LCSW

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christy Evans, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Social Work  
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

**APPLICANT:** **Michael Beattie, LCSW Applicant**  
Applicant's Attorney: Trace Hall, Esquire  
Case No.: 223560

**DISCUSSION:** Michael Beattie appeared in person before the Committee, with legal counsel, and fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice dated April 21, 2023, and an Amended Notice dated September 13, 2023.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Upon a motion by Ms. Cox, and duly seconded by Ms. Reynolds, the Committee voted to convene in 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 Michael Beattie, LCSW Applicant. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans attend the closed meeting because her presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Upon a motion by Ms. Cox, and duly seconded by Ms. Reynolds, the Committee voted to convene in 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 Michael Beattie, LCSW Applicant. Additionally, she moved that Christy Evans and Christine Corey attend the closed meeting because their presence 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 of Virginia*, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Cox, and duly seconded by Ms. Reynolds, the Committee voted to refer this matter to a formal hearing before the Board of Social Work. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on the applicant, unless the applicant makes a written request to the Board within such time for a formal hearing on the allegations made. If service of the Order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

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*Teresa Reynolds*

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Teresa Reynolds, LCSW, Chairperson  
Special Conference Committee of the Board of Social Work

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*Jennifer Lang*

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Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Social Work

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Date