

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES  
December 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 12:40 p.m., on December 10, 2021, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**PRESIDING:** Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sidra Butt, D.D.S.  
Sutan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S.  
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.  
Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.  
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.  
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.  
Dagoberto Zapatero, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director  
Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna M. Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Sally Ragsdale, Executive Assistant

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lori L. Pound, J.D., Adjudication Consultant  
Alina Robertson, Court Reporter (virtual attendance)  
Michael L. Goodman, Esquire, Respondent's Counsel  
Nora T. Ciancio, Esquire, Respondent's Counsel

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With eight members present, a quorum was established.

**James N. Rhodes, D.D.S.  
Case No.: 210918** Dr. Rhodes was present with legal counsel in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated September 2, 2021.

Dr. Bryant swore in the witnesses.

Following Ms. Pound's opening statement, Dr. Bryant admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-6.

Following Mr. Goodman's opening statement, Dr. Bryant admitted into evidence Respondent's Exhibit A.

Testifying on behalf of the Commonwealth was Amy Ressler, HPMP, Program Administrator Director.

- Dr. Alan Zeno
- Tim Little, Jr.
- Dr. Rhodes
- Mary Rhodes

Ms. Pound and Mr. Goodman provided closing statements.

**Closed Meeting:**

Dr. Dawson 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 James Rhodes, D.D.S. Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Ms. Reen, Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Lee, Ms. Ragsdale, and Board counsel, Mr. Rutkowski, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:**

Dr. Dawson 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:**

Dr. Dawson moved to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law as presented by the Commonwealth, amended by the Board, and read by Mr. Rutkowski. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Mr. Rutkowski reported that Dr. Rhodes is issued a monetary penalty of \$500.00 and Dr. Rhodes' dental license is suspended which will be stayed upon submission of proof of entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program within 30 days from the date of entry of the Order.

Dr. Dawson moved to accept the Board's decision as read by Mr. Rutkowski. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., President

11 Mar 2022

Date



Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

3/11/22

Date