

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 5:18 p.m., on August 29, 2013, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

PRESIDING: Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S., Interim President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Surya P. Dhakar, D.D.S.
Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S.
Melanie C. Swain, R.D.H.
Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
Bruce S. Wyman, D.M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Myra Howard
A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.
Evelyn M. Rolon, D.M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Indy Toliver, Adjudication Specialist
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General
Wayne Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Bethany Pruett, R.D.H.
Case No.: 150711** The Board received information from Mr. Halbleib in order to determine if Ms. Pruett's impairment from substance abuse constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety.

Closed Meeting: Ms. Swain 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 Bethany Pruett. Additionally, Ms. Swain moved that Ms. Reen, Ms. Barrett, 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: Ms. Swain 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. Gaskins moved that the Board summarily suspend Ms. Pruett's license to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to impairment resulting from substance abuse, and schedule her for a formal hearing. Dr. Gaskins further moved that the Board offer Ms. Pruett a consent order for the voluntary surrender for revocation of her license to practice dental hygiene in lieu of a formal hearing. Following a second and discussion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S., Interim President

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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