

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2026
Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board was called to order at 9:21 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Apel, M.D., Chair, President
The Honorable David Christian
J. Randolph Clements, D.P.M.
Krishna Madiraju, M.D.
Patrick McManus, M.D.
Michele Nedelka, M.D.

BOARD COUNSEL: Sara Blose, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, Executive Director of the Board
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Colleen Gregory-Gettel, County Court Reporters

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Carolann McNicol, Adjudication Consultant

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Ashley Hester, Staff Development Manager, Enforcement, DHP
Jennifer Challis, Sr. Investigator, DHP

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Virat Bakhshi, M.D.** License No.: 0101-102823
Case No.: 176782, 178505, 212393

DISCUSSION: The Chair noted that Dr. Bakhshi was not present and the time was currently 9:21 a.m. Dr. Bakhshi had been noticed to appear before the Board at 9:00 a.m. Ms. McNicol presented an affidavit attesting that the Notice had been sent to Dr. Bakhshi's address of record with the Board by overnight and first class mail. The Chair opined proper notice of the proceeding had been provided to Dr. Bakhshi and the formal hearing proceeded in Dr. Bakhshi's absence. The Board received sworn testimony from witnesses called by the Commonwealth.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Clements, and duly seconded by Mr. Christian, 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. Bakhshi. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Blose, Dr. Harp 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. Clements, and duly seconded by Dr. Nedelka, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to place Dr. Bakhshi's license on indefinite suspension for not less than two years.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 10:09 a.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.



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

2/24/26

Date