

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 30, 2022**  
*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Arnold, D.P.M., Chair  
Pradeep Pradhan, M.D.  
L. Blanton Marchese

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Melanie Pagano, Adjudication Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. D. Thurman  
Donald Hanback, Licensed Professional Counselor

**MATTER:** **Mark Nefflen Farmer, M.D.** License No.: 0101-240226  
Case No.: 206994

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Farmer appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated January 20, 2022. Dr. Farmer represented by Ramon Rodriguez III, Esquire.

The Committee fully reviewed Dr. Farmer's petition for reinstatement and discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Farmer.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Pradhan, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(16) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical and mental health records of Dr. Farmer. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussion.

**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 continued its discussion with Dr. Farmer regarding the allegations.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Pradhan, 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. Farmer. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood 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 Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Pradhan, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to reinstate Dr. Farmer's license on terms and conditions.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Farmer, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Farmer, 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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James Arnold, D.P.M., Chair

Date

3/30/22

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

Date

4/4/2022

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 12:19 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** L. Blanton Marchese, Chair  
Pradeep Pradhan, M.D.  
James Arnold, D.P.M.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Victoria Vinton, Adjudication Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James L. Levenson, M.D.

**MATTER:** David Russell Burt, M.D. License No.: 0101-234772  
Case No.: 201885

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Burt appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated November 30, 2021. Dr. Burt was represented by Jeremy A. Ball, Esquire.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Burt.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Arnold, and duly seconded by Dr. Pradhan, 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. Burt. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood 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 Dr. Pradhan, and duly seconded by Dr. Arnold, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of laws and voted to issue Dr. Burt a reprimand.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Burt, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Burt, 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.*



L. Blanton Marchese, Chair  
President

3/30/2022

Date



William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

4/4/2022

Date