

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "B"**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Special Conference Committee "B" convened on June 19, 2015 at 9:08 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**FIRST CONFERENCE:** 9:08 a.m.

**PRESIDING:** Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S.  
A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Tiffany A. Laney, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.

**Steven R. Johnson, D.D.S.  
Case No.: 145198** Dr. Johnson appeared with counsel, Glenn H. Silver, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated February 20, 2015. The Committee received statements and additional evidence from Dr. Johnson and Mr. Silver and discussed the allegations with them.

**Closed Meeting:** Dr. Rizkalla moved that the Committee 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 Steven Johnson. Additionally, Dr. Rizkalla moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Laney attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:** Dr. Rizkalla 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 passed.

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**DECISION:**  
**Case No.: 145198**

The sanctions reported by Ms. Laney were that Dr. Johnson shall be reprimanded; pay a \$5,000.00 monetary penalty; and that within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order he shall successfully complete 3 credit hours in the subject of recordkeeping, and 7 credit hours in the principles of pharmacology and prescription writing.

Dr. Alexander moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:** 2:26 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S.  
A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Tiffany Laney, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.

**Thomas Cook, III, D.M.D.**  
**Case Nos.: 149602 and**  
**155990**

Dr. Cook did not appear. Ms. Palmatier informed the Committee that the letter rescheduling Dr. Cook's informal conference to June 19, 2015 was sent by regular and certified mail to Dr. Cook's address of record with the Board; however, the Board did not receive any confirmation from the post office that Dr. Cook received the letter containing the new date so on June 1, 2015, the letter was re-sent by UPS overnight mail. A return receipt from UPS indicated that the letter was delivered to Dr. Cook's address of record on June 2, 2015.

The Committee Chair ruled that proper notice had been provided to Dr. Cook and the informal conference proceeded in his absence.

The Committee reviewed the allegations set forth in the Notice of the Board dated December 18, 2014. W. Jackson Faircloth, Jr., D.D.S., appeared as an expert witness on behalf of the Board. The Committee received statements from Dr. Faircloth and discussed the allegations with him.

**Closed Meeting:**

Dr. Rizkalla moved that the Committee 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 Thomas Cook, III. Additionally, Dr. Rizkalla moved that Ms.

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Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Laney attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:**

Dr. Rizkalla 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 passed.

**DECISION:**

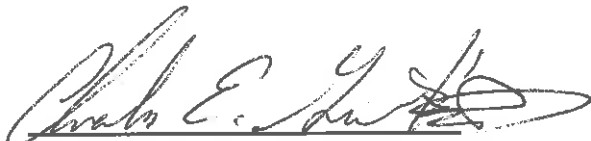
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The sanctions reported by Ms. Laney were that Dr. Cook shall be reprimanded; pay a \$3,000.00 monetary penalty; and that within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order he shall successfully complete 6 credit hours in the subject of principles of recordkeeping for the OMS, and 4 credit hours in risk management. Dr. Cook shall cease and desist using the initials "M.D." in his advertising.

Dr. Rizkalla moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

  
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Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S., Chair

7/31/15  
Date

  
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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

August 3, 2015  
Date