

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
September 3, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:10 a.m., on September 3, 2026, in Board Room 3 at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia, 23233.

PRESIDING: Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Surya Dhakar, D.D.S.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.
Frederick P. Ochave, D.M.D
VaCora L. Oliver-Rainey, D.D.S.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Tammie D. Baker, Executive Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Smith, Adjudication Consultant
Kandi Oliver, Court Reporter
Nathaniel E. Jones, Jr., Esquire, Counsel for Respondent
Adam N. Harrell, Jr., Esquire, Counsel for Respondent

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With five Board members present, a quorum was established.

Ms. Sacksteder read the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Cleophus B. Clark, D.D.S.
Case Nos.: 226830, 228066,
229508, 235711 and 246696** Dr. Clark was present with counsel, Nathaniel Jones and Adam Harrell, pursuant to his *pro hac vice* admission in Virginia for this formal hearing, in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated April 27, 2026.

Dr. Chaudhry swore in the witnesses.

Following Ms. Smith's opening statement, Dr. Chaudhry admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-9.

Following Mr. Jones' opening statement, Dr. Chaudhry admitted into evidence Respondent's Exhibits Book A A-K and Book B A-K.

The following witnesses testified on behalf of the Commonwealth:

- Sarah Rogers, DHP Director, Enforcement Division
- Melissa Pope, DHP Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division
- Gary Bailey, DHP Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division

The following witness testified on behalf of the Respondent:

- Crystal Spriggs, Practice Administrator

Dr. Clark testified on his own behalf.

Ms. Smith, and Mr. Jones provided closing statements.

Closed Meeting:

Mr. Martinez moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) and § 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Cleophus Clark. Additionally, he moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Baker and Board Counsel, Mr. Rutkowski 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 passed.

Reconvene:

Mr. Martinez moved to certify that the Board 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 passed.

Decision:

Mr. Rutkowski reported that Dr. Clark's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia was revoked.

Mr. Martinez moved to accept the Board's decision as read by Mr. Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S., President

Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

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