

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 4
HENRICO, VA
OCTOBER 8, 2021**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Optometry (“Board”) was convened on October 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Clifford Roffis, OD, Chairperson
Lisa Wallace-Davis, OD, Committee member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Ace Armani, I, Optometrist Reinstatement Applicant
License No. 0618-001615
Case No. 203725**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Armani appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 9, 2021, to consider his application for reinstatement of his license to practice as a TPA-Certified Optometrist in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to determine if there is sufficient evidence that he has met the eligibility requirements for licensure as a TPA-Certified Optometrist in Virginia and is safe and competent to practice. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Armani.
- 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 **Ace Armani, I, Optometrist Reinstatement Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Wallace-Davis moved that Ms. Moss attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its

deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roffis 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 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 by Dr. Roffis and carried unanimously.

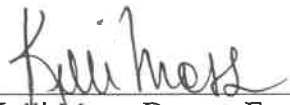
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

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Dr. Wallace-Davis moved that the Committee deny Ace Armani I's application to practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Armani. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roffis and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 2:51 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director