

FINAL APPROVED

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, September 30, 2010 Department of Health Professions Henrico, Virginia
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D. Chair
Juan M. Montero, II, M.D.
Roderick Matthews, J.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Renée S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager
Frank Pedrotty, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Julia Bennett, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Joseph F. Rowe, M.D. (*expert on behalf of the Board*)
Alireza Farpour, M.D. (*on behalf of Dr. Braunstein*)
Rasesh Shah, M.D. (*on behalf of Dr. Braunstein*)
Larry Quate, M.D. (*on behalf of Dr. Braunstein*)
Frank Stoneburner, M.D. (*by phone, on behalf of Dr. Braunstein*)
William Old, M.D. (*by phone, on behalf of Dr. Braunstein*)
- MATTER:** Paul W. Braunstein, Jr., M.D. License No.: 0101-044559
Case No.: 128085
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Braunstein appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated June 25, 2010. Dr. Braunstein was represented by Patrick Devine, Esquire and Courtney Miller, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Braunstein.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Montero, and duly seconded by Mr. Matthews, 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. Braunstein. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixon 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. Matthews, and duly seconded by Dr. Montero, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to place the license of Dr. Braunstein on indefinite probation subject to terms and conditions.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Braunstein, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Braunstein, 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.

Karen Ransone M.D.

Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair

10/14/10
Date

William L. Harp M.D.

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

10/15/10
Date