

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "C"

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "C" convened on April 7, 2017, at 1:05 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.
Bruce S. Wyman, D.M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Elena J. Callwood, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: All three members of the Committee were present.

**Gerald Awadzi, D.M.D.
Case No.: 173733** Dr. Awadzi appeared with counsel, Kenneth C. Hirtz, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated February 17, 2017. The Committee received additional evidence and statements from Dr. Awadzi and Mr. Hirtz and discussed the allegations with them.

Closed Meeting: Ms. Ridout 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 Gerald Awadzi. Additionally, Ms. Ridout moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Callwood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene: Ms. Ridout 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. Callwood reported that the Committee dismissed the
Case No.: 173733 allegations against Dr. Awadzi.

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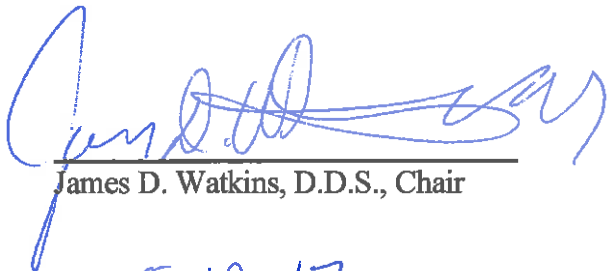
Dr. Wyman moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Ms. Ridout, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on February 24, 2017 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



James D. Watkins, D.D.S., Chair

Date

5-19-17



Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

5-22-17