

The Georgia Board of Nursing met January 14-16, 2004 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.

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
Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney, Enforcement
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement

VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)

JH	Personal Appearance
TC	Personal Appearance
MY	Personal Appearance
WD	Personal Appearance

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 20-21, 2003 Board meeting. Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 21, 2003 Teleconference. Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stegall moved, Mrs. Wessinger 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, investigative reports, and pending cases.* The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Darden, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Stegall, Mr. Thigpen, and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, January 16, 2004, 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.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Mr. Thigpen moved to suspend the following license(s) to practice as a registered professional nurse for defaulting on Licensee's student loan, and further moves this suspension will cease upon the receipt by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Registered Nurse:	License #	Registered Nurse:	License #
Kim Dietz	RN150370	Wi Hurdles	RN146058
Pamela Eberhardt	RN135242	Alisha N. Williams	RN138164
Sonja T. Lawson	RN134278	Ruth Roebuck	RN148024
Nanette G. Mann	RN152967	Tarji P. Bond	RN119652
Kelly V. Robinson	RN119889	Kamilah S. Motley	RN150812
Nicole S. Watts	RN107486	Ligiea Hagan	RN157746
Christina L. Reading	RN162141	Debra Fisher	RN095613
Kay D. Carver	RN112121	Barbara A. Williams	RN100174

REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY

Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below.

Case No.	Recommended Action
3801010161	Lift Limitations
3801980266 3801010152 3801010169	Hold- Pending new Aftercare Provider support letter.
3801960162 3801970018 3801970193	Lift Limitations

Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801020154- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020009- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Order to include three (3) months actual suspension. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010168- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's for an amended Consent Order to include recommendations from aftercare provider. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010179- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000065- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's for an amended Consent Order to be Public. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030072- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for amended Consent Order to be Public or voluntary surrender. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040274- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination as part of the application for licensure. In addition, the applicant must forward documents regarding her release from probation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801970146- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for reinstatement to include a temporary permit for re-entry, pending receipt of updated reports from self and aftercare provider. Results are to be forwarded for review by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040275- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040276- Mr. Thigpen moved to Deny Licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040277- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040278- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination as part of the application for licensure, or Treatment Records in lieu of M/P/E. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040112- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with Licensure by Examination with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030078- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for Licensure to include one (1) year of supervised practice and employer quarterly reports. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040108- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to included supervised practice for one (1) year, monthly psychiatrist reports, quarterly reports from employer and self, abstain from alcohol and drugs to include quarterly drug screens. All reports are to be forwarded to the Board office. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030028- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand to include a Board approved continued education course in Aggressive Behavior Management. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040279 - Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801960049- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking Arizona Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801970016- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Voluntary Surrender or an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded to the Board for full review. 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.

RNI040280- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Voluntary Surrender or an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded to the Board for full review within thirty (30) days of docketed date. 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.

RNI040281- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer case to Enforcement for Investigation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040282- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Enforcement to obtain statement from nurse and certified copies of documents. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040283- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Voluntary Surrender or an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Treatment Records can be forwarded in lieu of M/P/E. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040284- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

RNI040285- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

3801020144- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office to obtain documents. If documents are not received, proceed with a Public Reprimand for failure to comply, and inform nurse that license may be further sanctioned. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

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RNI030139- Mr. Thigpen moved upon receipt of documented six (6) months sobriety, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040286- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801960209- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040287- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Voluntary Surrender or an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Nursing Consultant 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.

RNI040288- 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 Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant 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.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801990028- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Wessinger opposed.

RNI040177- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

92-41/3801960105- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Consent Agreement for reinstatement, tracking legal probation, to include re-entry temporary permit. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801990014- Mrs. Stegall moved to deny request to end consent order early. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040024
RNI030024
RNI030016
RNI020307

3801020226
RNI030107
3801990126
3801020013

RNI040168
RNI040031
RNI040087
RNI040188

RNI040128
RNI030233
RNI030170

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Taylor-Love, Larry, RN156281- Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Huff, Paula, RN145767- Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INITIAL DECISION- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Edalga, Meredith Lee Spires, RN112335- Revocation of Licensure by initial decision. Decision will become Final by operation of Law.

MEMORANDUM FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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RNI030017- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Addictionologist's recommendations. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020267- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CHANGES IN CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

The Attorney General's office to draft proposed changes in suggested Consent Order language regarding ordering summary suspension due to a violation of the Consent Order. The proposed changes will be presented to the Board at a later date.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040011- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040012- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Voluntary Surrender or an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant 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.

