

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2021
Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Blanton Marchese, Chair
Alvin Edwards, Ph.D.
Madge Ellis, M.D.
Jane Hickey, J.D.
Jacob Miller, D.O.
Karen Ransone, M.D.
Ryan Williams, M.D.

BOARD COUNSEL: Jim Rutkowski, AAG

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Renee Larkin, Veteran Reporters

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Sean Murphy, AAG
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Michael Hryvniak, M.D.
Todd Troutner, Sr. Investigator (DHP)
Pam Twombly, Deputy Director Enforcement
Patient A

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: Patient A's husband
Tracy Guard
Amir Hasan

MATTER SCHEDULED: Tajammul Ehsan, M.D. License No.: 0101-232388
Case Nos.: 116167, 210510

DISCUSSION: Dr. Ehsan appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated July 20, 2021. Dr. Ehsan was represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire and Nora Ciancio, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and from Dr. Ehsan regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Edwards, and duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board 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. Ehsan. Additionally, he moved that Mr. Rutkowski, Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Hines attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Ransone, and duly seconded by Dr. Miller, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to reinstate Dr. Ehsan's license.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.



L. Blanton Marchese, Chair
President

10/27/2021
Date



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

12/9/21
Date

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES OCTOBER 14-15, 2021
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CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Arnold, D.P.M., Chair
David Archer, M.D.
Amanda Barner, M.D.
Manjit Dhillon, M.D.
Milly Rambhia, M.D.
Brenda Stokes, M.D.
Khalique Zahir, M.D.

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin Barrett, AAG

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director of the Board
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline

COURT REPORTER: Colleen Gregory-Gettel, Veteran Reporters – October 14, 2021
Renee Larkin, Veteran Reporters – October 15, 2021

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH: Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Amy Tanner, Sr. Investigator (DHP)

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: Albert Arias, M.D.

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Ray Wallace Mettetal, Jr., M.D. License No.: 0101-047877**
Case No.: 182867

DISCUSSION: Dr. Mettetal appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated August 16, 2021. Dr. Mettetal was represented by Robert Harrison Gibbs, Jr., Esquire and Elizabeth Coleman, Esquire.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and from Dr. Mettetal regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Barner, and duly seconded by Dr. Dhillon, the Board 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. Mettetal. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Barrett, Dr. Harp and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECESS:

The formal hearing recessed at 12:20 a.m. for the night and The Chair announced that the hearing regarding Dr. Mettetal would reconvene on Friday, October 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.



RECONVENE:

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021.

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

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Barner, and duly seconded by Dr. Archer, the Board made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to place Dr. Mettetal's license on probation.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.



James Arnold, D.P.M., Chair

Date

12/9/21



William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Date

12/9/21