

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2023**

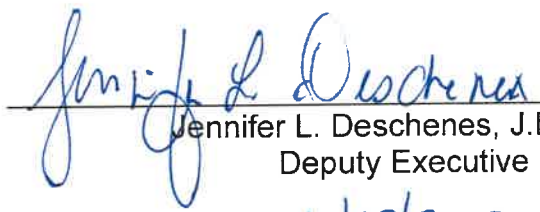
*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

---

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:14 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** William Hutchens, M.D., Chair  
Hazem Elariny, M.D.  
L. Blanton Marchese
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Andrew Miller, Esquire
- MATTER:** **Ryan William Hare, M.D.** License No.: 0101-265166  
**Case No.: 219150**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Hare appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated August 30, 2023. Dr. Hare was represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire and Nora T. Ciancio, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Hare.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Elariny, the Committee voted to 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. Hare. 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 discussion.
- 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. Hare regarding the allegations.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Elariny, 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. Hare. 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 Mr. Marchese, and duly seconded by Dr. Elariny, the Committee voted to dismiss the matter.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director  
12/13/2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2023**


*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 12:16 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Santiera Brown, R.T., Chair  
Hazem Elariny, M.D.  
William Hutchens, M.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant
- MATTER:** **Russell Allan Hunziker, II, R.T.**  
**License No.: 0117-009488** **Case No.: 227344**
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hunziker appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated October 5, 2023. Mr. Hunziker was not represented by counsel.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Mr. Hunziker.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Hutchens, and duly seconded by Dr. Elariny, the Committee voted to 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 Mr. Hunziker. 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 discussion.
- 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 Mr. Hunziker regarding the allegations.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Hutchens, and duly seconded by Dr. Elariny, 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 Mr. Hunziker. 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. Elariny, and duly seconded by Dr. Hutchens, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to place Mr. Hunziker's license on indefinite probation with terms and conditions.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer L. Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director  
12/13/23  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date