

(FINAL/APPROVED)
VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF A PANEL OF THE BOARD

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Commonwealth Conference Center
Second Floor
Board Room 2

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 panel of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") was called to order at 9:58 a.m. for the purpose of two formal hearings.

PRESIDING: Dale St. Clair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Patricia Richards-Spruill
Ms. Cheri Garvin
Dr. Shannon Dowdy
Mr. Larry Kocot
Dr. Wendy Nash

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen B. Shinaberry, Deputy Executive Director
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
Sorayah Haden, Executive Assistant

TARIQ AMIN
Registration No. 0230-010451

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Tariq Amin to discuss allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy technician in Virginia and to consider his application for reinstatement of his pharmacy technician registration as provided in the notice dated August 29, 2023.

Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, presented on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Amin was present at the hearing and was represented by Nora Ciancio, Esq.

QUORUM: With six (6) members of the Board present, a panel of the board was established.
Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, presented the case on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Katie Land, DHP Senior Investigator, testified on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Amin testified on his own behalf. Angela H. Spencer, Pharmacist in charge at Family Care RX, testified by telephone on behalf of Mr. Amin.

CLOSED MEETING:

Upon a motion by Ms. Garvin, and duly seconded by Dr. Dowdy, the Board 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 Tariq Amin. Additionally, she moved that Ellen Shinaberry, Jim Rutkowski, and Sorayah Hayden 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 Board reconvened an open meeting and announced the decision. (Garvin/Kocot)

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Dowdy, and duly seconded by Mrs. Richards-Spruill, the Board voted 6-0 to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law as presented by the Commonwealth and amended by the Board.

Upon a motion by Dr. Nash, and duly seconded by Ms. Garvin, the board voted 6-0 to deny the reinstatement application of Mr. Amin to practice as a pharmacy technician.

Board member Garvin departed at 2:55 p.m.

Whitney Gatewood
Registration No. 0230-031284

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Whitney Gatewood to discuss allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy technicians in Virginia as provided in the notice dated September 29, 2023.

With five (5) members of the Board present, a quorum of the board was established.

David Robinson, Asst. Attorney General, presented the case. He was assisted by Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist.

Whitney Gatewood was not present and was not represented by counsel.

David Cowras, DHP Sr. Investigator, testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Cory Burke, Store Manager CVS Pharmacy #7581, Tamara Ferrel, Pharmacy Manager, CVS Pharmacy #7581, and Patrick Combs, District Leader CVS, testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Bradley Zaretsky, former District Asset Protection Leader, CVS Health, testified by telephone on behalf of the Commonwealth.

CLOSED MEETING:

Upon a motion by Dr. Nash, and duly seconded by Mrs. Richards-Spruill, the Board voted 5-0, 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 Whitney Gatewood. Additionally, she moved that Ellen Shinaberry, Jim Rutkowski, and Sorayah Hayden 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 Board reconvened an open meeting and announced the decision. (Nash/Dowdy)

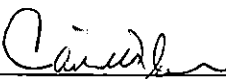
DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Dowdy, and duly seconded by Mrs. Richards-Spruill, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law as presented by the Commonwealth and amended by the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kocot, and duly seconded by Dr. Nash, the board voted 5-0 to revoke the pharmacy technician registration of Ms. Gatewood.

ADJOURNED:

3:14 PM


Caroline D. Juran
Executive Director

12/8/23
Date