

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Department of Health Professions

Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Hickman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Hickman, MD, Chair
Salman Ali, MD
Lori Conklin, MD

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

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

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Wilson Fulla Bernales, M.D.

Dr. Bernales appeared before the Committee without counsel to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code 54.1-2915(A)(1)(4)(16) and 54.1-111A.(6).

Upon conclusion of the open session with Dr. Bernales, Dr. Conklin 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. Bernales. Additionally, she moved that William Harp, MD, Alan Heaberlin and J. Fielding Yelverton 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.

Upon motion made by Dr. Ali, which was seconded and carried, the Committee voted to recommend to the full Board that Dr. Bernales' application for licensure be denied.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Hickman, MD,
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Alan Heaberlin
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing