

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
JULY 11, 2014  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

**TIME & PLACE:** The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Droter, O.D.  
Douglas Weberling, O.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director  
Amanda Blount, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager  
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Jesse S. Chawla, O.D., 0618001484**  
**Case No.: 148381**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Chawla appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 17, 2014. Dr. Chawla was present and not represented by counsel.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Weberling, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jesse S. Chawla, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.


**OPEN SESSION:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Based on the investigative report and discussion of

the case with Dr. Chawla, the SCC moved to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to offer a Consent Order for a monetary penalty of \$2500.00.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

The conference adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



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Joseph E. Droter, O.D.  
Chair



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**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Walter L. Betton, O.D., 0618000209**  
**Case No.: 149517**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Betton appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 5, 2014. Dr. Betton was present and not represented by counsel.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Weberling, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Walter L. Betton, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

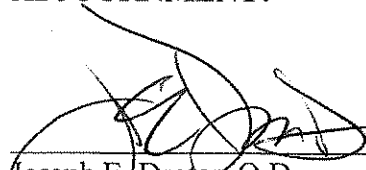
**OPEN SESSION:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Based on the investigative report and discussion of

the case with Dr. Betton, the SCC moved to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to offer a Consent Order with reprimand.

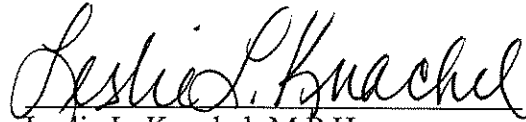
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The conference adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



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Joseph E. Droter, O.D.  
Chair



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Executive Director