

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 10, 2019
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 9:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Hickey, J.D., Chair
Kevin O'Connor, M.D.
Kenneth Walker, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline
Erin Weaver, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Vieth
Mr. and Ms. Ralph Gwynn
Dr. Powers' husband

MATTER: **Tonya Kim Powers, M.D.** License No.: 0101-253670
Case No.: 181816

DISCUSSION: Dr. Powers appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 7, 2019. Dr. Powers was represented by Michael Goodman, Esquire and Eileen Talamante, Esquire.

The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Powers.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. O'Connor, and duly seconded by Dr. Walker, 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. Powers. 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. O'Connor, and duly seconded by Dr. Walker, the Committee voted to refer the matter to a formal hearing.

VOTE: The vote was 1-2 with Ms. Hickey and Dr. Walker voting no.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. Walker, and duly seconded by Dr. O'Connor, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Dr. Powers a reprimand and subject her license to terms and conditions.

VOTE: The vote was 2-1 with Dr. O'Connor voting no.

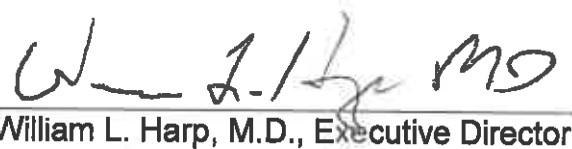
ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

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



Jane Hickey, J.D., Chair

8-7-2019
Date



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

8/7/19
Date