

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 9-11, 2005 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 102 and 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, BS, Compliance Manager
Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

At this time, Mrs. Wessinger welcomed the new Board Members, Kellie Lockwood and Susan Ayers. Since Dr. Darden, President, was replaced on the Board, an **Election of Officers** was held. Mrs. Easterly moved that Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, be elected as President. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Thigpen moved that Karen Wessinger, BSHE, remain as Vice-President. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 12-14, 2005 Board Minutes. Dr. Barnett moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Easterly moved, Dr. Barnett 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: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Lockwood, Mr. Thigpen and Mrs. Wessinger.

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CONSENT ORDERS- LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI= Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following Private Consent Orders prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050215
RNI050074
RNI050113

RNI050173
RNI050175
RNI050212

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI030176 - Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030307 - Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030123 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer the investigative case and documents to the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and to the Department of Human Resources for a home health agency investigation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030190 – Dr. Barnett moved to order the RN to have an Outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. 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 the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030193 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include the following: (1) three months actual suspension, (2) four years probation to include substance abuse stipulations and narcotic restrictions, and (3) must submit aftercare reports. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030288 – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040023 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations and narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040082 – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040084 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender. If RN does not surrender license, the Board moves to order RN to have an Outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. 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 the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040103 - Mrs. Wessinger moved to order RN to have an Outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. 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 the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040213 - Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Katherine M. Jernigan, RN097635 – Dr. Barnett moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040299 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040324 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include a private reprimand for practicing outside the RN's scope of practice. In addition, the

Board moved to refer case to the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Phyllis B. Patch, RN053432 - Dr. Barnett moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender and alert the system. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040437 – Mrs. Easterly moved to send RN a Letter of Concern referencing professional behavior. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050028 – Dr. Barnett 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.

RNI050044 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case after referring office file to the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050045 – Dr. Barnett moved to hand-serve RN an order to have an Outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. 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 the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050049 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer case to the Cognizant Board Member for review. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050109 – Dr. Barnett moved to hand-serve RN an order to have an Outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. 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 the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050111 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040325 – Mrs. Easterly moved to order the RN to have an Outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. 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 the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

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M.P. (Applicant No. 948598) - Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$1,000 fine for unauthorized practice for over a year. In addition, a temporary authorization may be issued to applicant. Mr. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

L.H. (Applicant No. 830627) - Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$1,000 fine for unlicensed practice for over a year. In addition, a temporary permit may be issued to applicant. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

S.M. (Applicant No. 632265) - Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$1,000 fine for unlicensed practice for over a year. In addition, a temporary permit may be issued to applicant. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J.B. (Applicant No. 550752) – Mrs. Keeton moved to notify applicant that she must complete a re-entry program since she does not meet the practice requirements. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M.C. (Applicant No. 572130) – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$100.00 fine for unauthorized practice. In addition, a temporary permit will be issued. The Board did agree to issue a temporary authorization. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

S.H.M. (Applicant No. 607864) - Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$1,000 fine for unlicensed practice. If RN does not agree with the Private Consent Order, she must complete a re-entry program. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J.L. (Applicant No. 620201) – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$625.00 fine for unauthorized practice. In addition, the Board approved the issuance of a temporary permit. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K.D. (Applicant No. 581316) – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$50.00 fine for unlicensed practice from February 2005 through March 2005. In addition, the Board agreed to issue a temporary permit. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At this time, the Board reviewed the application process as it relates to chain of command. The Board has advised the staff to use date of receipt by our Accounting Department as the date to determine the calculation of fines as it relates to unlicensed/unauthorized practice.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Mr. Thigpen 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: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, and Mrs. Lockwood.

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INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

A.D. (Applicant No. 923527) – The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Easterly moved that in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, he must request his high school send verification of a high school diploma in English to the Board of Nursing or request the General Education Department (GED) to send verification of a high school equivalency to the Board of Nursing. [410-3-.07(2)] He must also request the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send documentation of a computer based result of at least 207 directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (2)(d)(2)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

F.Y.H. (Applicant No. 829446) - The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mr. Thigpen moved to notify applicant that the three-year period of eligibility, during which time she must have passed the NCLEX-RN, has expired. In order to re-establish her eligibility as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in and graduate from, an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse. The program must meet criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.01 and 410-6-.02] Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Mrs. Easterly moved, Mrs. Keeton seconded and the Board voted to **approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of November and December 2004 and January and February 2005 who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APRN Committee Report:

