

The Georgia Board of Nursing met December 10, 2008 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President
Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, MPH
Julie C Smith, BA, Consumer Member
Linda W Smith, RN, MSN
Dr. Janice Flynn, DSN, RN, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, Executive Director
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Julia Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant, Education
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Karen Wessinger, BSHE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Ayers moved to elect Mrs. Keeton as the President for the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lockwood moved to elect Mr. Thigpen as the Vice President for the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NOMINATION OF APRN REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MEDICAL BOARD

Mrs. Lockwood moved to nominate Dr. Toni Barnett as the Advanced Practiced Registered Nurse (APRN) representative to the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXCELSIOR COLLEGE STATUS MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE SHARON COOPER ON NOVEMBER 21, 2008 UPDATE

- Linda Herren gave an overview of the meeting requested by Rep. Sharon Cooper on November 21, 2008, with Board members, Board staff and 20 deans & directors from area colleges/universities.
- A discussion took place to address the issue of making provisions for students of Excelsior College who were affected by the law passed July 1, 2008.
- The group discussed allowing students to be granted a petition waiver or variance in order for them to be considered for RN licensure by Endorsement on a case by case basis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Anderson 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, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Smith, Ms. J Smith and Mrs. Ayers.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 Mrs. Keeton declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090124 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement with Mrs. Bond, Executive Director, to be signed with express permission. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030047 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to have a Board Review of Initial Decision at the January 15, 2009 Board Meeting. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS – ADRIENNE PRICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080625 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement with Mrs. Bond, Executive Director, to be signed with express permission. Mrs. L. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090104 – Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement with Mrs. Bond, Executive Director, to be signed with express permission. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. J. Smith left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the September 17-18, 2008 Board meeting minutes with noted corrections. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INTERPRETATION & DISCUSSION OF VANDERBILT GRADUATES – KATRINA MARTIN

Mrs. Lockwood moved to send a letter to the Dean of Nursing at Vanderbilt University regarding O.C.G.A. §43-26-7, requirements for licensure as a registered professional nurse in Georgia. Mrs. L. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board scheduled a conference call for Friday, December 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Delynn Keeton, *President*

Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved January 15, 2009.