

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- TIME AND PLACE:** The Credentials Committee convened on August 30, 2013 at 10:40 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- PRESIDING:** Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Rizkalla, D.D.S.
Melanie C. Swain, R.D.H.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Indy Toliver, Adjudication Specialist
- QUORUM:** All three members of the Committee were present.
- Jennifer Cook, R.D.H.,
Applicant
Case No.: 151839** Ms. Cook appeared without counsel to discuss her Application for Licensure to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated July 31, 2013. Martha Sullivan, Associate Professor and Program Administrator for the dental hygiene program at Virginia Western Community College, appeared on behalf of Ms. Cook.
- Closed Meeting:** Ms. Swain moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical and mental health records of Jennifer Cook. Additionally, Ms. Swain moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Toliver attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed. During this closed meeting, the Committee received statements and additional evidence from Ms. Cook and Ms. Sullivan and discussed the allegations with them.
- Reconvene:** Ms. Swain 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 and passed.

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Closed Meeting: Ms. Swain moved that the Committee 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 Jennifer Cook. Additionally, Ms. Swain moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Toliver attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

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DECISION: The Committee unanimously approved Ms. Cook's Application for
Case No.: 151839 Licensure to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Approval of Minutes: Upon a motion by Dr. Rizkalla, the minutes from the Credentials Committee meeting conducted on July 19, 2013 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 11:22 a.m.



Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S., Chair

Date

11/22/13



Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

November 22, 2013