

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**FORMAL HEARING MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2019**  
*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lori Conklin, M.D., Chair  
Kevin O'Connor, M.D.  
Alvin Edwards, Ph.D.  
David Taminger, M.D.  
James Arnold, D.P.M.  
Martha Wingfield  
Brenda Stokes, M.D.  
David Archer, M.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Erin Barrett, AAG

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director of the Board  
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

**COURT REPORTER:** Kim Taylor, Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting, LLC

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** J. Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** Patricia L. Dewey, Discipline Case Manager, Nursing, DHP

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Touraj Farid, M.D. License No.: 0101-238763  
Case No.: 180661

**DISCUSSION:** The Chair noted that Dr. Farid was not present and the time was currently 1:07 p.m. Dr. Farid had been noticed to appear before the Board at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Parsons presented an affidavit attesting that the Notice had been sent to Dr. Farid's address of record with the Board by overnight and first class mail. The Chair opined proper notice of the proceeding had been provided to Dr. Farid and the formal hearing proceeded in Dr. Farid's absence. The Board received sworn testimony from witnesses called by the Commonwealth.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. O'Connor, 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. Farid. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Barrett, Dr. Harp and Ms. Hines 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 requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Edwards, and duly seconded by Dr. Arnold, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Dr. Farid a reprimand.


**VOTE:**

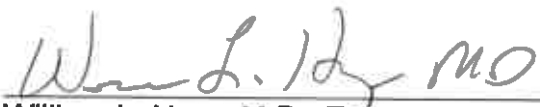
The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

*The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.*

  
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Lori Conklin, M.D., Chair  
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