

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Friday December 2, 2016

Department of Health Professions

Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Walker called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth Walker, MD, Chair
Syed Salman Ali, MD
Jane Hickey, JD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director, Licensing
Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Specialist, APD

Mr. Heaberlin provided the emergency egress instructions prior to proceeding with the informal conference.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Pooja Sabharwal, MD

Dr. Sabharwal appeared with counsel, Michael Goodman, JD, to respond to the Board's inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice as a medical doctor pursuant to 18 VAC 85-20-140.E(2) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathy, Podiatry and Chiropractic.

Upon conclusion of the open session with Dr. Sabharwal, Dr. Ali 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. Sabharwal. Additionally, he moved that Board staff members Dr. William L. Harp and Alan Heaberlin attend the closed meeting as their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

Ms. Hickey moved to approve Dr. Sabharwal's application for licensure to practice Medicine and Surgery. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Walker and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth Walker, MD,
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Alan Heaberlin
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing