

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "B"**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Special Conference Committee "B" convened on December 4, 2015 at 10:05 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**FIRST CONFERENCE:** 10:05 a.m.

**PRESIDING:** A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S.  
Carol R. Russek, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Tiffany A. Laney, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.

**Andrew Karl Gray, D.D.S.  
Case No.: 169083** Dr. Gray appeared without counsel to discuss his petition for release from probation and for reinstatement of his privileges to prescribe, administer, and dispense Schedule II controlled substances as set forth in a Notice of the Board dated October 7, 2015. The Committee received statements from Dr. Gray and discussed his petition with him.

**Closed Meeting:** Dr. Alexander 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 Andrew Gray. Additionally, Dr. Alexander moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Laney attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:** Dr. Alexander 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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**DECISION:**  
**Case No.: 169083**

Ms. Laney reported that the Committee granted Dr. Gray's petition for reinstatement of his privileges to prescribe, administer, and dispense Schedule II controlled substances and for termination of his probation. The Committee also terminated the terms and conditions placed on Dr. Gray's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and an unrestricted license shall be issued to Dr. Gray.

Dr. Alexander moved to adopt the decisions of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:** 11:05 a.m.

**PRESIDING:** A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S.  
Carol R. Russek, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.

**Julia Norris, D.D.S.,  
Applicant  
Case No.: 160320**

Dr. Norris appeared without counsel to discuss her application for a license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia by credentials and the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated October 28, 2015. Bhavna Shroff, D.D.S., appeared by telephone as an expert witness on behalf of the Board. The Committee received statements from Dr. Norris and Dr. Shroff and discussed the allegations with them.

**Closed Meeting:** Dr. Alexander 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 Julia Norris. Additionally, Dr. Alexander moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Roukous attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:** Dr. Alexander 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

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matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

**DECISION:  
Case No.: 160320**

Ms. Roukous reported that the Committee denied the application of Dr. Norris for a license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia by credentials.

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

**THIRD CONFERENCE:**

1:05 p.m.

**PRESIDING:**

A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John M. Alexander, D.D.S.  
Carol R. Russek, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Tiffany A. Laney, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:**

All three members of the Committee were present.

**Monica Clisso, D.D.S.  
Case No.: 158450**

Dr. Clisso appeared with counsel, Jeffery A. Sturgill, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated August 5, 2015. The Committee received statements from Dr. Clisso and Mr. Sturgill and discussed the allegations with them.

**Closed Meeting:**

Dr. Alexander 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 Monica Clisso. Additionally, Dr. Alexander moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Laney attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:**

Dr. Alexander 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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**DECISION:**  
**Case No.: 158450**

The sanctions reported by Ms. Laney were that the license of Dr. Clisso shall be placed on indefinite probation for a period of not less than one year with terms and conditions. Within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Clisso shall successfully complete a 7 credit hour continuing education course in the subject of the principles of pharmacology and prescription writing, and a 4 credit hour continuing education course in the subject of risk management. Dr. Clisso is prohibited from prescribing, administering, or dispensing Schedule II controlled substances.

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

**FOURTH CONFERENCE:** 3:30 p.m.

**PRESIDING:** A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John M. Alexander, D.D.S.  
Carol R. Russek, J.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director  
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager  
Tiffany A. Laney, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.

**Wissam F. Ali, D.M.D.**  
**Case No.: 158067**  
Dr. Ali appeared without counsel to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated October 9, 2015. The Committee received statements from Dr. Ali and discussed the allegations with him.

**Closed Meeting:** Dr. Alexander 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 Wissam Ali. Additionally, Dr. Alexander moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Laney attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:** Dr. Alexander 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

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matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

**DECISION:  
Case No.: 158067**

The sanctions reported by Ms. Laney were that Dr. Ali shall pay a \$1,000.00 monetary penalty; and that within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Ali shall successfully complete a 4 credit hour continuing education course in the subject of risk management.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Rizkalla, the minutes from the Agency Subordinate Informal Conference conducted on September 25, 2015 were approved.

Upon a motion by Dr. Alexander, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on September 11, 2015 and October 23, 2015 were approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.  
A. Rizkalla, D.D.S., Chair

Sandra K. Reen  
Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

1/29/2016  
Date

February 2, 2016  
Date