

# **FINAL APPROVED**

## **VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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Thursday, March 22, 2012    Department of Health Professions    Henrico, Virginia  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300

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- CALL TO ORDER:**                    A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:25 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:**                Deeni Bassam, M.D., Chair  
Valerie Hoffman, D.C.  
William Epstein, M.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:**                    Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Renee S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager  
Tracy Robinson, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:**                  Martin N. Buxton, M.D. [on behalf of Dr. Jennings]  
David W. Gould, III, M.D.  
Bill Forte, M.D. [expert on behalf of the Board]
- MATTER:**                                **Walter S. Jennings, Jr., M.D.**                    **License No.: 0101-034383**  
**Case No.: 130256**
- DISCUSSION:**                         Dr. Jennings appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated December 9, 2011. Dr. Jennings was represented by Gerald C. Canaan, II, Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Jennings.
- CLOSED SESSION:**                    Upon a motion by Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded by Dr. Epstein, 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. Jennings. Additionally, she 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 Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded by Dr. Epstein, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Dr. Jennings a reprimand.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous.

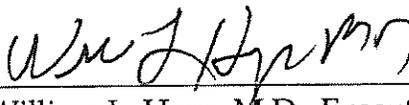
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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

  
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Deeni Bassam, M.D., Chair

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- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:46 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deeni Bassam, M.D., Chair  
Valerie Hoffman, D.C.  
William Epstein, M.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer L. Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Renee S. Dixson, Discipline Case Manager  
Kelley W. Palmatier, Adjudication Specialist
- MATTER:** **Shawn M. Hayes, M.D.**                      **License No.: 0101-057596**  
**Case No.: 134155**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Hayes appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated February 2, 2012. Dr. Hayes was represented by John M. Perry, Jr., Esquire.
- The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Hayes.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded by Dr. Epstein, 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. Hayes. 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.
- 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 Dr. Hoffman, and duly seconded by Dr. Epstein, the Committee made certain findings of fact and conclusions of law and voted to issue Dr. Hayes a reprimand and subject his license to certain terms and conditions.

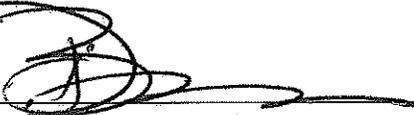
**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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



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