

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SPECIAL SESSION – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2408.1(A), a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Optometry was held on April 3, 2018, at 8:35 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233, to consider a possible summary suspension.

PRESIDING: Steven A. Linas, O.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D.
Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.
Lisa G. Wallace-Davis, O.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Devon B. Cabot
Fred E. Goldberg, O.D.

QUORUM: With four members present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Wayne T. Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General

POLL OF MEMBERS: The Board members were polled as to whether they were able to attend a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence for a possible summary suspension. The majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

**Ace Foster Armani I, O.D.
License No.: 0618-001615
Case Nos. 183551 & 185376:**

Mr. Halbleib presented a summary of the evidence in these cases and responded to questions.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a properly seconded motion by Dr. Clayton-Jeter, the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(27) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding Case Nos. 183551 & 185376. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Knachel, and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Clayton-Jeter moved that the Board 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 unanimously passed.

DECISION:

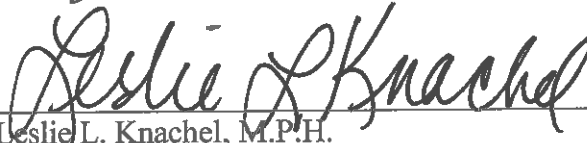
Dr. Wallace-Davis moved that the Board summarily suspend Dr. Armani's license to practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Virginia and schedule him for a formal hearing. Following a second for the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 9:05 a.m.



Steven A. Linás, O.D., Chair



Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director