

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2024**  
*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 9:19 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Rathmann, D.C., Chair  
Karen Ransone, M.D.  
Oliver Kim, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Michael Parsons, Adjudication Consultant

**MATTER:** **James Ross Shauberg, D.O. License No.: 0102-202581**  
**Case Nos.: 182500, 216135**

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 9:20 a.m. and Dr. Shauberg was noticed to appear before the Committee at 9:00 a.m. and was not present.

Mr. Parsons advised that the Notice had been sent to Dr. Shauberg's address of record with the Board by overnight and First class mail.

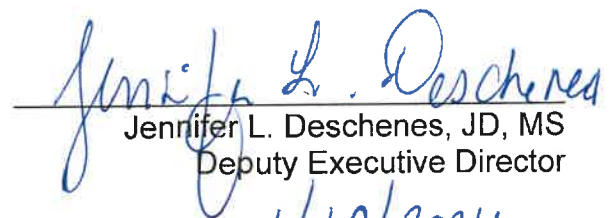
**RULING:** Based on the information provided by Mr. Parsons, the Chair determined that proper notice had been provided to Dr. Shauberg, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in his absence.

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Shauberg did not appear before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated December 1, 2023, nor was he represented at the conference by legal counsel.

The Committee fully considered the evidence before it and received information from Mr. Parsons regarding the allegations in the Notice.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Ransone, and duly seconded by Mr. Kim, 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. Shauburger. Additionally, she 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. Ransone, and duly seconded by Mr. Kim, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Dr. Shauburger a reprimand, impose a monetary penalty and require continuing medical education in disruptive behavior.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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

  
Jennifer L. Deschenes, JD, MS  
Deputy Executive Director  
1/18/2024  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair  
Jennifer Rathmann, D.C.  
Oliver Kim, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant

**MATTER:** **Ambrose Sharnick, M.D.** License No.: 0101-265963  
**Case No.: 219627**

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 10:08 a.m. and Dr. Sharnick was noticed to appear before the Committee at 9:00 a.m. and was not present.

Ms. Joseph advised that the Notice had been sent to Dr. Sharnick's address of record with the Board by overnight and First class mail.

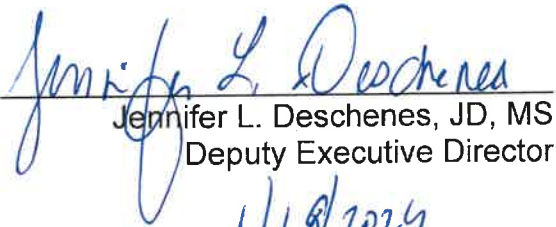
**RULING:** Based on the information provided by Ms. Joseph, the Chair determined that proper notice had been provided to Dr. Sharnick, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in his absence.

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Sharnick did not appear before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated December 6, 2023, nor was he represented at the conference by legal counsel.

The Committee fully considered the evidence before it and received information from Ms. Joseph regarding the allegations in the Notice.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Rathmann, and duly seconded by Mr. Kim, 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. Sharnick. Additionally, she 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. Rathmann, and duly seconded by Mr. Kim, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Dr. Sharnick a reprimand.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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