



Special Meeting of the Board

May 27, 2020 9:00 AM - Teleconference

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Present:

Steven Whisenhunt, Respondent. LICDC.
Levi Tkach, Steven Whisenhunt's attorney
Lisa Haywood, AAG
Henry Appel, AAG, Council for the state
Jill Smock, Executive Director, OCDP Board
Stephanie Funkhouser, Investigator, OCDP Board
Phil Atkins, Hearing Officer, member of the Board
Board Members: Wendy Haynes Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Phil Atkins, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Jim Mermis

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Wendy Haynes-Britton.

Roll call on 9:06 am by Haynes-Britton, all board members listed above present; quorum established.

10 minute break for Board members to review exhibits (9:17 am to 9:26 am)

Back on the record, 9:27 am

Atkins attendance roll call: all Board members present, all previous other parties present; Rick Massatti Ex-officio OhioMHAS representative now present.

- P. Atkins roll call for Board questions for Funkhouser: 9:59 pm, all said no
- Recess for 4 minutes, 10:25 am to 10:29 am
- 10:29 am return to order, P. Atkins roll: all present from Board
- Recess for 15 minutes: determine starting and stopping point of video recording. 10:50 am; return at 11:05 am.
- Back in session at 11:08 am, P. Atkins roll: all present from Board.
- P. Atkins 12:13pm--- close the case, no further evidence coming before the board. Board will go into deliberations.
- Motion to recess to Executive session: W. Haynes Britton-recess to Executive session for quasi-judicial deliberations; second J. Mermis, roll call vote 12:15 pm, all in favor; motion carried at

12:15 pm; private session for a quasi-judicial deliberation started as recording was stopped at 12:16 pm

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- Meeting back to order at 1:48 pm on: roll call for Board Members by W. Haynes-Britton, all present from Board.
- P.Atkins: Motion: “Entertain a motion of the board regarding board’s finding of facts: addendum (State’s Ex. 005).” W. Haynes-Britton first, J.Lisy second; roll vote called): Atkins-aye, Bishara-aye, Farrar-aye, Lisy-aye, Mermis-aye, Moss-abstain, Haynes-Britton-aye;; motion carries to adopt
- Motion: To adopt the conclusions of law: addendum (State’s Ex. 005).” Mermis first, T. Farrar, second: roll vote called: Atkins-aye, Bishara-aye, Farrar-aye, Lisy-aye, Mermis-aye, Moss-abstain, Haynes-Britton-aye;; motion carries to adopt
- Motion: adopt sanctions as recommended in executive session: A. Bishara first, W. Haynes Britton second; roll vote called: Atkins-aye, Bishara-aye, Farrar-aye, Lisy-aye, Mermis-aye, Moss-abstain, Haynes-Britton-aye; motion carries to adopt sanctions. 1:55 pm
- General Sanctions Summary: *2-year suspension related to the sexual contract, 11year of suspension for making false statements to the Board. Not served concurrently, served consecutively. During the time of suspension, complete a behavioral assessment with a licensed behavioral health care provider with no prior relationship to the respondent, follow any treatment recommendations, submit verification of completion and a letter of fitness for return to duty, there will be six hours of ethics training that will focus on dual relationships, upon commencing practice at the end of suspension, 6 months of monthly supervision by a Board-approved supervisor.*

Special Note to respondent Whisenhunt: make immediate transition plans for all current clients

Other Board Issues – W. Haynes- Britton
None noted

Motion to adjourn meeting: J. Lisy first, T. Farrar-second; all in favor; motion adjourn carries 1:57 pm.

A.M.

Vice Chair

Date

Chair

Date