

The Georgia Board of Nursing met May 19-21, 2004 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004**

**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, BS, Compliance Manager  
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal  
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary  
Sally Hatcher, Staff Attorney, Enforcement  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Tachunta Thomas, Assistant Division Director

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Dr. Roberts-Betsch welcomed and introduced Tachunta Thomas, Assistant Division Director, to the Board meeting and Mrs. Thomas addressed the Board.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 11-12, 2004 Board Meeting. Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the minutes as amended. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 24, 2004 Teleconference and the May 4, 2004 Teleconference. Dr. Darden moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. 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) and 43-1-19 (h) 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. Herren, Mrs. Stegall, Mr. Thigpen, and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Friday, May 21, 2004, Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 5014-1-et.seq.

**CONSENT ORDERS- LEGAL SERVICES**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Dr. Darden 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.

**RNI040139      RNI040373      RNI040372**  
**RNI040374      RNI040369      RNI040375**

Dr. Darden moved to accept the Report and the Private Consent Order/Agreement as prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI040370**

**CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

The Status and Activity Report was reviewed.

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

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| <b>RNI040359</b>                                     | <b>Braswell, Beau, RN048251</b>      | <b>RNI040311</b>                   |
| <b>RNI040207</b>                                     | <b>RNI040354</b>                     | <b>David, Julie, RN133717</b>      |
| <b>RNI040317</b>                                     | <b>Erdmann, Dean, RN162718</b>       | <b>Gibson, Carolyn, RN057529</b>   |
| <b>Godwin, Betty RN072891</b>                        | <b>RNI040284</b>                     | <b>Hill, Carol, RN150949</b>       |
| <b>Huddleston, Carol, RN119221</b>                   | <b>RNI040313</b>                     | <b>Killiebrew, Marie, RN129245</b> |
| <b>Morgan, Victoria, RN133170</b>                    | <b>Morris, Elbert, RN097881</b>      | <b>Murphy, Sherry, RN133352</b>    |
| <b>Nutt, Wayne, RN03911</b>                          | <b>Odom, Jeanie, RN049515</b>        | <b>O'Neal, Sylvia, RN115792</b>    |
| <b>Paleschic, Leta, RN081296</b>                     | <b>Phillips, John, RN102324</b>      | <b>Pope, Michael, RN125643</b>     |
| <b>RNI040358</b>                                     | <b>Robinson, Steven, RN123826</b>    | <b>RNI040169</b>                   |
| <b>3801020212</b>                                    | <b>Vaughn, Kimberly, RN153992</b>    | <b>RNI040278</b>                   |
| <b>RNI040355</b>                                     | <b>Allen, Julie, RN120321</b>        | <b>Bailey, Jill, RN118065</b>      |
| <b>RNI040363</b>                                     | <b>Clements, Debra, RN089714</b>     | <b>Diaz, Connie, RN157737</b>      |
| <b>Hobby, Kerry RN135466</b>                         | <b>Hull, John, RN132204</b>          | <b>Lilly, Marvin, RN136622</b>     |
| <b>Loftin, Cynthia, RN141265</b>                     | <b>McDonald, Allison, RN136860</b>   | <b>3801010267</b>                  |
| <b>O'Shea, Peggy, RN029170</b>                       | <b>Petit, Yvonne, RN169875</b>       | <b>Pittman, Jill, RN091838</b>     |
| <b>RNI040349</b>                                     | <b>Spangler, Katherine, RN145163</b> |                                    |
| <b>RNI040364</b>                                     | <b>RNI040362</b>                     |                                    |
| <b>Barlow, June, RN075263-Voluntary Surrender</b>    |                                      |                                    |
| <b>Caine, Steven, RN137516-Voluntary Surrender</b>   |                                      |                                    |
| <b>Itkin, Jenny, RN042665- Voluntary Surrender</b>   |                                      |                                    |
| <b>Zimlich, Wayne, RN131607- Voluntary Surrender</b> |                                      |                                    |

**RNI040289-** Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the Private Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office. In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved to deny the nurse's request to work hospice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Harding, Sherrie, RN064922-** Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the signed Public Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office. In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the nurse to work at current agency. Nurse must request Board approval for another agency or employment setting. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Jones, Pauline, RN055885-** Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the signed Public Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office. In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the nurse to work current employment. Nurse must notify the Board of change in employment setting. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LaRoe, Jeffrey, RN169456-** Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the signed Public Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's office. In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the nurse to work current employment. Nurse must notify the Board of change in employment setting. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040348-** Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801940100/RNI030028-** Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020260-** Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination, to be completed within 30 days from receipt of letter. 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020245-** Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030039-** Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case upon receipt of death certificate. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030091-** Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020310-** Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination, to be completed within 30 days from receipt of letter. 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801000065-** Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030002-** Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the guidelines for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted proceed with licensure. If not warranted, deny licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS**

