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VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 12:32 p.m., on March 30, 2018, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: John M. Alexander, D.D.S., President

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Sandra J. Catchings, D.D.S.
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S.
Tammy C. Ridout, R.D.H.
Carol R. Russek, J.D.
James D. Watkins, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Patricia B. Bonwell, R.D.H., PhD
Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S.
Tonya A. Parris-Wilkins, D.D.S.

QUORUM: With seven members present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT:
Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director
Erin Weaver, Adjudication Specialist
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:
James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
James Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Joseph Damiano, D.D.S.
Case No.: 182924

The Board received information from Mr. Schliessmann in order to determine if Dr. Damiano's impairment from mental illness constitutes a substantial danger to public health and safety. Mr. Schliessmann reviewed the case and responded to questions.

Closed Meeting: Dr. Petticolas moved that the Board 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 Joseph Damiano. Additionally, Dr. Petticolas moved that Ms. Palmatier, Mr. Rutkowski, and Ms. Lee 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.

Reconvene: Dr. Petticolas moved that the Board 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.

Dr. Dawson moved that the Board summarily suspend Dr. Damiano's

DECISION: license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia in that he is unable to practice dentistry safely due to impairment resulting from mental illness and schedule him for a formal hearing. Also offer a consent order to accept the voluntary surrender for indefinite suspension the license of Dr. Damiano to practice dentistry in lieu of proceeding with a formal hearing. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

John M. Alexander, D.D.S., Chair	Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Date	Date