

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "B"

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "B" convened on March 25, 2022 at 9:10 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE:

PRESIDING: Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joshua Anderson, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Analyst

QUORUM: With two members present, a quorum was established.

**Gopal Sivaraj Pal, D.D.S.
Case No.: 203139** Dr. Pal did not appear. Ms. Sacksteder informed the Committee that the Notice of Informal Conference was sent by certified mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board, and a printout from the United States Postal Service shows that the Notice was delivered on February 18, 2022. There has been no communication from Dr. Pal regarding the Notice. The Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Dr. Pal and the informal conference proceeded in his absence.

The Committee discussed the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated February 10, 2022.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Hendricksen moved that the Committee 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 Gopal Pal. Additionally, Dr. Hendricksen moved that Ms. Sacksteder 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.

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Reconvene: Dr. Hendricksen moved that the Committee 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:
Case No.: 203139 The sanctions reported by Ms. Sacksteder were that Dr. Pal shall be reprimanded and pay a \$3,000.00 monetary penalty. Within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Pal shall successfully complete a 6 hour continuing education course in the subject of diagnosis and treatment planning; a 3 hour continuing education course in the subject of principles of recordkeeping; and a 7 hour continuing education course in the subject of accounting, coding and billing practices.

Dr. Hendricksen moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

PRESIDING: Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joshua Anderson, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Rebecca Smith, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: With two members present, a quorum was established.

**Crystal Safyankov,
Reinstatement Applicant
Case No.: 214700** Ms. Safyankov appeared with counsel, Brett Herbert, to discuss her application for reinstatement of her license to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated March 3, 2022. The Committee received statements from Ms. Safyankov and Mr. Herbert and discussed the allegations with them.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Hendricksen moved that the Committee 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 Crystal Safyankov. Additionally, Dr. Hendricksen moved that Ms. Sacksteder and Ms. Lee attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their

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presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Dr. Hendricksen moved that the Committee 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:
Case No.: 214700

Ms. Sacksteder reported that the Committee granted Ms. Safyankov's application for reinstatement of her license to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It was further ordered that Ms. Safyankov be reprimanded.


Dr. Hendricksen moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Hendricksen, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on February 11, 2022 were approved.


ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H., Chair
A. Hendricksen DDS clem
4/22/22

Date



Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director
4/27/22

Date