

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING
September 8, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:03 AM., on September 8, 2022 in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S

MEMBERS PRESENT: William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.
Sidra Butt, D.D.S.
Sultan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S.
Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.
Emelia H. McLennan, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Sally Ragsdale, Executive Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant
Andrea Pegram, Court Reporter
Michael L. Goodman, Esquire, Respondent's Counsel
Nora T. Ciancio, Esquire, Respondent's Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With eight Board members present, a quorum was established.

Matthew Mower, D.D.S
Case No.: 215793 Dr. Mower was present with legal counsel, in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated April 25, 2022.

Dr. Bryant swore in the witnesses.

Following Ms. Joseph's opening statement, Dr. Bryant admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-4.

Following Mr. Goodman's opening statement; Dr. Bryant admitted into evidence Respondent's Exhibits A-L.

Testifying on behalf of the Commonwealth:

- Alan Burton, Senior Investigator, DHP
- Amy Ressler, Program Administrator, HPMP

Dr. Mower testified on his own behalf.

Ms. Joseph and Mr. Goodman provided closing statements.

Closed Meeting:

Dr. Chaudhry 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 Matthew Mower, D.D.S. Additionally, he moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Ragsdale, 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. Chaudhry moved to certify that the Board 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:

Mr. Rutkowski reported that Dr. Mower's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia is indefinitely suspended which will be stayed upon continued compliance with his HPMP contract, Dr. Mower cannot practice dentistry until proof of completion of a refresher course from a CODA accredited school of 26 total hours with 20 of the 26 hours being hands-on clinical training, Board approved continuing education of 10 hours in endodontics, Board approved continuing education of 10 hours in restorative dentistry and 5 hours of safe and ethical prescribing. Dr. Mower received a monetary penalty of \$2,500.00 and a reprimand.

Dr. Bryant moved to accept the Board's decision as read by Mr. Rutkowski. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., President



Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

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