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**3801990122-** Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801010130-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020012-** Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case in investigations and refer to the Medical Board. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020024-** Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking legal probation and action in other jurisdiction. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020172-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020177-** Mrs. Herren moved to refer for Cognizant Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020180-** Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020197-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020208-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020221-** Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office to write a letter requesting voluntary surrender of license. If nurse does not voluntarily surrender, proceed with a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020244-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020251-** Mrs. Herren moved to close the case and alert the system. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030001-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030015-** Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall opposed.

**RNI030027-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030029-** Mrs. Herren moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030053-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030058-** Mrs. Herren 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.

**RNI030061-** Mr. Thigpen 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.

**RNI030062**- Mrs. Herren moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030064**- 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.

**RNI030090**- Mr. Herren moved to refer for expert peer review in Certified Midwife. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030094**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include voluntary surrender or Revocation of licensure. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

**RNI030144**- 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 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.

**RNI030150**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030164**- Mr. Thigpen moved to deny reinstatement and close case in investigations. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030225**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to Attorney Generals' office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030226/RNI040017**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030231**- Mrs. Herren moved to order the nurse to have 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030358**- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030362**- Mrs. Herren 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.

**RNI040001**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order, under O.C.G.A. title 16, to include three (3) months actual suspension with probation running concurrent with legal probation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040003**- Mrs. Herren 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.

**RNI040007**- Mr. Thigpen 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.

**RNI040013**- Mrs. Herren moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040014**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer for Cognizant review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040018**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer for Cognizant review of the Investigative report. Results are to be forwarded for Full Board review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040089**- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040096**- Mrs. Herren 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.

**RNI040097**- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have 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.

**RNI040101**- Mrs. Herren moved to return case to Investigations to contact agency to verify employment. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040107**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040158**- Mrs. Herren moved to hold renewal and order the nurse to have 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040162**- Mr. Thigpen moved to hold renewal and order the nurse to have an Expedited Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination, to be completed within 14 days of receipt of Order. 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.

**RNI040163**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand to include a Board approved continuing education course on Medical Ethics and Scope of Practice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040171**- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040173**- Mrs. Herren 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, six (6) months sobriety and no legal convictions for one (1) year. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040206**- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040210**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for 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. After results are received, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order, concerning unprofessional conduct and abandonment, utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040289**- 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040297**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer for expert peer review. Results are to be forwarded for Full Board review. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040300**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040303**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer for Cognizant review. Results are to be forwarded for Full Board review. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040304**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer for Cognizant review. Results are to be forwarded for Full Board review. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Roberts-Betsch adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2004**

#### **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  
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Sally Hatcher, Staff Attorney, Enforcement  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathleen O'Neal, Director of Administrative Procedure  
Tachunta Thomas, Assistant Division Director

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

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| TM | Personal Appearance |
| HO | Personal Appearance |

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.



**3801000093**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension until completion of the required Board approved nursing education course as outlined in the previous Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020315/RNI030024**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801980090/3801010187/RNI030030**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801010239**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include three (3) months suspension and a fine of \$500 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801970005/3801010084**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020068**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801000134**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to extend probation for one (1) year or voluntary surrender. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801930004/3801000018**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for revocation of license and alert the system. In addition, Mrs. Herren moved to write a letter to notify the Medical Board of GBON action. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801960084/3801970240/3801000210/3801020078**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801010139**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020194**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order extending probation for one (1) year. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030120**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to extend probation for one (1) year, no agency work or supervisory work/position, until the Board approves such work. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030111**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to extend probation with narcotic restrictions for one (1) year. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801010257**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. 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.

