

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

May 13, 2022

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive
Board Room 2
Henrico, Virginia 23233

Matter: **Ophera Davis, LPC Applicant**
Attorney: n/a
Case No.: 195874

Call to Order: A panel of the Board of Counseling convened on May 13, 2022 at 12:45 p.m..

Presiding: Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson

Board Members Present: Barry Alvarez, LMFT
Angela Charlton, Ph.D., LPC
Bev-Freda Jackson, Ph.D., Citizen Member
Gerard Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT

Board Staff: Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director - Licensing
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist
Leoni Wells, Executive Assistant

Court Reporter: Holly M. Bush, Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting

Establishment of a Panel: With seven (7) members present, a panel of the board was established.

Parties on Behalf of the Commonwealth: Emily Tatum, Sr. Adjudication Specialist, APD

Discussion: Ms. Davis appeared before the board in person, in accordance with the board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated April 11, 2022. Ms. Davis was not represented by legal counsel.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations contained in the Notice dated.

Closed Session: Upon a motion by Dr. Lawson, and duly seconded by Mr. Alvarez, 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 James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, Charlotte Lenart, Christy Evans, and Leoni Wells 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.

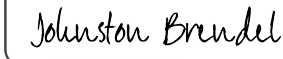
Decision and Vote:

Dr. Lawson moved that the Board of Counseling deny Ms. Davis' application for licensure as a professional counselor. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Ms. Davis at the address of record. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tracy and carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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.

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Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
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Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
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