

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES  
March 5, 2026**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:01 a.m., on March 5, 2026, in Board Room 2 at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

**PRESIDING:** Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Surya Dhakar, D.D.S.  
Bruce R. Hutchison, D.D.S.  
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.  
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.  
Emelia H. McLennan, R.D.H.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Quigg, D.D.S.  
Jennifer Szakaly, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director  
Debora Farrar, Administrative Assistant  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager

**COUNSEL PRESENT:** James E. Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Smith, Adjudication Consultant  
Juan Ortega, Court Reporter  
Gerald C. Canaan, II, Esquire, Applicant's Counsel

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With six Board members present, a quorum was established.

**Gary A. Hartman, D.D.S. Reinstatement Applicant Case No.: 244220** Dr. Hartman was present with legal counsel in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated January 9, 2026.

Dr. Chaudhry swore in the witnesses.

Following Mr. Canaan's opening statement, Dr. Chaudhry admitted into evidence Applicant's Exhibits A-G.

Following Ms. Smith's opening statement, Dr. Chaudhry admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-6.

The following witness testified on behalf of the Applicant:

- Bruce W. Overton, D.D.S.

Dr. Gary Hartman testified on his own behalf.

**Closed Meeting:** On four separate occasions Ms. Lemaster moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(16) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical and mental health records of Gary Hartman that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by

Virginia Code Section 2.2-3705(A)(5). Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Farrar, and Board counsel, Mr. Rutkowski; Mr. Ortega, Ms. Smith, Mr. Canaan, and Dr. Hartman attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. On all four occasions the motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:**

On four separate occasions Ms. Lemaster moved that the Board 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. On all four occasions the motion was seconded and passed.

There were no witnesses called on behalf of the Commonwealth.

(Ms. Lee replaced Ms. Farrar at this time)

Mr. Canaan and Ms. Smith provided closing statements.

**Closed Meeting:**

Ms. Lemaster moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) and § 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Gary Hartman. Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Lee, and Board Counsel, Mr. Rutkowski attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:**

Ms. Lemaster moved to certify that the Board 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:**

Mr. Rutkowski reported that Dr. Hartman's application for reinstatement of his dental license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia was denied.

Mr. Martinez moved to accept the Board's decision as read by Mr. Rutkowski. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President

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Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

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