

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
April 19, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:08 a.m., on April 19, 2024, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S., Vice-President

MEMBERS PRESENT: William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.
Sidra Butt, D.D.S.
Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S.
Emelia H. McLennan, R.D.H.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Donna M. Lee, Discipline Case Manager

COUNSEL PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda C. Padula-Wilson, Assistant Attorney General
Rebecca Smith, Senior Adjudication Specialist
Juan Ortega, Court Reporter

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL: With five members present, a panel was established.

**Julius Morrison, D.D.S.
Case Nos.: 223679, 224324,
230785** Dr. Morrison did not appear. Ms. Padula-Wilson informed the Board, by letter dated March 6, 2024, the Board sent a Corrected Notice of Formal Hearing ("Notice") to Dr. Morrison notifying him that a formal administrative hearing would be held on April 19, 2024. The Notice was sent by UPS to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The UPS tracking showed that the Notice was delivered to Dr. Morrison on March 7, 2024. On April 12, 2024, Dr. Morrison sent an email to the Board indicating that he did not plan to appear for the formal hearing.

The Panel Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Dr. Morrison and the formal hearing proceeded in his absence.

Dr. Hendricksen swore in the witnesses.

Following Ms. Padula-Wilson's opening statement, Dr. Hendricksen admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-7.

The following witnesses testified on behalf of the Commonwealth:

- Bryan Horowitz, Senior Investigator, DHP
- Sarah Moore, Executive Assistant/Compliance Manager, Virginia Board of Dentistry
- Patient A
- Patient B

Ms. Padula-Wilson provided closing statements.

Closed Meeting:

Dr. Chaudhry moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) and § 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Julius Morrison, D.D.S. Additionally, he moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Lee, and Board counsel, Mr. Rutkowski, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Dr. Chaudhry moved to certify that the Board heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

DECISION:

Mr. Rutkowski reported that Dr. Morrison's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia was revoked.

Dr. Chaudhry moved to accept the Board's decision as read by Mr. Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S., Vice-President

Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

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