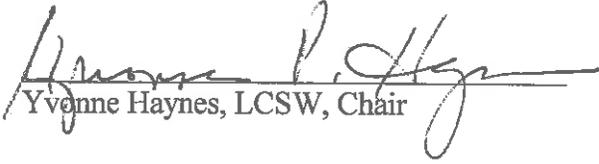


**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 11, 2014**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on July 11, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Yvonne Haynes, LCSW
John Salay, LCSW
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** James DeMasters, LCSW
License No.: 0904-005788
Case No.: 152591
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. DeMasters did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated May 30, 2014, to review allegations that he may have violated certain terms and conditions of an Order of the Board entered July 29, 2013. He was not represented by counsel. The Committee proceeded in his absence and fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Salay and duly seconded by Ms. Haynes, 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 Mr. DeMasters. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Larimer, Ms. Georgen and Mr. Opper 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.
- DECISION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Salay, and duly seconded by Ms. Haynes, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to refer the matter to a formal hearing and to offer Mr. DeMasters a pre-hearing consent order for the indefinite suspension of his license.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 9:10 a.m.


Yvonne Haynes, LCSW, Chair


Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager

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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 11, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on July 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Haynes, LCSW
John Salay, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, APD

MATTER SCHEDULED: Cathryn Astin, LSW Applicant
Case No.: 156027

DISCUSSION: Ms. Astin appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated June 3, 2014, to consider her application for licensure by examination as a social worker and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny her application. Ms. Astin was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Astin.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Haynes and duly seconded by Mr. Salay, 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. Astin. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer, Ms. Georgen and Ms. Joseph 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.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Haynes, and duly seconded by Mr. Salay, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to approve Ms. Astin’s request to sit for the licensing exam, with certain sanctions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 11:34 a.m.



John Salay, LCSW, Chair

7-25-14

Date



Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager

07/28/2014

Date