

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**September 13, 2024**  
*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 11:00 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Randolph Clements, DPM, Chair  
Peter Apel, MD  
Jennifer Rathmann, DC  
Leroy Vaughn, MD  
Blanton Marchese

**BOARD COUNSEL:** M. Brent Saunders, Sr Assistant Attorney General

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


**MATTER:** **Ashley Ann Brooks, OT, License No. 0119-004573**  
**Andrew Stephen Cruz, MD, License No. 0101- 276514**  
**Asheesh Kumar, MD, License No. 0101-275766**

**DISCUSSION:** The Board considered proposed consent orders to reinstate the licenses of the presented practitioners.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Clements, the panel approved the consent orders with amendments.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 11:08 AM.

  
Jennifer L. Deschenes, JD, MS  
Deputy Executive Director  
9/20/24  
Date

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**FORMAL HEARING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

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**COURT REPORTER:** Juan Ortega, Orgeta Internation Reporting

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:** Tracy Robinson, Adjudication Consultant

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** Steven Shirley, Sr. Investigator, DHP

**RESPONDENT WITNESSES:** N/A

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** Corrections to regulation cited in the notice.

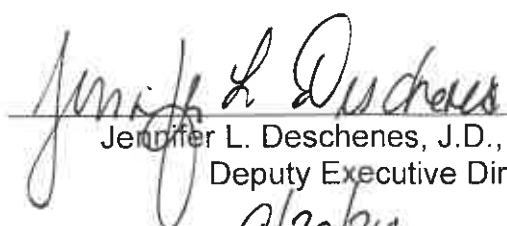
**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Garfield Samuels, M.D.** License No.: 0101-240760  
Case Nos.: 234767

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

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

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Rathmann, 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. Samuels. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Saunders, Ms. Deschenes, Ms. Hines 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. Apel, and duly seconded by Dr. Vaughan, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to deny Dr. Samuels application for reinstatement and continued his license on indefinite suspension for not less than 12 months
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 2:58 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.*

  
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Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director  
9/20/24  
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