

APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
PERIMETER CENTER
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23233**

DATE, TIME & PLACE: On August 17, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., the Board convened a panel by telephone conference call pursuant to Va. Code §54.1-2400(13) in order to consider Dr. Merchia's Request for Intermediate Relief as relating to the Order entered May 26, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin O'Connor, M.D., Chair
Syed Ali, M.D.
Alvin Edwards, Ph.D.
Jasmine Gore
Jane Hickey, J.D.
Isaac Koziol, M.D.

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

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

PARTIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH: James Schliessmann, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Specialist

RESPONDENT: Pankaj Merchia, M.D. - did not participate

MATTER CONSIDERED: Pankaj Mercia, M.D., License No.: 0101-244136
Case Nos. 129059; 130940; 139137 - **REQUEST FOR INTERMEDIATE RELIEF**

The Board convened at 11 a.m. Ms. Deschenes phoned Dr. Merchia at both telephone numbers he had provided as his contact numbers in order to conference him into the call. Dr. Merchia did not answer either number. At 11:11 a.m., roll call was taken and the Board then heard a short statement from Mr. Schliessmann regarding Dr. Merchia's Request for Intermediate Relief of the Board's Order entered May 26, 2017.

CLOSED SESSION:

On a Motion by Dr. Koziol, and duly seconded by Dr. Edwards, 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. Merchia. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Barrett, Dr. Harp, 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 requirement of 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

On a motion by Dr. Edwards, and duly seconded by Dr. Koziol, the Board voted to deny the request for intermediate relief.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 11:19 a.m.



Kevin O'Connor, M.D., Chair
President

Date

9/17/17



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Date

9/8/17