

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**FORMAL HEARING MINUTES JUNE 26, 2025**

*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Randolph Clements, DPM, Chair, President  
Kamlesh Dave, M.D.  
Deborah DeMoss Fonseca  
William Hutchens, M.D.  
Oliver Kim, J.D.  
Patrick McManus, M.D.  
Michele Nedelka, M.D.  
Jessica Wilhelm, SA

**BOARD COUNSEL:** M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Sara Blose, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director of the Board  
Coralynn Powell, Administrative Assistant, Discipline

**COURT REPORTER:** Faye Lavoy, Veteran Reporters, Inc.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** Tracy Robinson, Adjudication Consultant

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** Jennifer Challis, Sr. Investigator, DHP

**RESPONDENT WITNESSES:** Tomika Cox

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Dawn Carter, C.S.T.** License No.: 0137-002238  
Case No.: 227935

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Carter appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated September 23, 2024. Ms. Carter was represented by Mark J. Passero, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and from Ms. Carter regarding the allegations in the Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Fonseca, and duly seconded by Dr. McManus, the Board voted to 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 Ms. Carter. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Saunders, Ms. Blose, Dr. Harp and Ms. Powell attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.


**RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Hutchens, and duly seconded by Ms. Fonseca, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to indefinitely suspend Ms. Carter's certification with said suspension stayed upon entry to the Health Practitioners' Program.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

*The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.*

  
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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
7/1/25  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leroy Vaughan, Jr., M.D., Chair  
Peter Apel, M.D.  
Hazem Elariny, M.D.  
Elliott Lucas, M.D.  
L. Blanton Marchese  
Pradeep Pradhan, M.D.  
Jennifer Rathmann, D.C.  
Mark Simcox, M.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Jim Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barbara Matusiak, M.D., Medical Review Coordinator  
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

**COURT REPORTER:** Colleen Gregory-Gettel, Veteran Reports, Inc.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** Scott Pearl, Adjudication Specialist  
Valerie Cheatham, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** Deborah DiFalco, Regional Manager, DHP

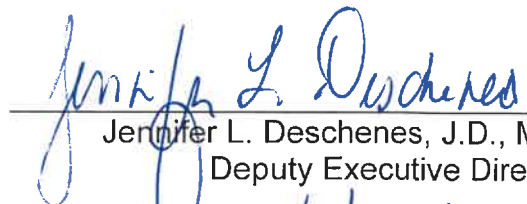
**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Jianyi Zhang, M.D.** License No.: 0101-058281  
Case Nos.: 191157, 190777

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Zhang appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated January 13, 2025. Dr. Zhang was not represented by counsel.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and from Dr. Zhang regarding the allegations in the Notice.

- PRELIMINARY MATTER:** Additional information was received from Dr. Zhang after the submission deadline. The Chair denied the admission of the late submission.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Pradhan, the Board voted to 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 Dr. Zhang. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Dr. Matusiak and Ms. Hines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.
- DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Rathmann, and duly seconded by Dr. Lucas, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to suspend Dr. Zhang's license for not less than 24 months.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

*The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.*

  
Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director  
7/2/2025  
Date