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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2023
Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Henrico, VA**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Department of Health Professions

Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: A special conference committee meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacob W. Miller, D.O., Chair
Krishna P. Madiraju, M.D.
Jane Hickey, J.D.

STAFF PRESENT: William Harp, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LL.M., Deputy Executive Director
Tracy E. Robinson, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor

MATTER: **Alphonsus Okoli, M.D.**
a.k.a. Godwin Ogbonnaya Okoli
Case No.: 223533

Dr. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and provided the emergency egress instructions prior to proceeding with the informal conference.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Okoli appeared before the committee as requested in the Notice of the Board dated February 17, 2023 to respond to the Board's inquiry regarding the possible refusal to approve his license to practice as a medical doctor pursuant to Virginia Code Sections §§ 54.1-2915(A)(1)(4)(5)(13) and (18) and 54.1-111 (A)(6). Dr. Okoli appeared without counsel.

The committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice sent to Dr. Okoli.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hickey, and duly seconded by Dr. Madiraju, 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. Okoli. Additionally, she moved that Dr. Harp, Mr. Sobowale, and Ms. Nickens 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 Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hickey, and duly seconded by Dr. Madiraju, the committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted unanimously to deny Dr. Okoli's application for licensure to practice medicine.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Jacob W. Miller Jr. D.O.

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Jacob Miller, D.O., Chair

William L. Harp, MD

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

