

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
JULY 11, 2014
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VIRGINIA**

TIME & PLACE: The informal conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Droter, O.D.
Douglas Weberling, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director
Amanda Blount, Administrative Proceedings Division
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Jesse S. Chawla, O.D., 0618001484**
Case No.: 148381

DISCUSSION: Dr. Chawla appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 17, 2014. Dr. Chawla was present and not represented by counsel.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Weberling, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jesse S. Chawla, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.


OPEN SESSION: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the investigative report and discussion of


the case with Dr. Chawla, the SCC moved to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to offer a Consent Order for a monetary penalty of \$2500.00.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Joseph E. Droter, O.D.
Chair



Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
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MATTER SCHEDULED: **Walter L. Betton, O.D., 0618000209**
Case No.: 149517

DISCUSSION: Dr. Betton appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 5, 2014. Dr. Betton was present and not represented by counsel.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Weberling, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (Code) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Walter L. Betton, O.D.** Additionally, it was moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Knachel attend the closed session because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC in its deliberations.


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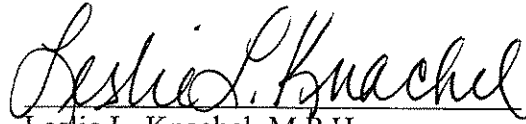
the case with Dr. Betton, the SCC moved to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to offer a Consent Order with reprimand.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Joseph E. Droter, O.D.
Chair



Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director