- **Report on Medical Practice Act Review of Nurse Practitioners** – Dr. Barnett reported on the meeting that took place on February 3, 2005 to discuss the Medical Practice Act, primarily O.C.G.A. 43-34-26.1. A representative from the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners will be contacting Dr. Barnett to discuss the changes.
- **Reappointment of Kay Argroves to the APRN Committee** – Dr. Barnett moved to accept the reappointment of Kay Argroves to the APRN Committee. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Multi-State Compact Report:

- A review of the presentation that took place on January 27, 2005 in Atlanta hosted by the Association of Occupational Health Nurses was presented. Each Board Member received a copy of the notes. Mrs. Easterly will be working with Mrs. Bond and Ms. Jackson to determine if this can be presented to the legislature in January.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Dr. Barnett 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: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Lockwood, and Mr. Thigpen.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

- Announcement of NCSBN National Study ref: Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialist;
- Presented an overview of the NCSBN Rewards Program. The state will agree to send one person to the Annual Conference; and

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005

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Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement
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Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Possible Violation of Consent Order

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3801010123 - Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Amended Consent Order to include the following: (1) one year suspension for violation of Consent Order. After one year of documented sobriety, the nurse may petition for restoration of license, (2) a fine of \$500.00 and (3) four years of probation. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030111 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include voluntary surrender or revocation of license. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020075 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Amended Consent Order to include the following: (1) one year suspension for violation of Consent Order. After one year of documented sobriety, the nurse may petition for restoration of license, (2) a fine of \$500.00 and (3) four years of probation. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

88-53/87-184/3801970148/RNI050046 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include voluntary surrender or revocation of license. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Possible Violation of Mental/Physical Evaluation

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RNI030309 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Indefinite Suspension. In addition, the RN must complete an Outpatient MPE utilizing guidelines for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. Also, the Georgia Board of Nursing will send notification to the California Board of Nursing of this action since the RN is currently working in that state. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX Application Review

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

J.F.B. (Applicant No. 945161) - Mrs. Ayers moved to proceed with licensure with letter of concern referencing alcohol. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Endorsement

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

P.A.H. (Applicant No. 948714) – Mrs. Easterly moved to proceed with licensure with letter of concern referencing alcohol. In addition, the Board staff will place an alert on the system. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K.R. (Applicant No. 931723) – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement to include a \$500.00 fine for falsification of application. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

L.M. (Applicant No. 951572) - Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Reinstatement

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI050236 – Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure to include tracking action taken in Virginia and narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

P.J. (Applicant No. 612874) – Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with reinstatement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000281 – Mr. Thigpen moved to request applicant be scheduled for a personal appearance. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Restoration of License

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

3801990037 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include lifting suspension and to restore probation based on the terms of the Consent Order. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

91-149/3801950093/RNI030163 – Mrs. Easterly moved to deny applicants request for restoration of license. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Mrs. Easterly 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: Mrs. Ayers, Dr. Barnett, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Lockwood, and Mr. Thigpen.

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Direct Referral

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RNI050264 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include drug restrictions and a fine of \$500.00. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050265 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation, narcotic restrictions and substance abuse stipulations. In addition, RN must report any convictions to the Board Office. Also, the Georgia Board of Nursing retains the right to issue further sanctions based on the DEA investigation. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion with Dr. Barnett abstaining.

RNI050266 - Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations and narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050267 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation with narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E.H. (Applicant No. 612200) – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050268 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations and narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050290 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mental/Physical Evaluation Review

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040421 - Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern ref: Alcohol and Professional Behavior. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020200 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030191 - Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and a fine of \$500.00. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030001 – Mrs. Easterly moved to send a letter to the RN and physician informing them that the MPE was incomplete. The Board is requesting that they send in the additional items (question six through nine) as soon as possible or face violation of MPE. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040078 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Enforcement for final disposition of criminal charges. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040288 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution of Prior Presented Cases

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RNI050203 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern ref: Alcohol and to place an alert on the system. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050039 – Mrs. Keeton moved to order nurse to have an outpatient MPE utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Evaluation. 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 the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Complaint Review

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

J.B. (Applicant No. 583083) – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to investigations requesting a statement from the RN and a copy of charting notes. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Barnett abstaining.

