**UNAPPROVED**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES**
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "A"**

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| **TIME AND PLACE:** | Special Conference Committee "A" convened on October 7, 2016 at 9:15 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233. |
| **PRESIDING:** | Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S. |
| **MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD<br>Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S. |
| **STAFF PRESENT:** | Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director<br>Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager<br>Lori Pound, Adjudication Specialist |
| **QUORUM:** | All three members of the Committee were present. |
| **Eric L. Niver, D.D.S.**<br>**Case No.: 164195** | Dr. Niver appeared with counsel, Rodney S. Dillman, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated April 8, 2016. Chris Richardson, D.M.D., appeared as an expert witness on behalf of Dr. Niver. Mark Brown, court reporter, was present on behalf of Patient A. Patient A was also present. The Committee received statements from Dr. Niver, Dr. Richardson, and Mr. Dillman and discussed the allegations with them. |
| **Closed Meeting:** | Dr. Bryant 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 Eric Niver. Additionally, Dr. Bryant moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Pound 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. Bryant 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:**
**Case No.: 161754**

Ms. Pound reported that the Committee dismissed the allegations against Dr. Niver.

Dr. Bryant moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Bonwell, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on July 15, 2016 were approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S., Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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