

APPROVED

VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

**MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION**

- CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Dentistry convened by telephone conference call on September 15, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
- PRESIDING:** Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino
Emelia H. McLennan, R.D.H.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sidra Butt, D.D.S.
Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S.
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.
Dagoberto Zapatero, D.D.S.
- QUORUM:** With six members present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Erin T. Weaver, Deputy Executive Director
Donna M. Lee, Discipline Case Manager
- OTHERS PRESENT:** James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General
Scott Pearl, Adjudication Specialist
- Richard Taliaferro, D.D.S.
Case No.: 229427** The Board received information from Mr. Murphy in order to determine if Dr. Taliaferro's mental incompetence constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Murphy reviewed the case and responded to questions.
- Closed Meeting:** Dr. Dawson moved that the Board 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 Richard Taliaferro. Additionally, Dr. Dawson moved that Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Weaver, Ms. Lee, and 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. Dawson moved that the Board certify that it 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:

Dr. Dawson moved that the Board summarily suspend Dr. Taliaferro's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia in that he is unable to practice dentistry safely due to mental incompetence, and to schedule the matter for a formal hearing; offer Dr. Taliaferro a consent order for the permanent voluntary surrender of his right to renew his license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia in lieu of proceeding with a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 5:34 p.m



Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., Chair

8 Dec 2023
Date



Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

12/11/23
Date