L.P. (Applicant No. 649610) – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern ref: Inappropriate and Unprofessional Behavior. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050328 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Voluntary Surrender

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI050178 – Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender pending receipt of the original document. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Renewal

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A.C. (Applicant No. 570078) – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case with a Letter of Case ref: Substandard Care. In addition, RN must submit a written letter from the Alabama Board of Nursing showing completion of her Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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RNI050154 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern ref: Alcohol. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050012 – Mr. Thigpen moved to allow the RN to complete a new Reinstatement Application but to hold final decision until the Board office receives final court documents. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050214 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Private Hearing or Consent Order to include re-entry and a reprimand for holding herself out as an RN by the signing of RN beside her name which is illegal per O.C.G.A. § 43-26-6 and 43-26-10(4). Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050019 – Mrs. Keeton moved to rescind initial decision regarding the issuance of a Consent Order for Unlicensed Practice. Instead, Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure with Letter of Concern ref: Unlicensed Practice. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Renewal

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RNI050285 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include three months suspension and four years probation tracking the legal probation. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050287 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include three months suspension and four years probation tracking the legal probation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050327 – Mr. Thigpen moved to send the RN a letter requesting that he agree to release his treatment records and he send the Board certified copies of the police reports. Once the Board receives this information, a decision will be made. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050283 – Dr. Barnett moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient MPE 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 the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050284 – Dr. Barnett moved to order nurse to have an Outpatient MPE 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 the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050291 - Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations and narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous/ Disciplinary Matters

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801020070 - Mr. Thigpen moved to send letter to RN authorizing her to work at Protamedic. In addition, the Board office will accept Aftercare/Employer Reports signed by a LPN. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040437 – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern ref: Professional Behavior. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

P.E. (Applicant No. 583470) – Mr. Thigpen moved to rescind the previous motion from the November 9-10, 2004 Board Meeting upon the recommendation from the U.S. Department of Justice. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, BS, Compliance Manager
Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS PRESENT

Chyrileen Kilcrease	Georgia College & State University (student)
Loretta M. Hoover	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Joy Conger	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Annie McElroy	Southwest Georgia Technical College
Tracey Jensen	Georgia College & State University
Pat Brown	Gordon College
Pattie Clark	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Kathy Ray	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Jeannie Rigdon	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Becky Arnold	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Wanda Golden	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Patricia Barber	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Tami Dennis	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Caroline Helms	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

APPROVAL OF AANA-ASA JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOFUL ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the AANA-ASA Joint Statement Regarding Propofol Administration as a Board Policy Statement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Dr. Barnett 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: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Lockwood and Mr. Thigpen.

At the conclusion of the **Executive Session** the Board returned to **Open Session** to vote on the matters discussed in Executive Session and to conduct other Board business pursuant to the *Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq*

Possible Violation of Consent Order
(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

3801000292 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include an additional year of probation since RN violated the terms of her Consent Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Case No.	Recommended Action
RNI030160/RNI030110	Deny request to Lift Limitations.
RNI030187	Deny request to Lift Limitations.
3801020226	Lift Limitations.
3801010168	Lift Limitations.
RNI030217	Lift Limitations.

Miscellaneous/ Disciplinary Matters

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI030186 – Mrs. Ayers moved to send RN a letter recommending that he stay current in ACLS. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board reviewed the following:

- Results of Education Committee Survey – January 28, 2005. This survey was developed at the request of the Board in reference to the Development of New Generic RN Programs. Based on the results of this survey, Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the following recommendations:
 - Due to the faculty shortage, the challenges of securing clinical placements, and budgetary issues, the Board directs its Education Committee to review the process for the development and implementation of new generic nursing education programs. Particular emphasis should be focused on the feasibility study, availability of qualified faculty members, budgetary issues and the securing of appropriate clinical placements to meet the learning needs of students.
 - In order for this change to be completed and reviewed by the Board, any applications for new generic programs will not be processed or reviewed for a nine month period from March 11, 2005 through January 1, 2006. In order to incorporate any recommended changes, the process may include new guidelines to include re-applying.

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT REPORTS

Gordon College

The Board reviewed Gordon College's January 25-26, 2005 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the fourteen (14) commendations and one (1) recommendation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

The Board reviewed Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's February 7-8, 2005 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following:

1. Over the last four (4) years (2001-2004), 90% (208/231) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers have passed. [410-3-.08]
2. A proposal for compliance with the 1:20 faculty/student ratio was provided at the conclusion of the visit. Verification of the appointment of New Faculty A and B must be provided when appropriate. [410-3-.03 (6); 410-3-.05]
3. Review test items for conformity with prevailing standards of test construction and incorporation of nursing decision-making. [410-3-.04(4)]
4. Upon completion of the post-master's certificate course in mental health/psychiatric nursing at Valdosta State University, the Registrar must send an official transcript to the Board office for each faculty member. [410-3-.05(9)]
5. Provide a complete list of preceptors with RN/advanced practice numbers, staff titles, and practice settings. [410-3-.06]
6. Submit the final admissions policy statement for generic students. [410-3-.07(2)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Georgia Southern University

