

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**FORMAL HEARING MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2026**

*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Apel, M.D., Chair  
Leroy Vaughan, Jr., M.D.  
Jennifer Rathmann, D.C.  
Michele Nedelka, M.D.  
Krishna Madiraju, M.D.  
Patrick McManus, M.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

**COURT REPORTER:** Juan Ortega, Ortega International Reporting

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** Valerie Cheatham, Adjudication Specialist  
Scott Pearl, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** Melissa Pope, Sr. Investigator, DHP  
Patient A (by video conference)

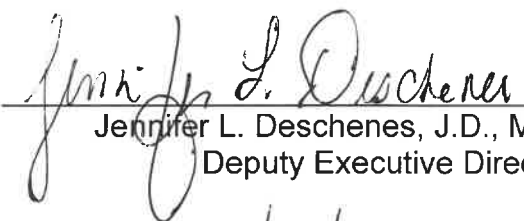
**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Matthew Sungwoon Cho, D.C. License No.: 0104-001813**  
**Case No.: 249901**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Cho appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated October 30, 2025. Dr. Cho was represented by Coreen Silverman, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and from Dr. Cho regarding the allegations in the Notice.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Vaughan, and duly seconded by Dr. Rathmann, the Board voted to 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 Dr. Cho. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Saunders, Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Hines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.
- DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Vaughan, and duly seconded by Dr. Nedelka, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to suspend Dr. Cho's license for two years with automatic reinstatement.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

*The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.*

  
Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director

1/14/2026  
Date