

APPROVED

VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL SESSION – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 5:17 p.m., on June 11, 2020, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 1, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.
- PRESIDING:** Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S., President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD
Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.
Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
Perry E. Jones, D.D.S.
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Nguyen, D.D.S.
- QUORUM:** With eight members present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie C. Sacksteder, Deputy Executive Director
Donna M. Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Kathryn Brooks, Executive Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General
Erin Weaver, Adjudication Specialist
- Chester J. Sokolowski,
D.D.S.
Case No.: 198939** The Board received information from Mr. Murphy in order to determine if Dr. Sokolowski's practice of dentistry constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Murphy reviewed the case and responded to questions.
- Closed Meeting:** Dr. Catchings moved that the Board 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 Case No. 198939. Additionally, Dr. Catchings moved that Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Lee, Ms. Brooks, and Mr. Rutkowski attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Reconvene:** Dr. Catchings moved that the Board 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.

DECISION:

Dr. Catchings moved that the Board summarily suspend Dr. Sokolowski's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and schedule him for a formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Augustus A. Petticoles, Jr., D.D.S.
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