

FINAL APPROVED

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE FORMAL HEARING MINUTES

Friday, April 30, 2010	Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300	Henrico, Virginia
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CALL TO ORDER:	A panel of the Board was called to order at 11:11 a.m.	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair Jane E. Piness, M.D. Malcolm L. Cothran, Jr., M.D. Stephen Heretick, J.D. General Clara Adams-Ender, R.N.	
BOARD COUNSEL:	Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General	
STAFF PRESENT:	Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline Renée S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager	
COURT REPORTER:	Wanda Blanks, Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting	
PARTIES ON BEHALF OF COMMONWEALTH:	Frank W. Pedrotty, Senior Assistant Attorney General Virginia Scher, Adjudication Specialist	
COMMONWEALTH WITNESS:	Lynne Austin, Senior Investigator Patient A	
RESPONDENT WITNESS:	Morgen Hellams	
MATTER SCHEDULED:	Ralph D. Hellams, Jr., M.D. Case No.: 127988	License No.: 0101-129299

Dr. Hellams appeared before the Board in person in accordance with the Board's Notice of Formal Hearing dated March 23, 2010. He was represented by Gerald Canaan, II, Esquire and Karah Gunther, Esquire.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Dr. Piness, and duly seconded, 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. Hellams. Additionally, she moved that Mr. Casway, Ms Deschenes, and

Ms. Dixon 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 re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Piness and duly seconded by Dr. Cothran, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to continue the suspension of Dr. Hellams license on certain terms and conditions. It was further ordered that upon compliance with the terms and conditions, Dr. Hellams' suspension would be stayed and his license would be reinstated on certain terms and conditions.

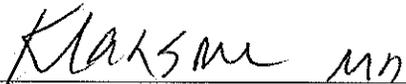
VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

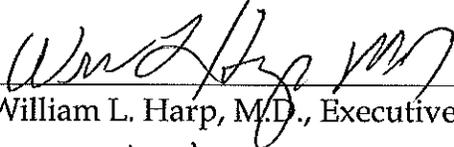
The Board adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.



Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair

6/10/10
Date



William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

6/17/10
Date