

The Georgia Board of Nursing met December 19, 2008 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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
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

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ORIENTATION – JANET JACKSON

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, gave an orientation – statutory summary on the following:

- Open Meetings Act
- Reasons to close a Board meeting
- Code of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest
- Recusal by Board Member

UPDATE ON EXCELSIOR'S STATUS

Mrs. Anderson moved that due to the impact of the statutory change, effective July 1, 2008, upon applicants for licensure by endorsement, the Board determined that applicants for licensure for endorsement under O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7 (c) may petition the Board, on a case by case basis, to grant a rule waiver or variance pertaining to the applicant's nursing education under the following criteria:

- Applicant must have been actively enrolled in a nursing program on July 1, 2008.
- Applicant must have completed all program requirements and successfully graduated from the program by July 1, 2010.
- Applicant must hold a valid license from another state or jurisdiction as required for licensure by endorsement and have applied for endorsement in Georgia by December 31, 2010.
- Applicant must comply with procedure for rule waiver/variance as provided by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-9.1.

Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Flynn abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Friday, December 19, 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.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION – ADRIENNE PRICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090254 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. 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. L. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Thigpen moved to elect Mary Anderson as Disciplinary Cognizant Board Member. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Delynn Keeton, *President*

Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

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