

The Georgia Board of Nursing met October 22-24, 2003 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

ORIENTATION

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS, Vice President
Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Karen Wessinger, BSHE

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Janet Wray, JD Senior Assistant Attorney General
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant –Practice

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Nursing welcomed two new Board members: Mr. Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN and Mrs. Linda Herren, RN, CRNA. The new Board members each received Orientation Handbooks reviewing the Duties and Responsibilities of the Board Members, Organizational Structure, Applications and Practice, Educational/International process, Discipline/Legal process, and other pertinent information covering the Legislative Process, Nurse Practice Act, GBON Rules and Regulations, and the GBON Fee Schedule. Janet Wray, Senior Assistant Attorney and Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General reviewed the role of the Attorney General's Office to the GBON.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003

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Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney – Enforcement
 Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor – Enforcement
 Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
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Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 16-18, 2003 meeting. Dr. Darden moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 29, 2003 Teleconference and the October 9, 2003 Teleconference. Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the minutes as amended. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Darden moved, Mrs. Stegall seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Darden, Mrs. Stegall, Mrs. Herren, Mr. Thigpen, and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be “Open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

NEW BOARD POLICY:

Mrs. Wessinger moved to adopted the following policy effective as of October 23, 2003:

To institute a policy based on O.C.G.A. 43-1-19 (d)(7), imposing a fine not to exceed \$500, for any nurse who knowingly makes a false statement in applying for or renewing a license to practice nursing in the state of Georgia. The Board reserves the right to impose this fine on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Board based upon the Board’s review of each case.

Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY

Mr. Thigpen moved that the Board accept the report and recommendations pertaining to the cases listed below. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Case Number	Recommended Action
3801000074	Lift Limitations.
3801970005	Hold: Pending September quarterly reports.
3801940033	Lift Limitations.
3801990148	
3801000130	
3801000297	
3801960229	Deny request to Lift Limitations.
3801010033	Deny request to Lift Limitations.
3801010054	Lift Limitations.
3801000004	Deny request to End Consent Order early.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

3801010124- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to extend probation for one (1) year. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

87-91/90-149/3801930065- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. The nurse may petition for restoration after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801970109- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of license. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030155- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000058- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020144- Dr. Darden moved to write the nurse a letter stating evidence reviewed is not sufficient. Nurse is to forward information from a physician who is a Licensed Addictionologist and a History and Physical from her treating Medical Physician. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030059- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of license. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030172/3801960179- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

RNI040031- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing guidelines for Mental Physical Examination. If warranted, proceed with licensure by Examination. If not warranted, deny licensure. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030078- Dr. Darden moved to Hold Application for licensure by Examination pending applicant completion of a course in Anger Management with documented compliance forwarded to Board for a Full Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040109- Mr. Thigpen move to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040110- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040111- Mrs. Stegall moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030291- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with licensure and to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement tracking probation in Connecticut. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040112- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing guideline for Mental Physical Examination and a copy of the Final Disposition of all charges to be presented to the Board for Full Review. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040113- Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040114- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040115- Dr. Darden moved to write the nurse a letter requesting documentation of counseling records or to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing guideline for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded to the Board for Full Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040116- Mrs. Stegall moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESTORATION OF LICENSURE

3801990126- Mrs. Herren moved to write the nurse a letter requesting a personal appearance and send a copy of the Consent Order to the aftercare providers; and request the nurse bring documentation of compliance with aftercare providers to the personal appearance. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Darden abstaining.

REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

RNI010125- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting explanation of how charges were incurred and to provide the Board with copies of résumé or work history. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040126- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney Generals' office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of licensure to include Re-entry and incorporate treatment plan. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

89-34- Mrs. Wessinger moved to approve Reinstatement of Licensure with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

RNI030139- Mrs. Herren moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing guidelines for Mental Physical Examination. If warranted, proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. If not warranted, deny licensure. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801940165- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting documentation:

1. Verification of dates of employment.
2. Status Report of recovery from addiction.
3. Status of Reinstatement of APRN/CRNA authorization.

