

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
APRIL 13, 2011
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

TIME & PLACE: The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregory Jellenek, O.D.
W. Ernest Schlabach, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Analyst, APD
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager

MATTER SCHEDULED: **James Walthall, O.D., 0618000145**
Case No.: 133568

DISCUSSION: Dr. Walthall appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 11, 2011. Dr. Walthall was not represented by legal counsel. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Walthall.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **James Walthall, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper and Leslie Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

OPEN SESSION: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Walthall, the SCC will issue an

Order with terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Gregory Jellenek, O.D.
Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director

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TIME & PLACE:

The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 1:30 p.m., on April 13, 2011, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Noble, O.D.
Angela Tsai, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Analyst, APD
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Asia Williams, Administrative Assistant

MATTER RESCHEDULED:

**Ayaka Sato, O.D., 0618001703
Case No.: 131231**

Upon a motion by Dr. Tsai and duly seconded by Dr. Noble, the SCC voted to have the decision and finding from the first informal conference set aside and vacated.

Dr. Noble noted that due to extenuating circumstances a second informal conference is being offered to hear additional information.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Sato appeared before the SCC in accordance with an amended Notice of Informal Conference dated February 14, 2011. Dr. Sato was represented by counsel, Julia Krebs-Markrich. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Sato.

CLOSED SESSION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Tsai, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Ayaka Sato, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper and Leslie Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the

closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

OPEN SESSION:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Sato, the SCC dismissed the case.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Dr. Jonathan Noble, O.D.
Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director