

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTE MAY 15, 2024

Department of Health Professions
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Henrico, VA

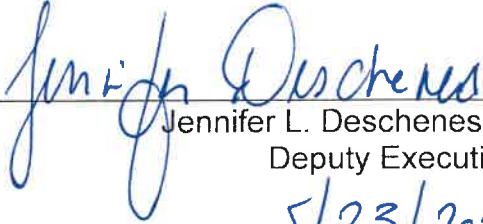
- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:13 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Apel, M.D., Chair
Thomas Corry
Patrick McManus, M.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant
- MATTER:** **Richard Hill, M.D.** License No.: **0101-058825**
Case No.: 224527
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Hill appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 4, 2024. Dr. Hill was represented by Nora T. Ciancio, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Hill.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. McManus, and duly seconded by Mr. Corry, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Hill. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Dr. McManus, and duly seconded by Mr. Corry, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to place Dr. Hill's license on terms and conditions.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Hill, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Hill, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.



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Deputy Executive Director
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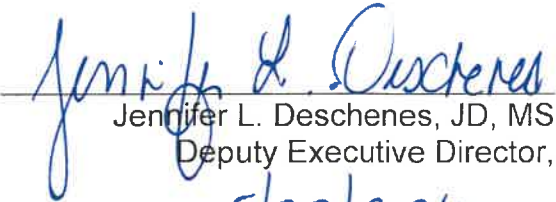
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- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 12:32 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patrick McManus, M.D., Chair
Peter Apel, M.D.
Thomas Corry
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline
Scott Pearl, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER:** **Michael Ramsay, M.D., Applicant**
Case No.: 235747
- PRELIMINARY MATTER:** The Chair noted that the time was 12:33 p.m. and Dr. Ramsay was noticed to appear before the Committee at 9:00 a.m. and was not present.
- Mr. Pearl advised that the Notice had been sent to Dr. Ramsay's address of record with the Board by overnight and First class mail.
- RULING:** Based on the information provided by Mr. Pearl, the Chair determined that proper notice had been provided to Dr. Ramsay, therefore, the informal conference would proceed in his absence.
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Ramsay did not appear before the Committee in accordance with the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated April 4, 2024, nor was he represented at the conference by legal counsel.
- The Committee fully considered the evidence before it and received information from Mr. Pearl regarding the allegations in the Notice.

- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Corry, and duly seconded by Dr. Apel, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Ramsay. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.
- DECISION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Corry, and duly seconded by Dr. Apel, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to deny his application for licensure.
- VOTE:** The vote was unanimous.
- ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Ramsay, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Ramsay, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.


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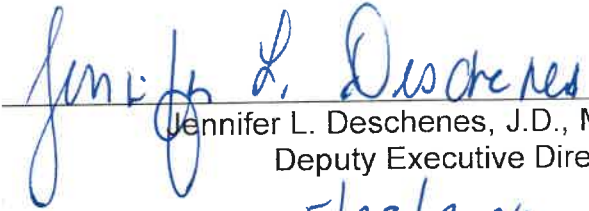
- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 12:55 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Apel, M.D., Chair
Thomas Corry
Thomas Gochenour, SA
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline
Tracy Robinson, Adjudication Consultant
- MATTER:** **Dawn Margaret Carter, CST License No.: 0137-002238**
Case No.: 227935
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Carter appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 8, 2024. Ms. Carter was not represented by counsel.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Ms. Carter
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Corry, and duly seconded by Mr. Gochenour, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Carter. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Mr. Gochenour, and duly seconded by Mr. Corry, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Ms. Carter a reprimand and require entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program.

VOTE: The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Ms. Carter, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Carter, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.


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- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 2:25 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Corry, Chair
Peter Apel, M.D.
Thomas Gochenour, SA
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Jennie F. Wood, Case Manager, Discipline
Lori Pound, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER:** **Lauretta Niehenke, ST** **Case No.: 226998**
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Niehenke appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated April 8, 2024. Ms. Niehenke was not represented by counsel.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Ms. Niehenke.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Apel, and duly seconded by Mr. Gochenour, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Niehenke. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Gochenour, and duly seconded by Dr. Apel, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Ms. Niehenke a reprimand and issue the license contingent upon certification within 6 months.

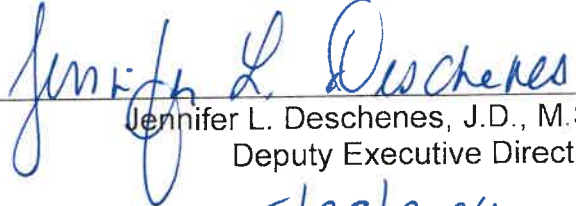
VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Ms. Niehenk, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Niehenke, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.



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