

**APPROVED**

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
FORMAL HEARING  
September 17, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 10:04 a.m., on September 17, 2015 in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING:** Melanie C. Swain, R.D.H., President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S.  
Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S.  
Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.  
Al Rizkalla, D.D.S.  
Evelyn M. Rolon, D.M.D.  
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H.  
Bruce S. Wyman, D.M.D.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Sharon W. Barnes, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director  
Huong Q. Vu, Operations Manager

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James E. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General  
Tiffany A. Laney, Adjudication Specialist  
Holly M. Bush, Court Reporter, Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With seven members present, a quorum was established.

**Vladimir Soyfer, D.D.S.  
Case No.: 153452**

Dr. Soyfer was present with legal counsel, Michael L. Goodman and Eileen M. Talamante, in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated July 23, 2015.

Ms. Swain swore in the witnesses.

Following Ms. Talamante's opening statement, Ms. Swain admitted into evidence Respondent's Exhibits A-D.

Following Mr. Schliessmann's opening statement, Ms. Swain admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1 through 6.

Testifying on behalf of the Commonwealth were Cheryl Hodgson, RN, DHP Senior Investigator and Patient A.

Testifying on behalf of Dr. Soyfer by phone was Dr. Karen McAndrew, DMD. Dr. Soyfer testified on his own behalf.

**Closed Meeting:**

Dr. Gaskins moved that the Board enter into a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) and Section 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Soyfer. Additionally, he moved that Board staff, Ms. Reen, Ms. Vu, 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:**

Dr. Gaskins 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 passed.

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

**Decision:**

Dr. Gaskins moved to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law as presented by the Commonwealth, amended by the Board, and read by Mr. Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed.


Dr. Gaskins moved to require Dr. Soyfer to complete three continuing education courses as follow:

- 7 hours in remedial periodontics;
- 7 hours in recordkeeping & risk management; and
- 6 hours in coding, accounting, & billing practices.

Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

  
~~Melanie C. Swain, R.D.H., President~~  
Charles E. Gaskins, III, DDS

December 11, 2015  
Date

  
Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

December 11, 2015  
Date