

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "A" MEETING**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Special Conference Committee "A" convened on May 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Virginia.

**FIRST CONFERENCE:** 9:00 a.m.

**PRESIDING:** Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Millard D. Stith, Jr.  
Glenn A. Young, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director  
Cheri Emma-Leigh, Operations Manager  
Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the Committee's March 30, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Farid A. Zurmati, D.D.S.  
Case No. 108532** Farid A. Zurmati, D.D.S., appeared with counsel, August McCarthy, Esq. to discuss allegations that he may have violated laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry in that

1. He failed to obtain continuing education credit hours required for license renewal for the periods of April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003, April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, and April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.
2. He certified on his renewal forms, for the renewal periods of April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003, April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, and April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005, that he met all continuing education requirements to renew an active license. By signing the renewal forms, he affirmed that he had not made any misrepresentations with regard to his continuing education requirements.

The Committee received Dr. Zurmati's statements and discussed the evidence in the case with him.

**Closed Meeting:**

Dr. Young moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia to deliberate for the purpose of reaching a decision in the matter of Farid A. Zurmati, D.D.S. Additionally, Dr. Young moved that Board staff, Alan Heaberlin, and Cheri Emma-Leigh, and Administrative Proceedings Division staff, Cynthia Gaines, 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 seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:**

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

Dr. Young moved to certify that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Decision:**

Ms. Gaines read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Sanctions imposed as adopted by the Committee as follows:

1. Dr. Zurmati currently holds a Virginia dental license.
2. Dr. Zurmati violated § 54.1-2706(9) of the Code, and 18 VAC 60-20-50.A of the Regulations, in that Dr. Zurmati obtained one (1) continuing education hour for renewal period April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, and for the renewal period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005, he obtained eleven (11) continuing education hours.

The sanctions reported by Ms. Gaines was that Dr. Zurmati be required to complete the missing 18 hours of continuing education hours within six (6) months of the entry of the Order.

Mr. Stith moved that the Committee adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and the sanctions as reported by Ms. Gaines. The motion was seconded and passed.

**As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final**

Order thirty days after service of such on Dr. Zurmati unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Zurmati. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Committee shall be vacated.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S., Chair

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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