At the January 12-14, 2005 meeting, the Board reviewed Georgia Southern University's September 15-16, 2004 Site Visit Report. The responses to the recommendations were received on February 10, 2005 and reviewed by the Board during this Board Meeting. Mrs. Herren moved that based upon documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, responses to the site visit report and a passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (230/276, 83.3%) of all first-time writers on the licensing examination over the four (4) most recent calendar years (2001-2004), Full Approval is extended until December 31, 2009. [410-3-.02(3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2008-09 academic year. [410-3-.01(d)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dalton State College

At the January 12-14, 2005 Board Meeting, the Board reviewed Dalton State College's October 28-29, 2004 Site Visit Report. The responses to the recommendations were received on February 18, 2005 and reviewed by the Board during this Board Meeting. Mr. Thigpen moved that based upon documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, responses to the site visit report and a passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (147/170, 86.4%) of all first-time writers on the licensing examination over the four (4) most recent calendar years (2001-2004), Full Approval is extended until December 31, 2009. [410-3-.02(3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2008-09 academic year. [410-3-.01(d)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Southwest Georgia Technical College

At the January 12-14, 2005 Board Meeting, the Board reviewed Southwest Georgia Technical College's November 15-16, 2004 Site Visit Report. The responses were received on February 24, 2005 and reviewed by the Board during this Board Meeting. Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the following:

1. Accept responses to Site Visit recommendations (1), (2), and (5). [410-3-.10(2)(b)].

2. Provide written clarification of the direct and indirect contact hours for each faculty member consistent with the Department of Technical and Adult Education Policy Instructional Staff Work Assignments Policy. A breakdown of the direct and indirect activities must be provided. [410-3-.05(13)]
3. Provide the plan for the recruitment and appointment of two full-time faculty members in addition to the Program Director. [410-3-.05]
4. The responses to recommendations (2) and (3) must be received in the Board Office no later than April 15, 2005 for review at the May 18-20, 2005 Board Meeting. [410-3-.10(2)(b)]

Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

University of West Georgia – Development of Newnan Satellite Program

The Board of Nursing reviewed information submitted by the University of West Georgia for the development of a satellite program in Newnan, Georgia. Mrs. Lockwood moved to approve the development and implementation of the University of West Georgia's satellite campus in Newnan. [410-3-.10(2)(c)] Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Mrs. Ayers 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. Barnett, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Lockwood and Mr. Thigpen.

At the conclusion of the **Executive Session** the Board returned to **Open Session** to vote on the matters discussed in Executive Session and to conduct other Board business pursuant to the *Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq*

Miscellaneous/ Disciplinary Matters

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

R.S.K.U. (Applicant No. 676384) – Dr. Barnett moved to send this nurse a letter asking that she explain her use of the title RN, especially since she has a lapsed license. The Board request that we refer her to O.C.G.A. § 43-26-6 and 43-26-10(4). Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050224 - Mr. Thigpen moved to order nurse to have an outpatient MPE 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. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Barnett abstaining.

RNI050187 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender pending receipt of original document. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040407 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Investigations in order to obtain all documents/investigations files from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and any other state in which RN is licensed. Mrs. Easterly 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. Keeton 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. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Carolyn Burdge, RN118188
Linda Croft, RN126862
Tammy Soma, RN066987
Alan Wilkins, RN116624

Christy Burrell, RN146433
Sandra Kennedy, RN107252
Tina Walton-Groom, RN090012

RNI040105 – Mrs Keeton moved to accept the Private Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rose, Martin, RN085780 – Dr. Barnett moved to accept Consent Agreement for Re-Entry as prepared by the Attorney General's Office. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Shauver, Belinda C. RN162674 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's Office. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020246 - Mrs Wessinger moved to accept the Private Consent Order as prepared by the Attorney General's Office. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030093 – Dr. Barnett moved not to accept this Amended Consent Order as presented. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050319 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order nurse to have an outpatient MPE 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.

3801010120 – Dr. Barnett moved to direct the Attorney General's office to file a motion of dismissal without prejudice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020264 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office and continue monitoring probation. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020313 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case and alert the system. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030046 – Mrs. Ayers moved to order nurse to have an outpatient MPE 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.

RNI040312 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050292 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer case to Investigations to obtain certified documentation of the drug diversion. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040207 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to continue monitoring RN under the Private Consent Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050009 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office and alert the system. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, Vice-President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant, and approved on May 18, 2005.