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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 5:10 p.m., on June 14, 2012, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

PRESIDING: Robert B. Hall, Jr., D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Herbert R. Boyd, III, D.D.S.
Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S.
Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S.
Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S.
Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S.
Jacqueline G. Pace, R.D.H.

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Surya P. Dhakar, D.D.S.
Myra Howard
Misty Mesimer, R.D.H.

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

STAFF PRESENT:
Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Lorraine McGehee, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
Indy Toliver, Adjudication Specialist
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:
Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Cori Wolf, Assistant Attorney General

Gregory Hughes, D.D.S.
Case No.: 143638

The Board received information from Ms. Wolf in order to determine if Dr. Hughes' impairment from mental illness constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety. Ms. Wolf reviewed the case and responded to questions.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Petticolas 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 Gregory Hughes. Additionally, Dr. Petticolas moved that Ms. Reen, Mr. Heaberlin, Ms. Lee, Ms. Wolf, Ms. McGehee and Ms. Toliver 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. Petticolas 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: Dr. Levin moved that the Board summarily suspend Dr. Hughes' license to practice dentistry in that he is unable to practice dentistry safely due to impairment resulting from mental illness, and schedule him for a formal hearing. Following a second and discussion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 6 to 1.

Dr. Levin moved that the Board offer a consent order to Dr. Hughes that would continue his license on indefinite suspension, with said suspension stayed upon proof of entry into a Participation Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and remaining compliant with the terms of the contract; failure to comply would result in the immediate rescission of the stay of indefinite suspension of Dr. Hughes' license to practice dentistry. Following a second and discussion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

~~Robert B. Hall, Jr.~~, D.D.S., President

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

September 7, 2012
Date