

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "A"

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "A" convened on April 14, 2017 at 9:08 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD

STAFF PRESENT: Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: With two members present, a quorum was established.

**Chetana S. Saxena, D.M.D.
Case No.: 157493** Dr. Saxena appeared with counsel, Douglas M. Coleman, to discuss the allegations set forth in the Amended Notice of the Board dated December 20, 2016. Michael Pollowitz, D.D.S., appeared as an expert witness on behalf of Dr. Saxena. The Committee received additional evidence and statements from Dr. Saxena, Dr. Pollowitz, and Mr. Coleman and discussed the allegations with them.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Bryant 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 Chetana Saxena. Additionally, Dr. Bryant moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Jones 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: Dr. Bryant 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.

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DECISION:
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The sanctions reported by Ms. Jones were that Dr. Saxena shall be reprimanded and pay a \$10,000.00 monetary penalty. Within 12 months from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Saxena shall successfully complete a 7 credit hour continuing education course in proper dental accounting, coding and billing for herself and her staff; a 7 credit hour hands-on course on the principles of endodontics and treatment; a 4 credit hour continuing education course in diagnosis and treatment planning protocol; and a 3 credit hour continuing education course in the subject of recordkeeping. Dr. Saxena will also be subject to one unannounced records audit within six months from the completion of the continuing education course in proper dental accounting, coding and billing.


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

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bryant, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on March 3, 2017 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S., Chair

Date

8/25/2017



Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

August 28, 2017