

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES JUNE 13, 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 11:47 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Randolph Clements, D.P.M., Chair, President
Pradeep Pradhan, M.D.
Thomas Corry
Karen Ransone, M.D.
Elliott Lucas, M.D.
William Hutchens, M.D.
David Archer, M.D.
Hazem Elariny, M.D.

BOARD COUNSEL: James Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Colleen Gregory-Gettel, County Court Reporters, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Andrew Inge, Regional Manager, DHP

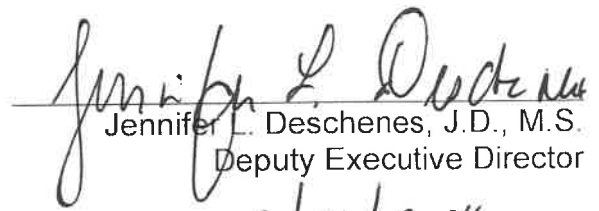
MATTER SCHEDULED: **Mohammad Ezazul Hoque, M.D. License No.: 0101-231326**
Case No.: 237104

DISCUSSION: Dr. Hoque appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 9, 2024. Dr. Hoque was represented by Gregory Hunter, Esquire.

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

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Ransone, and duly seconded by Dr. Hutchens, 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. Hoque. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood 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. Ransone motioned to reinstate Dr. Hoque's license, which was duly seconded by Dr. Hutchens, but the motion did not carry by a three-fourths affirmative vote. The vote was 4-4 with Drs. Ransone, Hutchens, Pradhan and Elariny voting yes; and Drs. Clements, Lucas, Archer and Mr. Corry voting no. The Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and denied reinstatement of Dr. Hoque's license.
- VOTE:** The vote was 4-4 with Dr. Ransone, Dr. Hutchens, Dr. Pradhan and Dr. Elariny voting yes and Dr. Clements, Dr. Lucas, Dr. Archer and Mr. Corry voting no.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 2:56 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
6/24/2024
Date

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CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board was called to order at 11:52 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Apel, M.D., Chair
Deborah DeMoss Fonseca
Manjit Dhillon, M.D.
Oliver Kim, J.D.
Madge Ellis, M.D.
Jacob Miller, D.O.
Jennifer Rathmann, D.C.
L. Blanton Marchese

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: Joshua Delauter, County Court Reporters, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Tracy Robinson, Adjudication Consultant

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Courtney D. Merkel, Sr. Investigator, DHP

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: Annie Chiong

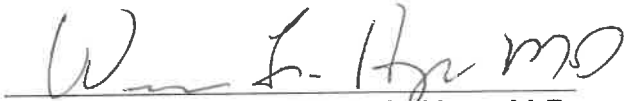
MATTER SCHEDULED: **Lopito Bausa Bugarin, M.D.** License No.: 0101-222102
Case No.: 236655

DISCUSSION: Dr. Bugarin appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 8, 2024. Dr. Bugarin was represented by Elizabeth Coleman, Esquire.

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

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Miller, and duly seconded by Dr. Ellis, 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. Bugarin. 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:** Upon a motion by Ms. Fonseca, and duly seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to deny Dr. Bugarin's petition for reinstatement and to continue on indefinite suspension not less than 24 months.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 5:05 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.



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
6/14/24

Date