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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2021
Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Henrico, VA**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Department of Health Professions Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: A special conference committee meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacob Miller, D.O., Chair
Janet Hickey, J.D.
Santiera Brown, R.T.

STAFF PRESENT: William Harp, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LL.M., Deputy Executive Director
Tracy E. Robinson, Adjudication Specialist, APD

MATTER: **Cassidy Roshell Walker, R.T. Applicant**
a.k.a. Cassidy Roshell McDaniel, Cassidy Roshell Sorrell, Cassidy Roshell Kimball
Case No.: 205055

Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Dr. Miller provided the emergency egress instructions prior to proceeding with the informal conference.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Walker was originally issued a Notice dated April 14, 2021 to appear before the Board on May 19, 2021. On May 17, 2021, Ms. Walker requested a continuance and the hearing was rescheduled to August 18, 2021. Ms. Walker failed to appear before the committee as requested in the rescheduled Notice of the Board to respond to the Board's inquiry regarding the possible refusal to approve her license to practice as a respiratory therapist pursuant to Virginia Code Sections §§ 54.1-2915(A)(4) (16) (18) and (20) and 54.1-111 (A)(6).

The committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice sent to Ms. Walker.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hickey, and duly seconded by Ms. Brown, the Committee 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. Walker. Additionally, she moved that Dr. Harp and Mr. Sobowale attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

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

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hickey, and duly seconded by Ms. Brown, the committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted unanimously to deny Ms. Walker's application for licensure to practice respiratory therapy.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Jacob Miller, D.O., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A special conference committee meeting of the Board was called to order at 1:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacob Miller, D.O., Chair
Manjit Dhillon, M.D.
Janet Hickey, J.D.

STAFF PRESENT: William Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LL.M., Deputy Executive Director
Lori Pound, J.D., Adjudication Specialist, APD

MATTER: Eric Berger, M.D. Applicant
Case No.: 210891

Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Dr. Miller provided the emergency egress instructions prior to proceeding with the informal conference.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Berger appeared before the committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated June 23, 2021 to respond to the Board's inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice as a medical doctor pursuant to Virginia Code Sections §§ 54.1-2915(A) (1), (5), (16), and (18) and 54.1-111 (6). Dr. Berger appeared without counsel.

The committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Berger.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon conclusion of the open session with Dr. Berger, Ms. Hickey moved to convene a closed session pursuant to section §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Berger. Additionally, she moved that Dr. Harp and Mr. Sobowale attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed

meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Dhillon. Motion carried.

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

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hickey, and duly seconded by Dr. Dhillon, the committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted unanimously to approve Dr. Berger's application for licensure to practice medicine without restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Jacob Miller, D.O., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Date

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