

Virginia Board of Counseling
Informal Conferences – November 14, 2016

TIME AND PLACE: The informal conferences held before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Counseling were convened at 9:30 a.m. on November 14, 2016 in Hearing Room 5, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Ste. 201, Henrico, VA.

AGENCY SUBORDINATE: Patricia Mullen, LPC
STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

Jose Hermida, LPC Applicant Mr. Hermida appeared in person and discussed the allegations in the Notice of the Board dated October 4, 2016. He was not represented by legal counsel.

A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Mr. Hermida within ninety (90) days. This recommendation will be presented to the full Board and if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Hermida unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received within such time. 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 Order shall be vacated.

Tary Hanna, LPC Applicant Ms. Hanna appeared in person and discussed the allegations in the Notice of the Board dated October 3, 2016. She was not represented by legal counsel.

A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Ms. Hanna within ninety (90) days. This recommendation will be presented to the full Board and if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Hanna unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received within such time. 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 Order shall be vacated.

Natkai Akbar, LPC Applicant Ms. Akbar did not appear in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated October 3, 2016, and was not represented by legal counsel.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Tatum, Ms. Mullen ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Akbar. A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Ms. Akbar within ninety (90) days. This recommended decision will be presented to the full Board and if accepted, an Order will be entered as a Final Order.

Kevin Pengelly, LPC Applicant

Mr. Pengelly appeared in person and discussed the allegations in the Notice of the Board dated October 4, 2016. He was not represented by legal counsel.

A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Mr. Pengelly within ninety (90) days. This recommendation will be presented to the full Board and if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Pengelly unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received within such time. 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 Order shall be vacated.

Obiageli Okafor, LPC Applicant

Ms. Okafor did not appear in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated October 4, 2016, and was not represented by legal counsel.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Tatum, Ms. Mullen ruled that adequate notice was not provided to Ms. Okafor and the matter will be continued.

Jessica Tappel, LPC Applicant

Ms. Tappel did not appear in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated October 3, 2016, and was not represented by legal counsel.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Tatum, Ms. Mullen ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Tappel. A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Ms. Tappel within ninety (90) days. This recommended decision will be presented to the full Board. If accepted, an Order will be entered as a Final Order.

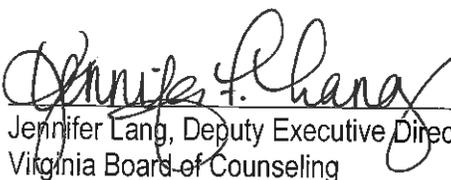
**Regina Foster, CSAC
Reinstatement Applicant**

Ms. Foster appeared in person and discussed the allegations in the Notice of the Board dated October 18, 2016. She was not represented by legal counsel.

A recommended decision will be made and mailed to Ms. Foster within ninety (90) days. This recommendation will be presented to the full Board and if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Foster unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conferences were concluded at 2:15 P.M.


Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Counseling

11/15/16
Date