

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 16, 2009 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President
Linda W. Smith, RN, MSN
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Kelly Lockwood, RN, MSN
Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, MPH
Rebecca Sullivan, JD, Consumer Member

MEMBER ABSENT

Janice Flynn, DSN, RN, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, Executive Director
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Renea Gray, Administrative Assistant
Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

After some discussion, it was determined from a legal standpoint that since Ms. Sullivan had not been sworn in as a member of the Board that she would abstain from voting on any of the matters brought before the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thigpen moved and Ms. Smith 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 Rules Waivers and Variances, 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: Ms. Smith, Mr. Thigpen, Ms. Ayers, Ms. Anderson and Ms. Lockwood.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Monday, March 16, 2009, Ms. Keeton declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open Meetings Act O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq.

PETITION WAIVERS AND VARIANCES DISCUSSED

West, Charmane, Applicant #1180130 - Mr. Thigpen moved to grant the petition rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Arrowood, Laura, Applicant #1176034 - Ms. Linda Smith moved to grant the petition for rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Westbrook, Elizabeth, Applicant #1180400 - Ms. Lockwood moved to deny the petition for rules waiver or variance based on insufficient information. Applicant must submit a new petition rules waiver to include clinical experience. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Barnes, Melissa, Applicant #1175152 - Mr. Thigpen moved to deny petition for rules waiver or variance based on insufficient information. The applicant must provide clarification of enrollment, transcripts and graduation date. Ms. Linda Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Nnaji, Okechukuwu, Applicant #1180692 - Mr. Thigpen moved to grant the petition for rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Meredith, Erica, Applicant #1180857 - Mrs. Lockwood moved to deny the petition for rules waiver or variance based on insufficient information. Applicant must submit a new petition for rules waiver or variance to include clinical experience.

Capelle, Crystal, Applicant #1180531 - Ms. Linda Smith moved to grant the petition for rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chambers, Debra, Applicant #1180694 - Ms. Lockwood moved to grant the petition for rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Walton, Camille, Applicant #1180687 - Mr. Thigpen moved to grant the petition for rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Waterstraat, Sue Ellen, Applicant #1164566 - Mr. Thigpen moved to grant the petition for rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tuten, Mariana, Applicant #1154896 - Ms. Lockwood moved to grant the petition for rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Linda Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RENEWAL APPLICATION

P.J., App.#11885958 - Mr. Thigpen moved to deny the renewal application and require applicant to submit an application for reinstatement of licensure. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

FINAL DECISION

Wiltshire, Marilyn RN166699 - Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Final Decision as presented by the Attorney General's Office. Ms. Linda Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 244

After much discussion, both for and against passage of Senate Bill 244, the Board decided to table any further action until the scheduled Board Meeting for March 18, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Delynn Keeton, *President*

Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist, and approved May 14, 2009.