

**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 4:15 p.m., on March 5, 2026, in Board Room 2 at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

PRESIDING: Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Surya Dhakar, D.D.S.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.
Emelia H. McLennan, R.D.H.
Richard Quigg, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S.
Bruce R. Hutchison, D.D.S.
Jennifer Szakaly, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Smith, Adjudication Consultant
Juan Ortega, Court Reporter

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL: With five Board members present, a panel was established.

Ibraheem Samirah, D.D.S. Reinstatement Applicant Case No.: 253250 Dr. Samirah was present, without legal counsel, in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated January 22, 2026.

Ms. Lemaster swore in the witnesses.

Following Dr. Samirah's opening statement, Ms. Lemaster admitted into evidence Applicant's Exhibits A-E.

Following Ms. Smith's opening statement, Ms. Lemaster admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-2.

Dr. Samirah testified on his own behalf.

The following witness testified on behalf of the Commonwealth:

- Joyce S. Johnson, Senior Investigator, DHP

Dr. Samirah and Ms. Smith provided closing statements.

Closed Meeting: Mr. Martinez 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 Ibraheem Samirah. Additionally, he 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:

Mr. Martinez 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. Samirah'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. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

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