

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "C"

- TIME AND PLACE:** Special Conference Committee "C" convened on August 27, 2021 at 10:03 a.m.
- PRESIDING:** Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.
Dagoberto Zapatero, D.D.S.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Rebecca Smith, Adjudication Specialist
- QUORUM:** With all three members present, a quorum was established.
- Medhat Abu-Ghannam,
D.D.S.
Case Nos.: 199346, 200114** Dr. Abu-Ghannam appeared without counsel to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated July 14, 2021. The Committee received statements from Dr. Abu-Ghannam and discussed the allegations with him.
- Closed Meeting:** Mr. Martinez de Andino 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 Medhat Abu-Ghannam. Additionally, Mr. Martinez de Andino 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:** Mr. Martinez de Andino 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. Sacksteder were that Dr. Abu-Ghannam was issued a reprimand and shall pay a \$4,000.00 monetary penalty.

Within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Abu-Ghannam shall successfully complete the following continuing education courses: 3 hours in the subject of dental billing and coding; 3 hours in the subject of sedation recordkeeping; 7 hours in the subject of recordkeeping and risk management; and 8 hours in the subject of diagnosis and treatment planning.

Within 45 days from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Abu-Ghannam shall submit a name change to the Board.

Mr. Martinez de Andino moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon a motion by Dr. Zapatero, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on April 30, 2021 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



Jamiah Dayson, D.D.S., Chair



Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

11/19/21

Date

November 22, 2021

Date