

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
June 5, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Optometry (Board) was called to order at 9:30 a.m., on June 5, 2017, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chairperson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Devon Cabot, Citizen Member
Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D.
Fred E. Goldberg, O.D.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lisa G. Wallace-Davis, O.D.
Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.

QUORUM: With four members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist

BOARD COUNSEL: Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Juan Ortega, Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: James E. Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Karen Booke
Julia Turner
Mark Cranfill
Pat Sheehan
Patient A
Patient B
Patient C
Patient D

Patient E
Patient F
Patient G
Patient H's mother
Patient I
Patient J

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: Thomas R. Cheezum, O.D., CPC, COPC

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Diana Thao Tran, O.D.**
License No.: 0618-001343
Case Nos.: 154934, 155012, 158304, 160741, 163385,
168725, 170737 & 172595

Dr. Tran appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 2, 2017. Dr. Tran was represented by counsel, Robert Harrison Gibbs, Jr., Esquire. The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from the witnesses called by the Commonwealth, an expert witness called by Dr. Tran, and Dr. Tran regarding the allegations in the Notice.

By agreement of all parties, the hearing was recessed and would be scheduled to reconvene on another day.

ADJOURNMENT: The Formal Hearing adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chairperson

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