

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 13, 2026**

*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenneth McDowell, D.O., Chair  
Gertrude Shahady, M.D.  
Patrick McManus, M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline  
Lesley Smith, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER:** **Margaret Gedde, M.D.** License No.: 0101-280234  
Case No.: 238570

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Gedde appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated November 6, 2025. Dr. Gedde was represented by Nathan Mortier, Esquire.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Gedde.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. McManus, and duly seconded by Dr. Shahady, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Gedde. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Hines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

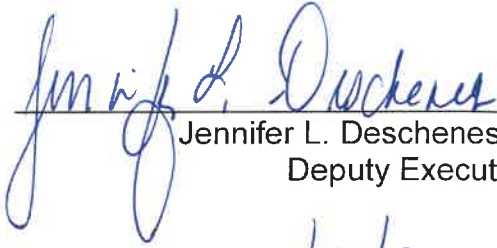
**RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Shahady, and duly seconded by Dr. McManus, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Dr. Gedde a reprimand.

**VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Gedde, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr. Gedde, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.*

  
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Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director

5/18/2026  
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Date