

FINAL APPROVED

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, April 14, 2011

**Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300**

Henrico, Virginia

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:09 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair
Valerie Hoffman, M.D.
Claudette Dalton, M.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Renée S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager
Kelley Wynne, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms. Cole
- MATTER:** **Richard C. Cole, M.D.** License No.: 0101-036915
Case No.: 131906
- PRELIMINARY MATTER:** Dr. Dalton disclosed that she had hired Dr. Cole as a preceptor at a local hospital many years ago. However, felt that she could render a fair and impartial decision.
- DECISION:** The remaining Committee members noted no objections to Dr. Dalton's continued participation, neither did Dr. Cole or his counsel. Therefore, Dr. Dalton continued to participate in the informal conference.
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Cole appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 2, 2011. Dr. Cole was represented by Gerald C. Canaan, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegation in the Notice with Dr. Cole.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Dalton, and duly seconded by Dr. Hoffman, 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.

Cole. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECOVENE:

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 Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded by Dr. Dalton, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to issue Dr. Cole a reprimand and subject his license to certain terms and conditions.

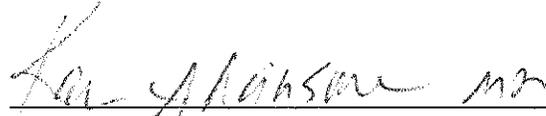
VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

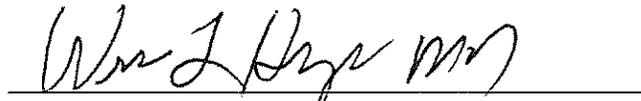
As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Cole, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Cole within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three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

2/3/12

Date



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

3/7/12

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- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:03 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair
Valerie Hoffman, M.D.
Claudette Dalton, M.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Renée S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager
J. Fielding Yelverton, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Berhoff
- MATTER:** Edward W. Haga, M.D. License No.: 0101-043992
Case No.: 134325
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Haga appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 14, 2011. Dr. Haga was represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esquire, Kristi Vanderlaan, Esquire and Michael B. Ware, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Haga.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Dalton, and duly seconded by Dr. Hoffman, 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. Haga. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECOVENE:

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 Dr. Dalton, and duly seconded by Dr. Hoffman, the Committee voted to refer this matter to the Board for a formal hearing since suspension or revocation of Dr. Haga's license may be justified, which is not within the authority of this Committee pursuant to Va. Code Section 54.1-2400 (10).

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

A formal hearing will be scheduled for a future date for a final determination.



Karen Ransone, M.D., Chair

2/23/12

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

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- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Valerie Hoffman, D.C., Chair
Karen Ransone, M.D.
Paul Marino, P.A.-C.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Renée S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager
Virginia Scher, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** David L. Shank, M.D.
- MATTER:** Franklin A. Fisher, Jr., P.A. License No.: 0110-840723
Case No.: 127376
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. Fisher appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 14, 2011. Mr. Fisher was represented by Joel M. McCray, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Mr. Fisher.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Ransone, and duly seconded by Mr. Marion, 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 Mr. Fisher. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Deschenes and Ms. Dixson attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECOVENE:** Having certified 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 Dr. Ransone, and duly seconded by Mr. Marino, the Committee voted to dismiss the matter.

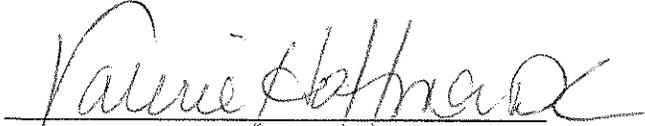
VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

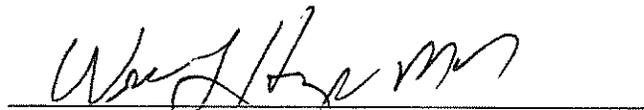
The Committee adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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



Valerie Hoffman, M.D./Chair

2/23/12
Date



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

3/7/12
Date