

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
APRIL 9, 2014
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

CALL TO ORDER:

Pursuant to Va. Code §54.1-2400(13), a quorum of the Board of Optometry convened a conference call at 1:16 p.m., in order to consider two settlement proposals. The meeting was held at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING:

Joseph E. Droter, O.D.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hal Breedlove, O.D.
Steven A. Linas, O.D.
Douglas R. Weberling, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General,
Board Counsel
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Cynthia Gaines, Administrative Proceedings
Division

**PARTIES FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH:**

Wayne Halbleib, Senior Attorney General

QUORUM:

With four members present, a quorum was established.

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Irving Edelsberg, O.D.
License No.: 0618000290
Case No.: 144325

James E. Zimmerman, O.D.
License No.: 0618000340
Case No.: 141967

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Halbleib presented the Board with two proposed Consent Orders for consideration in lieu of proceeding with formal hearings scheduled for April 10, 2014. Mr. Halbleib presented details of the matters and advised that Dr. Edelsberg and Dr. Zimmerman, by counsel, had agreed to accept the

Consent Orders as presented. On behalf of the Commonwealth, Mr. Halbleib noted no objections.

CLOSED SESSION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Breedlove, the Board recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding Irving Edelsberg, O.D. and James E. Zimmerman, O.D. Additionally, it was moved that Charis Mitchell and Carol Stamey attend the Closed Session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

OPEN SESSION:

Dr. Breedlove moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried.

DECISION:

Dr. Breedlove moved to accept the proposed Consent Orders of Dr. Edelsberg and Dr. Zimmerman presented by Mr. Halbleib. The motion was seconded carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference call adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Joseph E. Droter, O.D., Chair

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