**3801000147**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801990048**- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter regarding missing reports and forward copies to employer and aftercare provider. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801000009**- Mrs. Herren moved to write the nurse a letter approving nurse to work with the current agency at the current Dialysis Center. The Board must approve change of employment with agency. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTION**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**3801000009**- Mr. Thigpen moved to lift narcotic restrictions. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF ORDER FOR MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI030355**- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse may petition to lift suspension upon Board receipt of Fitness for Duty report from primary care physician. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020157**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse must complete Mental Physical Examination prior to lifting suspension. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040195**- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse must complete Mental Physical Examination prior to lifting suspension. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040085**- - Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse must complete Mental Physical Examination prior to lifting suspension. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040170**- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter to inform nurse the Mental Physical Examination is incomplete and forward a copy of the order to the physician. The completed M/P/E must be received in the Board office within 30 days. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI030041**- Mrs. Herren moved to deny application for licensure. The nurse may re-apply upon receipt of evidence verifying completion of legal probation and documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program to include six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040402**- Mr. Thigpen moved to hold application pending receipt of documentation verifying completion of probation. Documents are to be forwarded for Full Board Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040403**- Mrs. Stegall moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern upon receipt of evidence verifying completion of legal probation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040404**- Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern upon receipt of evidence verifying completion of Domestic Violence course. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040405**- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Roberts-Betsch abstaining.

## **REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI030070**- Mrs. Herren moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the guidelines for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. If warranted, proceed with licensure by reinstatement. If not warranted, deny licensure. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI157577**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Public Reprimand and a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose information on 2001 application. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040407**- Mrs. Herren moved to write the nurse a letter requesting additional information disclosing prior arrest. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040408**- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Roberts-Betsch abstaining.

**3801020276**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement for reinstatement to include substance abuse stipulations. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Roberts-Betsch abstaining.

**3801980159**- Mrs. Herren moved to deny reinstatement and to write the nurse a letter with a copy of the Initial and Final decision with reference to pages 16 and 17. Nurse may reapply once requirements are fulfilled. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040409**- Mr. Thigpen moved to deny. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040410**- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040411**- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting additional information disclosing prior arrest and 10-year work history. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. If warranted, proceed with licensure by endorsement. If not warranted, forward for Full Board review. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040412**- Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040413**- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040414**- Mrs. Herren moved to deny. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040415**- Mr. Thigpen moved to deny. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040416**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement for licensure by endorsement, tracking the Consent Order of the LPN Board. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **RESTORATION OF LICENSURE**

**3801000087/3801020136**- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter referencing stipulation #2 of her Consent Order, requesting she forward documents 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 lifting suspension and commencing probation. If not warranted, refer for Full Board review. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020010**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order lifting suspension. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801980154/3801000289/3801010185**- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting a current M/P/E utilizing the guidelines for Mental Physical Examination to include documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. If warranted, proceed with licensure. If not warranted. Deny licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040336**- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with licensure with a letter of concern. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040335**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement to include four (4) years probation, employer reports, self-reports, therapist reports, and Impulse Management counseling. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion with three (3) members approved. Three (3) members opposed; Dr. Darden, Mr. Thigpen and Mrs. Wessinger. The vote being three (3) to license and three (3) to deny licensure, Mrs. Wessinger made a second motion to deny licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion. Mrs. Herren and Mrs. Stegall were opposed with Dr. Roberts-Betsch recused at this time. The motion to Deny passed with a majority vote of three (3) to two (2).

### **ACTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040417**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040418**- Mr. Thigpen 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.

### **RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASES**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040351**- Mrs. Herren moved to rescind the previous motion from the March 10-12, 2004 Board meeting. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

**Huff, Yvonne, RN067044-** Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Pittman, Pamela, RN098168-** Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Long, Linda, RN106804-** Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Kidd, Janice, RN144757-** Mrs. Herren moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS- COMPLAINT REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040420-** Mr. Thigpen moved for direct referral to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040422-** Mrs. Herren moved to write a letter informing the complainant that the Georgia Board of Nursing does not have jurisdiction over lay-Midwives and forward a copy to the Medical Board. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS- RENEWAL**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040421-** Mrs. Stegall moved to hold the 2005 Renewal and order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results to 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801960211-** Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040423-** Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS/ FELONY CONVICTION**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040424-** Mrs. Herren moved to refer to Investigations to obtain certified copies of conviction. Upon receipt of documents, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent order to include indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS/ DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**3801010002-** Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter, with a copy to physician, informing the nurse to comply with Consent Order and continue probation or voluntarily surrender license. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020019-** Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Public Reprimand for inadequate documentation, failure to obtain adequate informed consent, and attend a Board approved continuing education course in Documentation and Informed Consent. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Herren abstaining.

