

(FINAL/APPROVED)

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF A PANEL OF THE BOARD**

December 9, 2019
Commonwealth Conference Center
Second Floor
Board Room 4

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233

Orders/Consent Orders referred to in these minutes are available upon request

Call to Order: A meeting of a quorum of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Cynthia Warriner, Chair

Members Present: Kristopher Ratliff, Vice Chair
Melvin Boone
James L. Jenkins, Jr.
Ryan Logan
Cheryl H. Nelson

Staff Present: Caroline Juran, Executive Director
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
Jessica Kelley, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Wayne Halblieb, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

Quorum: With six (6) members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

FORMAL HEARING

Gihan W. Seraka
License #: 0202-204419

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Gihan W. Seraka, to discuss allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Virginia.

Wayne Halblieb, Senior Assistant Attorney, presented the case.

Gihan W. Seraka, was represented by Lindsey Sessa.

Karen Book, Senior Investigator, DHP, testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Rose Dematteo, DHP Compliance Case Manager, testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Dr. Leslie Pickens, prescribing physician, testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Closed Meeting:

Upon a motion by Mr. Ratliff, and duly seconded by Ms. Nelson, the panel voted 6-0, to 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 regarding the matter of Gihan W. Seraka. Additionally, he moved that Caroline Juran and Jim Rutkowski attend the closed meeting.

Reconvene:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the panel re-convened an open meeting and announced the decision. (Motion by Ratliff, Second by Nelson)

Proposed Finding of Facts:


Upon a motion by Ms. Nelson and duly seconded by Mr. Logan, the Board voted unanimously to accept the proposed findings of facts as amended by the board.

Decision:

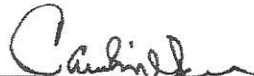
Upon a motion by Mr. Jenkins, duly seconded by Mr. Boone, the board voted unanimously to suspend the Pharmacy license of Gihan W. Seraka for a period of no less than one year.

ADJOURNED

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm.



Cynthia Warriner, Chair



Caroline Juran, Executive Director

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Date

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Call to Order: A meeting of a quorum of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") was called to order at 1:20 p.m.

Presiding: Kristopher S. Ratliff, Vice Chairman

Members Present: Glen Bolyard
James L. Jenkins, Jr.
Ryan Logan
Cheryl H. Nelson
Patricia Richards-Spruill

Staff Present: Caroline Juran, Executive Director
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
James Schliessmann, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Jessica Kelley, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Kiara Christian, Executive Assistant (exited 4:40 p.m.)

Quorum: With six (6) members of the Board present, a panel was established.

FORMAL HEARING

Lansdowne Pharmacy
Permit #: 0230-004204

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Lansdowne Pharmacy, to discuss allegations that it may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Virginia as stated in their October 8, 2019 notice.

James Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General, presented a summary of the evidence to the board, with assistance from Jessica Kelley, DHP Adjudication Specialist.

Lansdowne Pharmacy was represented by Nathan

Mortier, and Pascale M. El Hayek, pharmacist-in-charge, testified on behalf of Lansdowne Pharmacy.

Vicki Gwaltney Garrison, former DHP Investigator, and Majorie Smith, DEA Investigator, testified on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Closed Meeting:

Upon a motion by Ms. Nelson, and duly seconded by Mr. Bolyard, the panel voted 6-0, to 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 regarding the matter of Lansdowne Pharmacy. Additionally, he moved that Caroline Juran and Jim Rutkowski attend the closed meeting.

Reconvene:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the panel re-convened an open meeting and announced the decision. (Motion by Nelson, Second by Jenkins)

Proposed Finding of Facts:

Upon a motion by Mr. Bolyard and duly seconded by Ms. Richards-Spruill, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed findings of facts as amended by the board.

Decision:

Upon a motion by Mr. Jenkins, duly seconded by Ms. Nelson, the board voted 5:1 (Logan opposed) to revoke the permit issued to Lansdowne Pharmacy and impose a monetary penalty.

ADJOURNED

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.



Kristopher Ratliff, Chairman



Caroline Juran, Executive Director

5/21/2020

Date

5/18/2020

Date