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

RNI040117- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040127- Mrs. Wessinger moved to deny request for Licensure by Endorsement. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040118- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with Licensure and Advanced Practice Authorization by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040119- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040120- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040121- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040122- Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040128- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for Licensure by Endorsement tracking of New York's Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040123- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040124- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

RNI030218- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000286- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Conner, Jerry, RN162124- Mrs. Herren moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mathis, Barbara, RN083228- Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

RNI040131- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for revocation of licensure. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040132- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040133- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Expedited Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of license. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT REVIEW

(FYI)- The Board reviewed copies of letter from RK. No action required

MISCELLANEOUS

RNI040134- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of license. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040135- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to Investigations to request hospital records and a statement from the RN. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040136- Dr. Darden moved to release confidential application information as requested. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040022- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020181- Dr. Darden moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010081- Mrs. Stegall moved to accept applicant's letter withdrawing application for Reinstatement. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

RNI030022- Mrs. Wessinger moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. In addition, Mrs. Wessinger moved to fine the nurse \$250 for falsifying renewal application. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI0300026- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030034- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Substance Abuse stipulations. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Badger, Marie- Dr. Darden moved to accept the cease and desist order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030095- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030103- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030106- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030107- Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030126- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Public Reprimand, complete a Board approved continuing education course in Critical Conditions, and CPR Certification. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030127- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030143- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Public Reprimand, complete a Board approved continuing education course in Management of the aggressive patient, and Medication Administration. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030149- Mrs. Herren moved to refer for expert Peer Review. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030163- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030182- Dr. Darden moved to refer for expert Peer Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030188- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer for expert Peer Review. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030191- Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030284- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030287- Dr. Darden moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030305- Mrs. Stegall moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or

recommendations. If not warranted, close case. In addition, request confirmation of events in a letter from the daughter's therapist. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Severe, Mirelle- Mrs. Herren moved to accept the cease and desist order and close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020250- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020266/RNI020228- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020307- Mrs. Stegall moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020317- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to extend probation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020203- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020206- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020215- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to extend probation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020226- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

38010200229- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case with a letter of concern and refer the case to the Nursing Home Administrator Board. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

38010102258- Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030140- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Revocation of Licensure. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030285/RNI040010- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Revocation of Licensure. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030158- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030306- Dr. Darden moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Nursing Consultant and the Cognizant Board Member for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

The Status and Activity Report was reviewed.

Mrs. Stegall moved to accept Ms. Jackson's report and her recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ashley, Teena RN116538	James, Angela RN108485	RNI030187
Duffek, Rochelle RN091999	New, Lea RN137992	Mitchko, Patricia RN105291
D'Amico, Corby RN 083057	RNI030134/RNI030165	Carroll, Leslie RN117288
Foreman Jr., Fielding RN106368	3801020161	Bowers, Angela RN115498
Hals, Bill RN116879	RNI020309	RNI030325
RNI040033		

Cone, Sara RN053989- Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office. In addition, request the nurse to bring letters of support from current employer and from the aftercare provider at the time of her meeting with a representative of the Board. If the letters prove supportive, nurse's current work situation will be approved. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Popwell, Christopher RN085707- Dr. Darden moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office in lieu of Board Review. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Fisher, Christopher RN115189- Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office. In addition, during meeting with a representative of the Board, if the nurse feels he cannot comply with Consent Order, the Board will accept Voluntary Surrender of license. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Darden moved to accept Ms. Jackson's report and her recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Edenfield, James RN123029	Sargent, Sarah RN035888
Keats, Suzanne RN097673	RNI030063
Ledford, LaDonna RN131920	RNI030185
RNI030092	RNI030157/RNI030137

MISCELLANEOUS-ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Dukas, Alexander RN136219- Revocation by Initial Decision.

Yongue, Nicole RN124028- Revocation by Initial Decision.

MEMORANDUM FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

FYI- Board reviewed memorandum from Ms. Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, concerning Request for advice regarding Audiology screens pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-33-7(h).

