

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
PERIMETER CENTER  
9960 MAYLAND DR  
HENRICO, VA 23233  
JANUARY 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened virtually on January 13, 2021, at 10:09 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson  
Bayard Rucker, DVM, Committee Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Celia Wilson, Disciplinary Case Specialist  
Heather Pote, Disciplinary Case Specialist  
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Sammy Emara, Veterinarian Applicant**  
**Case number: 207973**

**Discussion:** The Committee convened in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated December 18, 2020, to consider the application of Sammy Emara for licensure to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to determine if there is sufficient evidence that he has met the eligibility requirements for licensure as a veterinarian in Virginia and are safe and competent to practice. Dr. Emara verbally declined to appear at this meeting just prior to the Call to Order, and was not represented by counsel.

**Closed Session:** Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Sammy Emara, Veterinarian Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Moss attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

**Reconvene:** Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business

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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 properly carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION  
Case No. 207973**

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee deny Sammy Emara's application to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Emara. The motion was seconded and properly carried. The hearing adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson

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Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director