

UNAPPROVED

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 5:21 p.m., on September 26, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.
- PRESIDING:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S., Vice-President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD.
Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.
Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
Bruce S. Wyman, D.M.D.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S.
Carol R. Russek, J.D.
Al. Rizkalla, D.D.S.
- QUORUM:** With seven members present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Lori Pound, Adjudication Specialist
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
- OTHERS PRESENT:** James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Wayne T. Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General
- Charles French, II,
D.M.D.
Case No.: 173171** The Board received information from Mr. Halbleib in order to determine if Dr. French's impairment from mental illness constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Halbleib reviewed the case and responded to questions.
- Closed Meeting:** Dr. Parris-Wilkins 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 Charles French. Additionally, Dr. Parris-Wilkins 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:** Dr. Parris-Wilkins 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. Wyman moved that the Board summarily suspend Dr. French's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia in that he is unable to practice dentistry safely due to impairment resulting from mental illness and schedule him for a formal hearing. Also offer a consent order to indefinitely suspend the license of Dr. French to practice dentistry; with the suspension stayed upon proof of his entry into a Participation Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program within 30 days of the date of entry of the consent order in lieu of proceeding with 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 6:18 p.m.

John M. Alexander, D.D.S., Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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