

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES OCTOBER 25, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Randolph Clements, D.P.M., Chair, President
William Hutchens, M.D.
Deborah DeMoss Fonseca
Patrick McManus, M.D.
Pradeep Pradhan, M.D.
Mark Simcox, M.D.
Oliver Kim, J.D.
Santiera Brown-Yearling, R.T.

BOARD COUNSEL: M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Sean Nealon, Case Manager, Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Joshua Delauter, County Court Reporters, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Carolann McNicol, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Joyce Johnson, Sr. Investigator, DHP

RESPONDENT'S WITNESS: Glynn Dumelow

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Tashell Charisse Ortiz, R.T. License No.: 0117-001601**
Case No.: 228119

DISCUSSION: Ms. Ortiz appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated September 20, 2024. Ms. Ortiz was represented by Nathan Mortier, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and from Ms. Ortiz regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Clements, and duly seconded by Ms. Fonseca, 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 Ms. Ortiz. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Saunders, Ms. Deschenes and Mr. Nealon 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 Ms. Ortiz regarding the allegations.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. McManus, and duly seconded by Dr. Pradhan, 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 Ms. Ortiz. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Saunders, Ms. Deschenes and Mr. Nealon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

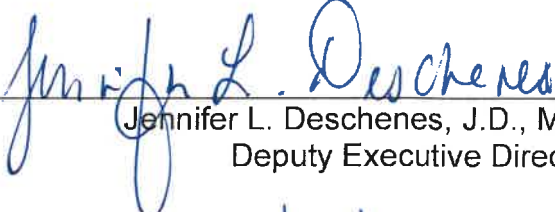
RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. McManus, and duly seconded by Dr. Hutchens, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to reinstate Ms. Ortiz's license on terms and conditions.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 4:23 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.


Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director

10/30/2024
Date