

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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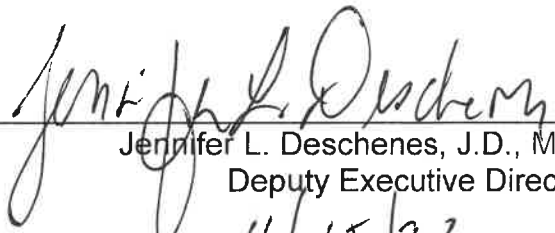
- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 10:02 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pradeep Pradhan, M.D., Chair  
Peter Apel, M.D.  
Thomas Gochenour, S.A.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Carolann McNicol, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER:** **Cherronte Hawkins, L.S.A. License No.: 0136-000214**  
**Case No.: 224500**
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Hawkins appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated September 18, 2023. Ms. Hawkins was not represented by counsel.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Ms. Hawkins.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Apel, and duly seconded by Mr. Gochenour, 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. Hawkins. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood 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 re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Apel, and duly seconded by Mr. Gochenour, the Committee voted to dismiss the matter.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Ms. Hawkins, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hawkins, 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 decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

  
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Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director  
11/15/23  
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Date