

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 15, 2013
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

TIME & PLACE: The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 11:47 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Noble, O.D.
Angela Tsai, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

MATTER SCHEDULED: **James H. Walthall, O.D., 0618000145**
Case No.: 138902

DISCUSSION: Dr. Walthall appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 16, 2013. Dr. Walthall was present and not represented by counsel. The SCC fully discussed the allegations in the notice with Dr. Walthall.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Tsai, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **James H. Walthall, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Mr. Opper and Ms. Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

OPEN SESSION: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Compliance Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Walthall, Dr. Tsai moved to

dismiss the case. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Jonathan R. Noble, O.D.
Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director

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