

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "C"

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "C" convened on July 12, 2019 at 10:31 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE: 10:31 a.m.

PRESIDING: James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Erin Weaver, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: All three members of the Committee were present.

**Kianoush Alem, D.D.S.,
Applicant
Case No.: 194475** Dr. Alem appeared without counsel to discuss her application for a license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated June 13, 2019. The Committee received statements from Dr. Alem and discussed the allegations with her.

Closed Meeting: Ms. Ridout 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 Kianoush Alem. Additionally, Ms. Ridout moved that Ms. Reen, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Weaver 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: Ms. Ridout 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.: 194475

Ms. Weaver reported that the Committee denied Dr. Alem's Application for a License to Practice Dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

SECOND CONFERENCE: 12:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Erin Weaver, Adjudication Specialist .

QUORUM: All three members of the Committee were present.

**Sassan Bassiri, D.D.S.,
Applicant
Case No.: 193001**

Dr. Bassiri appeared without counsel to discuss his application for a restricted volunteer license in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated June 12, 2019. The Committee received statements from Dr. Bassiri and discussed the allegations with him.

Closed Meeting:

Ms. Ridout 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 Sassan Bassiri. Additionally, Ms. Ridout moved that Ms. Reen, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Weaver 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:

Ms. Ridout 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.

Dr. Catchings moved that the Committee amend the June 12, 2019 Notice of Informal Conference, Statement of Allegations, paragraph #1, to properly reflect the Board's February 19, 2019 letter to Dr. Bassiri stating that Dr. Bassiri is not eligible for a

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restricted volunteer license due to his failure to meet the requirements of Virginia Code § 54.1-2701(5). Specifically, Dr. Bassiri does not hold a Virginia license, and as detailed in the Statement of Allegations, paragraph #2, Dr. Bassiri's North Carolina license was revoked and currently restricted. The motion was seconded and passed.

DECISION:
Case No.: 193001

Ms. Weaver reported that the Committee denied Dr. Bassiri's Application for a Restricted Volunteer License to practice volunteer dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Catchings, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on May 31, 2019 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

James D. Watkins, D.D.S., Chair

B-23-19

Date

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

August 23, 2019

Date