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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**June 16, 2016 Department of Health Professions Henrico, Virginia
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:10 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Syed Ali, M.D., Chair
Kenneth Walker, M.D.
Alvin Edwards, Ph.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director of the Board
Tamika Hines, Discipline Case Manager
Melanie Pagano, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** John Riedler, M.D. (*expert witness on behalf of Dr. Singh*)
- MATTER:** Charanjit P. Singh, M.D. License No.: 0101-032434
Case No.: 163191
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Singh appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 1, 2016. Dr. Singh was represented by Douglas E. Penner, Esquire and Bonnie Lane, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Singh.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Walker, and duly seconded by Dr. Edwards, 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 Dr. Singh. Additionally, he moved that Dr. Harp and Ms. Hines 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 §2.2-3712 of the Code,

the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Edwards, and duly seconded by Dr. Walker, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to dismiss the matter.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Syed Ali, M.D., Chair

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

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FORMAL HEARING MINUTES**

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CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stuart Mackler, M.D., Chair
Barbara Allison-Bryan, M.D.
J. Randolph Clements, D.P.M.
Jane Hickey, J.D.
Kevin O'Connor, M.D.
Wayne Reynolds, D.O.
David Taminger, M.D.
Isaac Koziol, M.D.

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin Barrett, AAG

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Discipline Case Manager

COURT REPORTER: Denise Holt, Crane Snead & Associates, Inc.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF
COMMONWEALTH:** Corie Wolf, AAG
Dale Lutke, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH
WITNESSES:** Gayle Miller, Sr. Investigator for DHP
Naima Fellers, Sr. Investigator for DHP
Patricia Sheehan, Sr. Investigator for DHP

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: William T. Hutchins, Jr., M.D. (by phone)
Soheila Rostami, M.D. (by phone)

MATTER SCHEDULED: Anoushirvan Sarraf, M.D. License No.: 0101-242794
Case Nos.: 151844, 156459, 171221

DISCUSSION: Dr. Sarraf appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated January 20, 2016. Dr. Sarraf was represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire and Eileen Talamante, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and from Dr. Sarraf regarding the allegations in the Notice and his petition for reinstatement of his license.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Reynolds, and duly seconded by Dr. Allison-Bryan, the Board 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 Dr. Sarraf. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Barrett, Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

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

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Allison-Bryan, and duly seconded by Dr. Taminger, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to deny Dr. Sarraf's petition for reinstatement; continued on indefinite suspension for at least 18 months.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.

Stuart Mackler, M.D., Chair

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

Date

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