**RNI030285**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension with substance abuse stipulations. The nurse may petition for lifting of suspension after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS/ REQUEST TO RELEASE INVESTIGATIVE FILE**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI020257**- Mr. Thigpen moved to release the administrative complaint as requested by the Florida Board of Nursing. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION INFORMATION**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040427**- Mr. Thigpen moved to release the confidential application information as pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k). Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040401**- Mr. Thigpen moved to grant variance for testing due to the Testing Center error and refer to the Attorney General's office to prepare waiver. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040425**- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to Legal Services office for a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed and unauthorized practice. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040426**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services office for a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**88-171**- Mr. Thigpen moved to request copy of IPN contract from Florida and 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040430**- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting documents regarding her release from probation. Upon receipt of documents, close the case with a letter of concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040431**- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Investigations to obtain court documents. Documents are to be forwarded for Full Board Review. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040083**- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have 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.

## **COGNIZANT REVIEW FROM MARCH BOARD MEETING**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI020258-** Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand for charting medication before actually given and complete a Board approved continuing education course in Medication Administration. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030196-** Mrs. Stegall moved to order the nurse to have an outpatient M/P/E for Psychosexual dysfunction, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded for Full Board Review. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020259-** Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **DISCIPLINARY RENEWAL 2003-2005**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the Report and Recommendations as prepared by the Cognizant Board Member. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**RNI040428-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040429-** 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 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. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dr. Roberts-Betsch adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

## **FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2004**

### **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, BS, Compliance Manager  
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal  
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education  
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary

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

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| Dr. Charlotte R. Price | Augusta State University |
| Dr. Linda Amankwa      | Albany State University  |
| Dr. Linda Grimsley     | Albany State University  |
| Mrs. Annette Smith     | Albany State University  |
| Miriam Johnson Worthy  | Albany State University  |
| Dr. Joyce Johnson      | Albany State University  |

Dr. Roberts-Betsch opened the meeting at 9:12 a.m., welcomed all members, and proceeded with public voting.

**INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS**

**KC-** The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Stegall moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for licensure by examination, she must enroll in, and graduate from an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse, which meets criteria similar to and no less stringent than those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1),(2)] Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HN-** The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mr. Thigpen moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for licensure by examination:

1. She must resubmit her application for licensure by examination with the required fee; [410-6-.02 (1)(b)].
2. She must enroll in and pass complete courses (classroom and clinical components) in maternal/infant nursing and psychiatric nursing. These courses must occur at a approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the educational institution must submit an official transcript documenting the passing of these courses directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)(c)]

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**DEVELOPING PROGRAMS**

**Floyd College**

The Board reviewed the April 19, 2004 letter from Dr. Randy Pierce, President, Floyd College expressing interest, in the future, for the development a BSN completion program.

**SITE VISIT REPORTS**

**Augusta State University**

The Board reviewed Augusta State University's February 19-20, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the nine (9) commendations and two (2) recommendations. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

**Albany State University**

The Board reviewed Albany State University's March 17-18, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the eight (8) commendations and seven (7) recommendations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

## **SITE VISIT RESPONSES**

### **Southwest Georgia Technical College**

At the March 11-12, 2004 meeting, the Board reviewed the January 26-27, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Stegall moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the responses to recommendations (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) submitted by Southwest Georgia Technical College. [410-3-.03 (3)]
2. Clarify the title of the faculty member responsible for the AD Program and submit the current job description. [410-3-.03 (3)]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **NCLEX PLAN OF ACTION**

### **Georgia Southern University**

At the March 11-12, 2004 meeting, the Board reviewed the approval status of the baccalaureate nursing program at Georgia Southern University. The written evaluation of the 2003 plan of action was received in the office on April 21, 2004. As with the 2003 report, this report is thorough and well done. Mr. Thigpen moved the following recommendation:

Accept Georgia Southern University's response to the Board of Nursing March 11-12, 2004 recommendation with commendations to the Chairman and faculty members for the quality of the report. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Middle Georgia College**

At the March 11-12, 2004 meeting, the Board reviewed the approval status of the associate-nursing program at Middle Georgia College. Depending upon the 2004 NCLEX results, a site visit may need to be conducted. Mr. Thigpen moved the following recommendation:

Accept the written evaluation of the 2003 plan of action submitted by middle Georgia College. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)(2); 410-3-.10 (2)(b)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Valdosta State University**

Mr. Thigpen recused himself at 10:42 a.m.

