

The Georgia Board of Nursing met July 29, 2009 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH  
Rebecca Sullivan, JD, Consumer Member  
Linda W. Smith, RN, MSN  
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President  
Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, NEA-BC

### MEMBER ABSENT

Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President  
Kelly Lockwood, RN, MSN  
Janice Flynn, DSN, RN

### STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, Executive Director  
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant  
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Legal Nursing Consultant – Discipline  
Katrina Martin, RN, MSN, Licensing Nursing Consultant – Licensing Supervisor  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Thigpen called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### POLICY

Mrs. Ayers moved that the Board's intent for consent agreements referred to Legal Services to accept the following:

- Consent agreements that are \$500 and under have 90 days for payment of fine
- Consent agreements that are \$500 and over are allowed to set up a payment plan for payment of fine

Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Smith moved and Mrs. Anderson 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: Mrs. Sullivan & Mrs. Ayers.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on July 29, 2009, Mr. Thigpen declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open Meetings Act O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq.

### LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Ayers moved to rescind the previous Board motion from the July 15-16, 2009 Board meeting regarding consent agreements for unlicensed practice and unauthorized practice referred to Legal Services.

RNI100039	RNI100025	RNI100036	RNI100031	RNI100040	RNI100041	RNI100029
RNI100026	RNI100032	RNI100028	RNI100030	RNI100033	RNI100034	RNI100035
RNI100037	RNI100038					

Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE – JANET JACKSON**

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI070118** – Mrs. Anderson moved to rescind the previous Board motion to accept the private consent order and move to table the consent order until consideration of additional information by board staff and the Attorney General's Office. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**Applicant #1184725** – Mrs. Smith moved to grant the petition rules waiver or variance and proceed with licensure by Endorsement and Initial Authorization. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW**

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**3801990135/RNI100073** – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1900 for unlicensed practice, a fine of \$1900 for unauthorized practice and a fine of \$1000 for third and final consent agreement. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI100100** – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for failure to disclose arrests on application to include a fine of \$500. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS**

Mr. Thigpen moved to suspend the following license(s) to practice as a registered professional nurse for defaulting on Licensee's student loan, and further moved that this suspension will cease upon the receipt of notice by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Katrina D. Wright, RN172098**

#### **POLICY**

Mrs. Anderson moved to accept the following policy as written:

For purposes of providing guidance to the Board staff, the Board moves to establish a policy that applicants for licensure by endorsement whose applications are otherwise completed must obtain fingerprints for criminal background checks in Georgia.

Out of state applicants for endorsement should be instructed by the staff to come to Georgia to submit such information. Exceptions to this guideline will be addressed by the Board on a case by case basis until a policy for these applicants is adopted by the Board.

Out of state applicants by endorsement who travel to Georgia for the purpose of submitting and processing fingerprints may be issued a temporary permit that allows the practice of nursing for no longer than 45 days, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-26-8.

Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Scott Thigpen, *Vice President*

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Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved September 16, 2009.