

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
BOARD ROOM 4  
HENRICO, VA  
October 28, 2022**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Optometry (“Board”) was convened on October 28, 2022, at 9:05 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Devon Cabot, Chairperson  
Fred Goldberg, OD, Committee member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist  
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Lauren Rivellino, TPA-Certified Optometrist  
Case No. 214416**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Rivellino appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 27, 2022, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of Optometry in Virginia. Dr. Rivellino was present and was represented by counsel, Kenneth Roeber, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Rivellino.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Goldberg 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 **Lauren Rivellino, TPA-Certified Optometrist**. Additionally, Dr. Goldberg moved that Ms. Moss 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. Goldberg 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. 214416**

Dr. Goldberg moved that the Committee dismiss the case against Dr. Rvellino, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Rivellino. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 10:28 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelli Moss". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director