RNI040016- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040108- - Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030023- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried.

RNI030051- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Revocation of Licensure. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030091- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand to include Continuing Education in Patient Documentation. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030129- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030286- Mrs. Wessinger moved to order the nurse to have an M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant 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.

RNI020261- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Voluntary Surrender or Revocation of licensure. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020175- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020235- Mrs. Herren 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.

3801010170- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking Legal Probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010206- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040009- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040172- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. In addition, Investigations to reconcile the LPN case with the RN case (See Documents at the LPN Board.) Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030032- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case in Investigations. In addition, attempt to contact nurse via mail, if no response, refer to the Attorney General's office for Revocation of Licensure. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

DB- The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the application for DB for licensure by examination (US) and notify her that the three (3) year period of eligibility to pass the NCLEX-RN will expire on March 31, 2004. [410-6-.01, 410-6-.02(1)] Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.

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
Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney, Enforcement
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant –Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)

VD	Personal Appearance
Lorette M. Hoover	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Joy Conger	Southwest Georgia Technical College

Dr. Roberts-Betsch opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed all members.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040290 - Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$550 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040293 - Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1000 for unauthorized practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040321 - Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting her employer to verify any leaves-of-absence due to an illness taken during February 2003 through December 2003. Upon receipt of employer's verification, Board staff may calculate fine and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040292 - Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice greater than one (1) year. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040291 - Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$625 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS- LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

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

RNI040151
RNI040199
RNI040147
RNI040140

RNI040201
RNI040200
RNI040143

RNI040150
RNI040203
RNI040146

RNI040202
RNI040204
RNI040141

LICENSURE APPROVAL

Mrs. Stegall moved, Mrs. Wessinger seconded and the Board voted to **approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of November 2003 and December 2003 who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

REQUEST TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION /INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

Mr. Thigpen moved to release the confidential application information, on the following cases, as pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k). Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040295- Release information to the Texas Board of Nursing and refer to the Attorney General's office for Revocation of licensure.

RNI040296- Release information to the attorney as requested.

RNI040294- Release information to the Georgia Real Estate Commission and refer to the Attorney General's office for Revocation of licensure.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

Southwest Georgia Technical College

The Board reviewed Report III submitted by Southwest Georgia Technical College. Mrs. Herren moved the following recommendation:

Accept Report III submitted by Southwest Georgia Technical College [410-4-.01 (3)(c)].

Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATION: REPEAT WRITERS

The Board reviewed NCSBN 45-Day Repeat Policy for NCLEX RN writers.

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for consideration of NCLEX-RN period of eligibility, three (3) year time limit for successful completion of NCLEX-RN, for Domestic versus International candidates for Licensure by Examination. In addition, refer to the Education Committee to examine NCLEX-RN Licensure time limit for First-Time writers and options for Licensure:

1. Discuss decreasing of the 91-day re-take to every 45 days.
2. Discuss the impact of decreasing the three (3) year time limit to one (1) year.
3. Discuss the impact of increased applications process for the Board of Nursing Staff.

Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Marbury Stegall, Vice-President, recused at this time, and exited the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

RNI040157- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to Legal Services for A Private Consent Order for unauthorized practice and a fine of \$1000. In addition, request Legal Services to write the nurse a letter regarding the payment variance process. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the personal appearance and Board discussion, Mrs. Stegall, returned to the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS- CONSENT ORDERS

(RNI= Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Smith, Lawana K.- Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the signed Public Consent Agreement as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040288- 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 Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Stegall presented the Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Report from the January 9, 2004 meeting. In addition, Mrs. Stegall informed the Board of the tentative plans for the APRN Forum to be held on Friday, April 2, 2004. Finalization of plans and hosting sites will be posted on the GBON web site.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

- Rules Committee
 - Pre-approval for travel
- FYI: NCSBN- New Release dated January 5, 2004
- FYI: Assisted Living Workgroup Report to the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging.
- NCSBN 2004 Mid-year Meeting to be held in Chicago, March 3-5, 2004.
- Proposed changes for 2004-2005 Renewal Period.
- FYI: Georgia General Assembly 2003-2004 Legislative Session
- Linda Herren was appointed to serve as Board Liaison to DHR.
- Other information materials were available for review.

MISCELLANEOUS

FYI: For Board's review, NCSBN-Final Report of Multi-State Licensure Compact Impact Evaluation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on March 11, 2004.