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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL SESSION - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

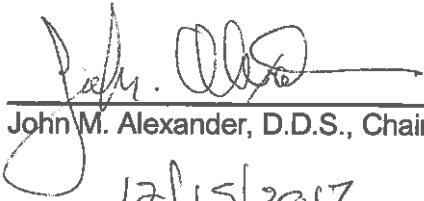
- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 3:32 p.m., on September 22, 2017, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.
- PRESIDING:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S., President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD.  
Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.  
Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.  
Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.  
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.  
Carol R. Russek, J.D.  
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.  
Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S.
- QUORUM:** With eight members present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Elena Callwood, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
James E. Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General
- Jennifer Combs, R.D.H.  
Case No.: 181096** The Board received information from Mr. Schliessmann in order to determine if Ms. Combs' practice of dental hygiene and violation of a Board Order entered on May 23, 2017, constitute a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Schliessmann reviewed the case and responded to questions.
- Closed Meeting:** Ms. Russek moved that the Board 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 Jennifer Combs. Additionally, Ms. Russek moved that Ms. Reen, Mr. Rutkowski, and Ms. Lee attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Reconvene:** Ms. Russek 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. The motion was seconded and passed.


**DECISION:**

Dr. Watkins moved that the Board summarily suspend Ms. Combs' license to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth of Virginia in that her practice of dental hygiene and violation of a Board Order constitute a substantial danger to public health and safety; and schedule her for a formal hearing. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

  
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John M. Alexander, D.D.S., Chair  
  
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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director  
  
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