

**APPROVED**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 9, 2024**  
*Department of Health Professions*  
*Perimeter Center*  
*9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201*  
*Henrico, VA*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:14 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair  
Dwayne Pitre, O.T.  
Oliver Kim, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline  
Lori Pound, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER:** **Heather Jones, O.T.A.** License No.: 0131-000814  
**Case No.: 226079**

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 9:15 a.m. and Ms. Jones was noticed to appear before the Committee at 9:00 a.m. and was not present.

Ms. Pound advised that the Notice had been sent to Ms. Jones' address of record with the Board by overnight and First class mail.

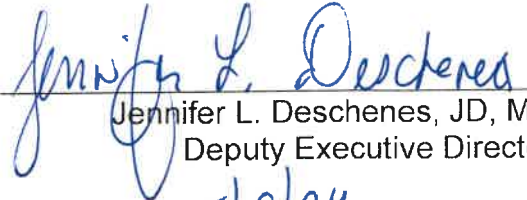
**RULING:** Based on the information provided by Ms. Pound, the Chair determined that proper notice had been provided to Ms. Jones, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in her absence.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Jones did not appear before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated February 7, 2024, nor was she represented at the conference by legal counsel.

The Committee fully considered the evidence before it and received information from Ms. Pound regarding the allegations in the Notice.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Kim, and duly seconded by Mr. Pitre, 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 Ms. Jones. 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. Pitre, and duly seconded by Mr. Kim, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Ms. Jones a reprimand and require taking five hours of continuing education on boundaries.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

*As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Ms. Jones, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Jones, 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, JD, MS  
Deputy Executive Director  
5/9/24  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair  
Oliver Kim, J.D.

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

**MATTER:** **Samir Haddad, M.D.**  
**Case No.: 227799**

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 10:14 a.m. and Dr. Haddad was noticed to appear before the Committee at 10:00 a.m. and was not present.

Ms. Robinson advised that the Notice had been sent to Dr. Haddad's address of record with the Board by overnight and First class mail.

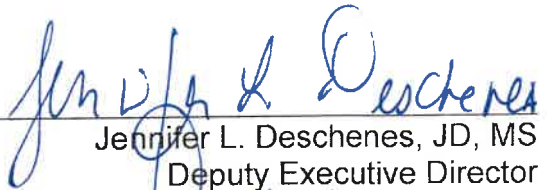
**RULING:** Based on the information provided by Ms. Robinson, the Chair determined that proper notice had been provided to Dr. Haddad, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in his absence.

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Haddad did not appear before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated March 14, 2024, nor was he represented at the conference by legal counsel.

The Committee fully considered the evidence before it and received information from Ms. Robinson regarding the allegations in the Notice.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Kim, and duly seconded by Dr. Ransone, 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. Haddad. 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. Kim, and duly seconded by Dr. Ransone, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to deny Dr. Haddad's application for licensure.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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

  
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