

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 3
HENRICO, VA
JULY 13, 2018**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Optometry (“Board”) was convened on July 13, 2018, at 2:02 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 3, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chairperson
Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Jessica Kelley, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Erik Mohaber, O.D.**
License No: 0618001825
Case No.: 180658
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Mohaber appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 11, 2018, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of Optometry in Virginia. Dr. Mohaber was represented by counsel, Nathan C. Mortier, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Mohaber.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Roffis moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Erik Mohaber, O.D.** Additionally, Dr. Roffis moved that Ms. Knachel attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- RECONVENE:** Dr. Roffis moved that the Committee 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

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as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION

Case No. 180658:

The Committee closed the case and imposed no sanction, finding that there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chairperson

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director