APPROVED VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2021

Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201 Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to

order at 9:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Milly Rambhia, M.D., Chair

Jane Hickey, Esquire Khalique Zahir, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline Victoria Hinton, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER: Robert Omwoyo Omuria, M.D. License No.: 0101-251839

Case No.: 196602

DISCUSSION: Dr. Omuria appeared before the Committee in person in

accordance with a Notice of the Board dated August 30, 2021. Dr. Omuria was represented by Ronald P. Herbert, Esquire.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice

with Dr. Omuria.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Hickey, and duly seconded by Dr. Zahir,

the Committee 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. Omuria. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Hines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee

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 Committee re-convened in open session and announced its

decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Hickey, and duly seconded by Dr. Zahir,

the Committee voted to exonerate Dr. Omuria and case be

dismissed.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Omuria, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Omuria, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

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CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to

order at 10:28 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Hickey, Esquire, Chair

Milly Rambhia, M.D. Khalique Zahir, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

Lori Pound, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER:

Bryce Allen Bowers, D.O.

License No.: 0102-206288

Case No.: 214222

PRELIMINARY MATTER:

The Chair noted that the time was 10:30 a.m. and Dr. Bowers

was noticed to appear before the Committee at 9:00 a.m. and

was not present.

Ms. Pound advised that the Notice had been sent to Dr.

Bowers' address of record with the Board by overnight and First

class mail.

RULING:

Based on the information provided by Ms. Pound, the Chair

determined that proper notice had been provided to Dr.

Bowers, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in

his absence.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Bowers did not appear before the Committee in accordance

with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated October 20, 2021, nor was he represented at the conference by legal

counsel.

The Committee fully considered the evidence before it and

received information from Ms. Pound regarding the allegations

in the Notice.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Zahir, and duly seconded by Dr. Rambhia, the Committee voted to refer this matter to a formal hearing since the suspension or revocation of Dr. Bowers' license may be justified which is not within the authority of the Committee pursuant to §54.1-2400 (10) of the Code of Virginia.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

A formal hearing will be scheduled for a future date for a final determination.

Jane Hickey, Esquire, Chair

Date 14, 2022

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Date