

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "A"**

- TIME AND PLACE:** Special Conference Committee "A" convened virtually on April 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- PRESIDING:** Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD  
Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Analyst
- QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.
- Forough Akrami, D.D.S**  
**Case No.: 195419** Dr. Akrami appeared with counsel, Kenneth Hirtz, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated December 1, 2020. The Committee received statements from Dr. Akrami and Mr. Hirtz and discussed the allegations with them.
- Closed Meeting:** Dr. Bonwell moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(16) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical and mental health records of Forough Akrami that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3705(A)(5). Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder and Ms. Lee, Adjudication Analyst, Ms. Roukous, and Dr. Akrami and Mr. Hirtz, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Reconvene:** Dr. Bonwell 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.

**Virginia Board of Dentistry  
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**Closed Meeting:**

Dr. Bonwell 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 Forough Akrami. Additionally, Dr. Bonwell moved that Ms. Sacksteder and Ms. Lee 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:**

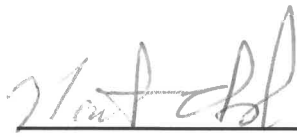
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**DECISION:  
Case No.: 195419**

The Committee voted unanimously to dismiss the allegations against Dr. Akrami.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., Chair



Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

24 May 2021

Date

May 25, 2021

Date