

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2019
Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Ray Tuck, Jr., D.C., Chair
David Archer, M.D.
L. Blanton Marchese

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline
Lorraine McGehee, Deputy Director, APD
Melanie Pagano, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Gober
Salman Khawaja, PsyD
Revarado Pretlow
Amy Stewart, HPMP, Case Manager

MATTER: **Mark N. Farmer, M.D.** License No.: 0101-240226
Case No.: 180750

DISCUSSION: Dr. Farmer appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Second Amended Notice of the Board dated June 25, 2019. Dr. was represented by Ramon Rodriguez, III, J.D., M.D.

The Committee fully reviewed Dr. Farmer's application for reinstatement and discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Farmer.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Archer, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(15) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical and mental health records of Dr. Farmer. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes, Ms. Wood, Ms. McGehee and Ms. Pagano attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its discussion. Ms. Stewart and Dr. Khawaja also attended the closed meeting.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and continued its discussion with Dr. Farmer regarding the allegations.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Archer, the Committee voted to 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 Dr. Farmer. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Archer, and duly seconded by Mr. Marchese, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to deny Dr. Farmer's application for reinstatement.

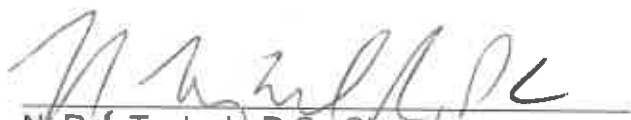
VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

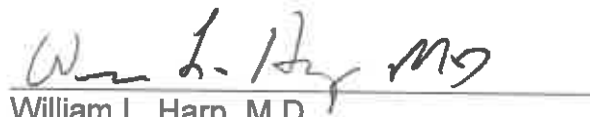
ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Farmer, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Farmer, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.



N. Ray Tuck, Jr. D.C., Chair
President



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

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