## **UNAPPROVED**

## **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

## MINUTES SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "C"

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "C" convened on December 1,

2023, at 12:40 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4,

9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**PRESIDING:** Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.

Jennifer Szakaly, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Erin T. Weaver, Depuy Executive Director

Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager

Rebecca Smith, Senior Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** With all members present, a quorum was established.

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Dr. Morrison did not appear. Ms. Weaver informed the Committee, by letter dated October 11, 2023, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Dr. Morrison notifying him that an informal conference would be held on December 1, 2023. The Notice was sent by certified mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. On November 30, 2023, Dr. Morrison notified the Board by email that he would be unable to attend his informal conference because he was not able to see clearly and it was blurry when he tried to read after having his eyes dilated by his doctor on November 28, 2023. Dr. Morrison was notified by email that the informal conference would not be rescheduled at this late juncture and the informal conference would proceed in his absence if he did not appear.

The Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Dr. Morrison, and the informal conference proceeded in his absence.

Closed Meeting: Mr. Martinez de Andino moved that the Committee 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 Julius Morrison. Additionally, Mr. Martinez de Andino moved that Ms. Weaver and Ms. Lee attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed

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necessary and their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:** 

Mr. Martinez de Andino moved that the Committee 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:** 

Ms. Weaver reported that the Committee voted unanimously to

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**Approval of Minutes:** 

refer the matter to a formal hearing.

Upon a motion by Mr. Martinez de Andino, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on August 25, 2023 were

approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:14

p.m.

Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S., Chair Nathaniel Bryand chair

26 Jan 2024

Date

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