

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
March 6, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on March 6, 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.
Richard Quigg, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: 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: Christopher R. Kim, Adjudication Specialist
Christine Andreoli, Senior Adjudication Specialist
Juan Ortega, Court Reporter

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

**Patricia Hargrove, D.D.S.
Case No.: 244544** Dr. Hargrove was present, without legal counsel, in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated October 21, 2025.

Dr. Chaudhry swore in the witnesses.

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

Dr. Hargrove made an opening statement.

The following witness testified on behalf of the Commonwealth:

- Deputy Steven Barton, Hanover County Sheriff's Office

The following witnesses testified on behalf of the Respondent:

- Dr. William J. Hefele, Employer
- Pam Hefele, Office Manager, William J. Hefele Family Dentistry

Dr. Hargrove testified on her own behalf.

Ms. Andreoli and Dr. Hargrove 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 Patricia Hargrove. 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. Hargrove’s license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia was indefinitely suspended for a period of not less than one year from the date of entry of the Order.

Ms. Lemaster 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 3:50 p.m.

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

Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

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