

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 3
HENRICO, VA
NOVEMBER 4, 2016**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Optometry (“Board”) was convened on November 4, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 3, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D., Chairperson
Lisa G. Wallace-Davis, O.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Mykl D. Egan, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Rita K. Mallia, O.D.**
License No.: 0618-002080
Case No.: 163655
- Discussion:** Dr. Mallia appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 13, 2016, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing optometry practice in Virginia. Dr. Mallia was represented by counsel, Gerald C. Canaan, II, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Mallia.
- Closed Session:** Dr. Wallace-Davis moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Rita K. Mallia, O.D.** Additionally, Dr. Wallace-Davis moved that Ms. Blount and Mr. Egan attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Reconvene:** Dr. Wallace-Davis 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

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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 carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Wallace-Davis, and duly seconded by Dr. Clayton-Jeter, the Committee voted to dismiss the case.

ADJOURNMENT:

The hearing adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D., Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director