

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
TRAINING ROOM 2  
HENRICO, VA  
JULY 12, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Optometry (Board) was called to order at 3:10 p.m., on July 12, 2018, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Devon B. Cabot, Citizen Member  
Lisa G. Wallace-Davis, O.D.  
Fred E. Goldberg, O.D.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Steven A. Linas, O.D.  
Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.

**QUORUM:** With four members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General

**COURT REPORTER:** Juan Ortega, Crane-Snead & Associates, Inc.

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Chisom Y. Iwuanyanwu, O.D. applicant**  
**License No.: n/a**  
**Case No.: 183022**

Dr. Iwuanyanwu did not appear before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated June 11, 2018. Dr. Iwuanyanwu was not represented by legal counsel. The Board received evidence from Ms. Tatum regarding Dr. Iwuanyanwu's absence from the hearing. Ms. Tatum stated she learned today that Dr. Iwuanyanwu had moved and had not provided the Board with her new address. Dr. Iwuanyanwu requested a

continuance as she had not received the Notice of Formal Hearing. Based on evidence from Ms. Tatum that the Notice of Formal Hearing was mailed to the address of record with the Board, Board Chair, Dr. Clayton-Jeter, denied Dr. Iwuanyanwu's request for a continuance and the hearing was held in her absence.

Ms. Tatum presented evidence that Dr. Iwuanyanwu did not meet the qualifications for licensure as stated in the Notice of Formal Hearing.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Goldberg moved that the Board convene a closed meeting 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 **Chisom Y. Iwuanyanwu, O.D.**, Additionally, she moved that Ms. Knachel and Ms. Mitchell attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:**

Dr. Goldberg 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 carried unanimously.

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

**DECISION:**

Dr. Wallace-Davis moved to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as proposed by Ms. Tatum. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cabot moved to deny the application for licensure of Chisom Y. Iwuanyanwu. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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