At the March 11-12, 2004 meeting, the Board reviewed the report concerning the performance of graduates on the NCLEX-RN in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. The plan of action was received in the Board office on April 19, 2004 and it would appear to be appropriate. For the first quarter of 2004, 15/21 (71.4%) of first-time writers have passed.] Board representatives conducted a site visit on April 26-27, 2004. The Site Visit report will be reviewed at the Board's July 14-16, 2004 meeting. Dr. Darden moved the following recommendation:

Accept the plan of action submitted by Valdosta State University. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)(1); 410-3-.10 (2)(b)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen returned to the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Education Committee**

The Board reviewed the Education Committee members' roster with prospective updates for the 2004-2007 tenure. Mrs. Stegall moved to appoint the following persons to the Education Committee for 2004-2007:

Dr. June Goyne, RN, Ed.D, Columbus State  
Dr. Joyce Johnson, RN, PhD, Albany State University  
Ms. Cheryl Miller, RN, MSN, Northwest Technical College  
Dr. Charlotte Price, RN, Ed.D, Augusta State  
Ms. Debbie Ryan, RN, MN, Emory University

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stegall moved to extend the tenure to 2000-2006 for the following Committee members:

Jean Bartels, RN, PhD, Georgia Southern University  
Kathryn Grams, RN, PhD, State University of West Georgia

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board requested Julia Gould, Nursing Education Consultant (Staff Liaison), to contact Martha McGill at the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, to ask if she would be willing to be appointed to the Education Committee. Ms. Gould will report to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

## **LICENSURE APPROVAL**

Dr. Darden moved, Mrs. Stegall seconded and the Board voted to **Approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of March 2004 and April 2004 which were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- APRN Forum was a success with positive feedback.
- CNSs-Position Statement: The Board discussed APRNs Scope of Practice as a Licensed Independent Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and, authorized titles in the State of Georgia. [To be posted on the Board website.]

Mrs. Stegall moved the Georgia Board of Nursing affirms its previous findings, with which the office of Regulatory Services of DHR concurred in a letter in 2000, that Advanced Practice Nurses (APRNs) are considered Licensed Independent Practitioners to the extent that the APRNs are operating within their scope of practice and using protocol agreements when medical acts that have been delegated are involved. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved the Georgia Board of Nursing affirm the following findings regarding Advanced Practice Nursing:

Only RNs authorized by the Board can use the titles Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, CNM, CRNA, Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist/Psych-Mental Health.

Clinical Nurse Specialists in specialties other than Psych-Mental Health may use the title Clinical Nurse Specialist (e.g. Clinical Nurse Specialist, Med-Surg Nursing), but may not use the title APRN. The Clinical Nurse Specialists in specialties other than Pscyh-Mental Health are not required to have authorization beyond RN license for practice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Rules Revision-APRNs: Mrs. Stegall will forward a draft to Katrina Martin.
- Division of Mental Health-Certified Medication Aides: The Board reviewed an email from the Attorney General's office, from Mrs. Kathy Brooks, regarding Delegation to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel, O.C.G.A. T. 43, Chp 26.

Mrs. Stegall moved to write a letter to Ms. Brooks advising her the Board of Nursing does not have jurisdiction over Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAPs). In regulating RNs, the Board refers to the written advice from the Attorney General's office and the Attorney General's Opinion (May 20, 1998). Per the opinion and advice, a nurse "delegating" medication administration to UAPs would be subject to sanction(s) for inappropriate delegation. See attached. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- The Board reviewed and approved a draft letter to the APRNs Certifying Organizations concerning the Board process for initial authorization for advanced practice. See attached.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

- South Carolina Board of Nursing- Electronic Verifications
- NCSBN: New publication- "*Leader to Leader: Nursing Regulation and Education Together.*"
- Rules with updates are posted on the website, [www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us).
- Reviewed letter from American Society of Anesthesiologists- *Joint Statement regarding Propofol Administration.*
- Renewal Newsletter for 2005 Renewal Period.
- By consensus of the Board, Delegates for NCSBN Annual Meeting in Kansas City, KS: Dr. Joan Darden and Mr. Scott Thigpen.
- Board will meet for three (3) day sessions as posted to conduct business until further notice.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Ms. Herren to draft three (3) letters of request(s) by the Board to SOS, for Board review.

Mrs. Herren moved to write a letter to the SOS requesting funding for GBON Committee Meetings to conduct business. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to write a letter to the SOS requesting funding for the Executive Director of Nursing and two (2) delegates to attend the Annual NCSBN Meeting. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stegall moved to write a letter to the SOS requesting an investigator with an RN License. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch, President and Mrs. Marbury Stegall, Vice-President of the Board, resigned from their positions as Board officers effective at the conclusion of today's Board business. The Board would like to express their sincere appreciation for their many years of dedicated service as members of the Georgia Board of Nursing.

### **VOTING**

The Board elected President and Vice-President for 2004-2005 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. Joan Darden and Vice President-elect is Mrs. Karen Wessinger by consensus of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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Joan Darden, RN, PhD, President

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Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on July 15, 2004.