

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "B"**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Special Conference Committee "B" convened virtually on May 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**FIRST CONFERENCE:**

**PRESIDING:** Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Perry E. Jones, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist

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

**Narjes Abtahi, D.D.S.**  
**Case No.: 194922**  
Dr. Abtahi appeared with counsel, Kenneth C. Hirtz, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated December 30, 2020. The Committee received statements from Dr. Abtahi and Mr. Hirtz and discussed the allegations with them.

**Closed Meeting:** Ms. Lemaster 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 Narjes Abtahi. Additionally, Ms. Lemaster moved that Ms. Sacksteder and Ms. Lee 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. Lemaster 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:**  
**Case No.: 194922**  
Ms. Sacksteder reported that the Committee imposed no sanction against Dr. Abtahi.

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Ms. Lemaster moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:**

**PRESIDING:** Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

**MEMBES ABSENT:** Perry E. Jones, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Rebecca Smith, Adjudication Specialist

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

**James Percy Hood, III,  
D.D.S., Reinstatement  
Applicant  
Case No.: 205553** Dr. Hood appeared without counsel to discuss his reinstatement application and allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated January 15, 2021. The Committee received statements from Dr. Hood and discussed the allegations with him.

**Closed Meeting:** Ms. Lemaster 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 James Hood, III. Additionally, Ms. Lemaster moved that Ms. Sacksteder and Ms. Lee 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. Lemaster 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. Sacksteder reported that the Committee granted Dr. Hood's application for reinstatement of his license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Lemaster moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

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**THIRD CONFERENCE:**

**PRESIDING:** Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

**MEMBES ABSENT:** Perry E. Jones, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

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

**Murray Spain, D.M.D.  
Case No.: 195026** Dr. Spain appeared with counsel, Jodi Simopoulos, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated December 30, 2020. The Committee received statements from Dr. Spain and Ms. Simopoulos and discussed the allegations with them.

**Closed Meeting:** Ms. Lemaster 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 Murray Spain. Additionally, Ms. Lemaster moved that Ms. Sacksteder and Ms. Lee 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. Lemaster 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:  
Case No.: 195026** The sanctions reported by Ms. Sacksteder were that within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Spain shall successfully complete a 7 hour continuing education course in the subject of dental recordkeeping and risk management; 7 hour continuing education course in the subject of periodontal diagnosis and treatment planning; and a 3 hour continuing education course in general dentistry treatment planning.

Ms. Lemaster moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

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**Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion by Dr. Catchings, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on December 4, 2020 were approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Margaret Lemaster RDH  
Sandra I. Catchings, D.D.S., Chair

2/11/2022  
Date

Sandra K. Reen  
Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

February 14, 2022  
Date