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

3801010157- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent order to include:

1. Voluntary Surrender or
2. Indefinite Suspension or
3. Amended Consent Order extending probation by one (1) year, monitoring by MD including drug screens, monitoring by Psychiatrist, and the nurse must submit report from MD stating she has suffered no cognitive impairment and can practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS- LEGAL SERVICES

Dr. Darden moved to accept the Report and the Private Consent Orders/Agreements as prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040067	RNI040069	RNI040074	RNI030335	RNI030336
RNI040064	RNI040075	RNI040071	RNI030328	RNI030314
RNI040059	RNI040065	RNI040057	RNI040055	RNI030332
RNI040052	RNI040066	RNI040062	RNI040053	RNI020323
RNI040070	RNI040063	RNI040056	RNI030327	
RNI040054	RNI040061	RNI040073	RNI030329	
RNI040072	RNI040058	RNI040060	RNI030320	

RNI040051- Dr. Darden moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall abstaining.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEWS

Mrs. Stegall moved to refer the following applications to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order/Agreement and appropriate fine. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040150- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$250 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040151- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and a fine of \$500 for unlicensed and unauthorized practice.

RNI040152- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040153- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040143- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040142- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$325 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040144- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040145- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040146- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$50 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040165- Dr. Darden moved to write the applicant a letter requesting a Personal Appearance at the November board meeting. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040154- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$325 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040166- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter advising she must complete a Board approved Reentry Program. In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved to write a letter of advice to DHR and Human Resources of nurse's employer. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Darden moved to refer the following applications to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order/Agreement and appropriate fine. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040139- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040140- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$325 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040137- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$325 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040155- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and a fine of \$800 for unlicensed and unauthorized practice.

RNI040156- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040138- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$800 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

RNI040157- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice extending over one (1) year. In addition, Mrs. Wessinger moved to write a letter advising Grady Health Systems to verify Advanced Practice Authorization prior to employment. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall abstaining.

Dr. Darden moved to refer the following applications to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order/Agreement and appropriate fine. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040147- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040148- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$400 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040141- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040167- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter advising she must complete a Board approved Reentry Program. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried.

RNI040149- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI1020323- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$300 for unauthorized practice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LICENSURE APPROVAL

Mrs. Herren moved, Mrs. Stegall seconded and the Board voted to **approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of July, August and September who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

FYI

Julia Gould, Nursing Education Consultant, informed the Board on the current status of requests for New Programs and requests by proprietary schools. In addition, the Board was informed of the six (6) site visits for 2003, the current status of Albany State College and Bainbridge College, with detailed reports to be presented at the November 20-21, 2003 Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

- Letter from the Secretary of State
- Board to tour New Exam Bldg- November Board Meeting
- Merge of RN and LPN Boards in Texas- [Four (4) States remain]
- FYI- Due to changes within PLB the RN Board will assume staff management of the Pharmacy Board.
 - Proposed changes to Board Meeting dates:
March 10-12, 2004
September 22-24, 2004
November 9-10, 2004 or November 18-19, 2004
- Deputy Division Director Named: Mr. Donald Munday
- Assistant Division Director Named: Mrs. Tachunta Thomas
- Outstanding Committees to report to Board
- Criminal History for initial licensure- Choice Point

Mr. Thigpen moved to request the Attorney Generals' office render legal advice concerning the authority of the Board to require criminal background checks for license applicants and renewal applicants. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Stegall presented the Advanced Practice Committee Meeting report from the September 5, 2003 meeting. Mr. Thigpen moved to approve Toni Burnett reappointment to serve second term on the APRN Committee. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dr. Roberts-Betsch appointed Mrs. Stegall as Liaison to the Advanced Practice Committee in the event of notification of termination of Board appointment. Mrs. Stegall's involvement with this committee is essential until such time as the APRN Forum convenes.

Katrina Martin, Nurse Practice Consultant, will confer with the Rules Revision Committee concerning rule changes addressing practice hours required for Licensure needed to circumvent Reentry and review the forms utilized for the Reentry process.

VOTING

The Board elected President and Vice-President for 2004 pursuant to O.C.G.A 43-26-4(e) and 410-2-.01(4)(5) of the GBON Rules and Regulations. President-elect is Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch and Vice President-elect is Mrs. Marbury Stegall. The Cognizant Board member will be elected at the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on November 20, 2003.