

UNAPPROVED DRAFT

VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING FORMAL HEARING MINUTES

- CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, February 17, 2012, at 1:31 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 2.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles R. McAdams, III, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chair
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT
Michael Fletcher, Citizen Member
Charlotte Markva, LPC, LMFT, CSAC
Linda Seeman, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Terry Tinsley, LPC, LMFT
- BOARD COUNSEL:** Howard M. Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
- STAFF PRESENT:** Catherine Chappell, Acting Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline
Laura Z. Rothrock, Administrative Assistant
- COURT REPORTER:** Lanieda Briggs, Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc.
- PARTIES ON BEHALF
OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** Peter K. Opper, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
- COMMONWEALTH
WITNESSES:** Kimberly B. Lynch, Sr. Investigator, Enforcement Division
- RESPONDENT:** Ellen L. Hall, CSAC
License No.: 0701-102288
Case No.: 136402
- DISCUSSION:** Ellen L. Hall did not appear before the Board in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated November 16, 2011.
- The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations in the Notice from witnesses called to testify.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Markva and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, 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 Ellen L. Hall. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Chappell, Ms. Larimer, and Ms. Rothrock 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. Markva, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a motion by Dr. Seeman, and duly seconded by Dr. Brendel, the Board voted to indefinitely suspend Ms. Hall's certificate to practice as a certified substance abuse counselor and stayed said suspension upon proof that Ms. Hall has entered into a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program and upon the condition that she remain compliant with said contract. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Charles R. McAdams, III, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT
Chair

Catherine Chappell, Acting Executive Director

Date

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