

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
FORMAL HEARING
MARCH 4, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of the Board of Optometry (Board) was called to order at 12:35 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jonathan R. Noble, O.D.

MEMBERS PRESENT: W. Ernest Schlabach, O.D.
Jacquelyn Thomas
Angela Tsai, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Leslie Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director
Corie Wolf, Assistant Attorney General
Peter Opper, Adjudication Analyst
Terri Behr, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Taylor, Court Reporter, Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Omar A. Manna, O.D.**
License Number 0618000543
Case Numbers 124434 and 119805

Dr. Manna was not present at the hearing and was not represented by legal counsel. The Board proceeded in Dr. Manna's absence as the Notice dated, February 3, 2010, was mailed to Dr. Manna's legal address of record, both regular and certified mail. Corie Wolf, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Commonwealth. Eric Gregory was legal counsel for the Board.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from Carol Stamey, Jennifer Challis and Tamie Elliott.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Thomas, and duly seconded by Dr. Schlabach, the Board 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. Manna. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Gregory, Ms. Knachel and Ms. Behr attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Schlabach and duly seconded by Dr. Tsai, the Board voted unanimously to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as read by Mr. Gregory, and SUSPENDED Dr. Manna's license to practice Optometry for not less than one year. Further, Dr. Manna was issued an Order imposing a monetary penalty of \$2500 and other certain terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The formal hearing adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Jonathan R. Noble, O.D.
Chair

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