

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 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 9:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Randolph Clements, D.P.M., Chair
William Hutchens, M.D.
L. Blanton Marchese
Peter Apel, M.D.
Jennifer Rathmann, D.C.

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

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director of the Board
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Liz Mingione with Ortega International Reporting

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Todd Troutner, Sr. Investigator, DHP

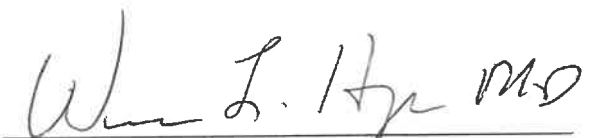
MATTER SCHEDULED: **Mateo Betancourt, D.O.** License No.: 0102-205620
Case No.: 224188

DISCUSSION: Dr. Betancourt appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated August 22, 2024. Dr. Betancourt was not represented by counsel.

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

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Apel, and duly seconded by Mr. Marchese, 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 Dr. Betancourt. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Saunders, Dr. Harp and Ms. Hines 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:** Dr. Apel made a motion for permanent revocation. The motion was not seconded and therefore failed. Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Hutchens, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to continue Dr. Betancourt's license on indefinite suspension for no less than 24 months.
- VOTE:** The vote was 4-1, with Dr. Apel voting no.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 11:39 a.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.



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
12/11/24

Date

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CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board was called to order at 12:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Apel, M.D.
J. Randolph Clements, D.P.M.
William Hutchens, M.D.
L. Blanton Marchese
Jennifer Rathmann, D.C.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Liz Mingione with Ortega International Reporting

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Martha Miller, Regional Manager, DHP

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Zhe Lin, D.O.** License No.: 0102-207370
Case No.: 234854

DISCUSSION: Dr. Lin appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated October 25, 2024. Dr. Lin was not represented by counsel.

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

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Clements, and duly seconded by Mr. Marchese, 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 Dr. Lin. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Saunders, Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Hines 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 Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Hutchens, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to continue Dr. Lin's license on suspension to be Stayed upon entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 1:45 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
12/11/2024
Date