

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY  
SPECIAL SESSION – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
OCTOBER 19, 2017  
MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to § 54.1-2400(13) of the Code of Virginia, a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Optometry (“Board”) was called to order on October 19, 2017, at 9:01 a.m., to consider a Consent Order for possible resolution of Case No. 172973.
- PRESIDING:** Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D. - Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Devon Cabot, Citizen Member  
Fred E. Goldberg, O.D.  
Lisa G. Wallace-Davis, O.D.
- MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Steven A. Linas, O.D.  
Clifford A. Roffis, O.D.
- QUORUM:** With four members of the Board participating, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director  
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
- BOARD COUNSEL:** Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General
- AMIR GHASSEM ABYANEH, O.D.  
CASE NO. 172973** The Board received information from Ms. Blount regarding a Consent Order signed by Amir Ghassem Abyaneh, O.D., for the resolution of Case No. 172973 in lieu of proceeding with a formal administrative hearing.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Ms. Cabot moved that the Board convene a closed meeting 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 Case No. 172973. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Knachel attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.
- RECONVENE:** Ms. Cabot 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.

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

**DECISION:**

Dr. Goldberg moved that the Board accept the Consent Order as presented in lieu of proceeding with a formal administrative hearing. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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Helene Clayton-Jeter, O.D., Chairperson

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

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