# VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
# SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
# MINUTES
# AUGUST 5, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Social Work ("Board") convened on Friday, August 5, 2011, at 11:20 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Smith-Solan, Chair
Susan Horne-Quatannens, Board Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Sarah Georgen, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fredrick Weston, LCSW
Lawrence Ross, Ph.D.

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Joan Duhaime, L.C.S.W.
License No.: 0904-001708
Case No.: 134101

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Duhaime appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated June 27, 2011, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of Social Work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Duhaime was represented by Thomas Stallings, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Duhaime and also received statements from Lawrence Ross, Ph.D. and Frederick Weston, LCSW.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Horne-Quatannens and duly seconded by Ms. Smith-Solan, 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 Ms. Duhaime. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Georgen, 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.

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**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Horne-Quatannens, and duly seconded by Ms. Smith-Solan, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to impose no sanction.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Patricia Smith-Solan

Patricia Smith-Solan, Chair

10/28/2011

Date

Patricia Larimer

Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director – Discipline

11-7-11

Date