

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "B"

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "B" convened on January 20, 2023 at 10:05 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 3, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE:

PRESIDING: Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Erin T. Weaver, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Scott R. Pearl, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: With three members present, a quorum was established.

**Robert J. O'Neill, D.D.S.
Case No.: 214638** Dr. O'Neill appeared with counsel, W. Davis Powell, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated October 17, 2022. The Committee received additional information and statements from Dr. O'Neill; Jeremiah Emerich, LNP, CRNA; Rebecca Britt, Case Manager with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program; Jessica Bardenheier, LPC; Dr. James Thompson, Chief Medical Officer with Master Center; and Mr. Powell and discussed the allegations with them.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Bigelow moved that the Committee 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 Dr. O'Neill. Additionally, Dr. Bigelow moved that Ms. Weaver, Ms. Lee and Mr. Pearl attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene: Dr. Bigelow 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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Closed Meeting: Dr. Bigelow 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 Robert O'Neill. Additionally, Dr. Bigelow moved that Ms. Weaver and Ms. Lee attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene: Dr. Bigelow 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: Ms. Weaver reported that the Committee unanimously voted to refer the matter for a formal administrative hearing.
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SECOND CONFERENCE:

PRESIDING: Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William C. Bigelow, D.D.S.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director
Erin T. Weaver, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant

QUORUM: With three members present, a quorum was established.

**Soledad Sejas, D.H.
Reinstatement Applicant
Case No.: 222236** Ms. Sejas appeared without counsel to discuss the allegations set forth in the Notice of the Board dated December 5, 2022. The Committee received statements from Ms. Sejas and discussed the allegations with her.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Bigelow 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 Soledad Sejas. Additionally, Dr. Bigelow moved that Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Weaver and Ms. Lee attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Reconvene:

Dr. Bigelow 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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Ms. Sacksteder reported that the Committee granted Ms. Sejas' application for reinstatement of her registration to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Committee also issued Ms. Sejas a reprimand and assessed a \$1,000.00 monetary penalty.

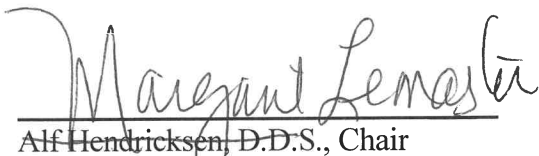
Dr. Bigelow moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bigelow, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on December 16, 2022 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S., Chair

Margaret Lemaster

Date

2/10/2023



Jamie C. Sacksteder, Executive Director

Date

2/10/23