

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 13, 2015
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

TIME & PLACE: The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Droter, O.D.
Steven Linas, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director
Amanda Blount, Administrative Proceedings Division
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Gerardo Correa, O.D., Applicant**
Case No.: 158828

DISCUSSION: Dr. Correa was not present and not represented by counsel in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 7, 2014.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Linas, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Gerardo Correa, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.

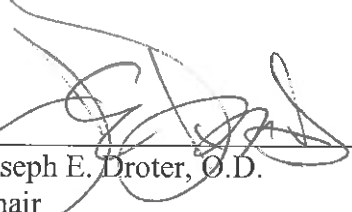
OPEN SESSION: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the application documentation, Dr. Correa's written statement and discussion of the

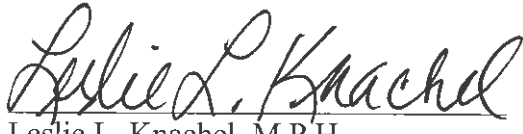
case, the SCC moved to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to deny issuance of a license to practice optometry in Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 1:26 p.m.



Joseph E. Droter, O.D.
Chair



Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director