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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Department of Health Professions

Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Hickman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Hickman, MD, Chair
Stuart Mackler, MD
William Hutchens, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
J. Fielding Yelverton, Adjudication Specialist, APD

Virginia Board of Medicine Member Deborah Demoss-Fonseca was present as an observer.

Dr. Hickman provided the emergency egress instructions prior to proceeding with the informal conference.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Ousama Ghaibeh, MD

Dr. Ghaibeh appeared before the committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code 54.1-2915.A(3),(4),(5),(13), (16), (18) of the Code. Dr. Ghaibeh was not represented by counsel.

Upon conclusion of the open session with Dr. Ghaibeh, Dr. Mackler moved to convene a closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Ghaibeh. Additionally, he moved that William Harp, MD, Alan Heaberlin and Shevaun Roukous attend the closed meeting as their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations and that Ms. Demoss-Fonseca attend the closed session as a non-voting member of the Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.

Dr. Mackler moved to approve Dr. Ghaibeh's application for licensure without restriction; the motion was seconded by Dr. Hutchens. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Hickman, MD,
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Alan Heaberlin
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing