

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
March 6-7, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 8:45 a.m., on March 6, 2025, in Board Room 1 at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

PRESIDING: Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S., Vice-President
Sidra Butt, D.D.S., Secretary-Treasurer
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
Surya Dhakar, D.D.S.
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.
Emelia H. McLennan, R.D.H.

MEMBERS ABSENT: William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.
Jennifer Szakaly, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Sarah Moore, Executive Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean Murphy, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Rebecca Smith- need her title
Juan Ortega, Court Reporter
Dan J. Alpert, Esquire
Jacques G. Simon, Esquire

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With eight Board members present, a quorum was established.

Shahrzad Salartash, D.D.S. Dr. Salartash was present with counsel, Dan Alpert and Jacques Simon, pursuant to his *pro hac vice* admission in Virginia for this formal conference matter, to discuss the allegations set for the in the Notice of the Board dated October 4, 2024.

Dr. Chaudhry swore in the witnesses.

Following Mr. Murphy' s opening statement, Dr. Chaudhry admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-5.

Testifying on behalf of the Commonwealth:

- Todd Troutner, DHP Senior Investigator, NOVA
- Umar Alam, M.D., Board Certified Neurologist

- Bhavna Shroff, D.D.S., Director of Orthodontics, VCU

Following Mr. Simon's opening statement, Dr. Chaudhry admitted into evidence Exhibit A-J.

Dr. Salartash testified on her own behalf

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

**MEETING CONTINUED
TIME AND PLACE:**

The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:04 a.m., on March 7, 2025, in Board Room 1 at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

Dr Chaudhry had to swear in the witnesses that weren't present on Thursday, so we need to mention that here

Dr. Salartash continued and testified on her own behalf

Also testifying on behalf of Dr. Salartash:

- Jeffrey Brown, D.D.S.
- Fred Bloem, M.D.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Simon provided closing statements.

Closed Meeting:

Dr. Hendricksen moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting pursuant to §2.1-311(A)(27) and Section 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter Shahrzad Salartash, D.D.S. Additionally, he moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder, and Ms. Moore and the Board Counsel, Mr. Rutkowski attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Dr. Hendricksen moved to certify that the Board 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:


Mr. Rutkowski reported that Ms. Salartash's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia is indefinitely suspended for a period of not less than 2 years, stayed upon compliance of terms and conditions.

Dr. Hendricksen moved to accept the Board's decision as read by Mr.

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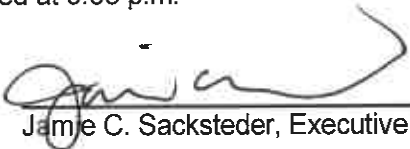
Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President
6/13/25

Date



Jame C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
6/13/25

Date