

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HEARING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Optometry (“Board”) was convened on February 6, 2018, at 9:12 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Hearing Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE: 9:12 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chairperson
Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Chisom Y. Iwuanyanwu, O.D. Applicant**
Case No.: 183022

Discussion: Dr. Iwuanyanwu appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 3, 2018, to consider her application for licensure to practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny her application. Dr. Iwuanyanwu was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Iwuanyanwu.

Closed Session: Dr. Roffis moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Chisom Y. Iwuanyanwu, O.D. Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Roffis moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Stamey attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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Reconvene:

Dr. Roffis moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION

Case No. 183022:

Ms. Blount read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Blount also reported that the Committee voted to deny Dr. Iwuanyanwu's application for licensure in that she did not meet the requirements for licensure as an optometrist in Virginia by examination or endorsement.

Upon a motion by Dr. Roffis, and duly seconded by Dr. Linas, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

10:25 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chairperson
Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Peter Tien Dzung Pham, O.D.
Case No.: 176824

Discussion:

Dr. Pham appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 3, 2018, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing optometry practice in Virginia. Dr. Pham was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully

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discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Pham.

Closed Session:

Dr. Roffis moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Peter Tien Dzung Pham, O.D.** Additionally, Dr. Roffis moved that Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Roffis moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION

Case No. 176824:

The Committee closed the case and imposed no sanction, finding that there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 11:11 a.m.



Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chairperson



Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director