

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 6, 2021
Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201
Henrico, VA

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee of the Board met virtually via Cisco Webex and was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Stokes, M.D., Chair
Amanda Barner, M.D.
N. Ray Tuck, Jr., D.C.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline
Tamika Hines, Case Manager, Discipline
Tracy Robinson, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER: **Felix Shepard, Jr., M.D.** License No.: 0101-053138
Case No.: 198036

DISCUSSION: Dr. Shepard appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 9, 2021. Dr. Shepard was represented by counsel Christopher Stevens, Esquire.

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

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Barner, and duly seconded by Dr. Tuck, 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. Shepard. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes, Ms. Wood and Ms. Hines 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 by motion of Dr. Barner and seconded by Dr. Tuck and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Barner, and duly seconded by Dr. Tuck, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to reinstate Dr. Shepard's license on probation with terms and conditions.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.


ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Shepard, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Shepard, 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.



Brenda Stokes, M.D., Chair

6/24/21
Date



William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

6/24/21
Date