

The Georgia Board of Nursing met September 16-17, 2009 in Conference Room 104 of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Linda W. Smith, RN, MSN
Rebecca Sullivan, JD, Consumer Member
Janice Flynn, DSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, NEA-BC

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant, Legal
Julia Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant, Education
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Sonya Williams, Staff Attorney, Legal Services
Julie Fisher, Staff Attorney, Legal Services

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

AM-RNI090479

PC-RNI090

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

Fran Cullen	Falon Chancellor	Sheila Burke	Diana Meeks-Sjostrom	Sherry Dickenson	Ruby Barlow
Jeffrey Ross	Michele Miller	Reginald Morton	Darlene Boyd	Annie McElroy	Lisa Beck
Rhonda Payne	Dianne Beauchamp	Trina Boteler	Ron Newcomb	Wanda Golden	Patricia Barber
Becky Arnold	Linda Scott	Denise Fowler	Loleater Casey-Evans	Florence McCuthern	Annabell Lewis
Terry Elam	Gwendolyn Taylor	Kathryn Riffle	Ricky Hay	Barbara Rees	Vera Brock
Jean Mistretta	Tammy Bryant	Caulan Bamon	Megan Bivens		

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

HIGHER ACUITY IN THE COMMUNITY-SUSAN AYERS

Mrs. Ayers moved to write a letter to the Higher Acuity Committee chair regarding the Georgia Board of Nursing's position for the draft language of the proposed new paragraph (9) of O.C.G.A. 43-26-12. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Smith moved to approve the July 15-16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections noted. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers moved to approve the July 29, 2009 Conference Call Board Minutes as written. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Smith moved to approve the August 13, 2009 Conference Call Board Minutes as amended. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCES

Mrs. Smith moved to write a letter to Paula Funderburke stating that the GBON supports the recommendations and guidelines of the manufacturers that states, "etomidate should be administered only by individuals trained in the administration of general anesthetics and in the management of complications encountered during general anesthesia." Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Smith moved to write a letter to Betty Baxter, of BBRN Inc. Healthcare Consultants, stating that propofol may be administered under the direction of a physician and as directed by FDA guidelines. The Board also motioned to refer Mrs. Baxter to the Georgia Board of Nursing's website to review the registered nursing policy statements and decision trees.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090479 - Mrs. Smith moved to rescind the previous Board motion and allow applicant to do a voluntary outpatient MPE by a Board approved provider as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080126 – Mr. Thigpen moved to lift narcotic restrictions, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Amended Consent Order to restrict employment to practice hours to no more than 80 hours per two-week and monthly drug screens for six months. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Smith moved, Dr. Flynn 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.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, Mrs. Keeton declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100028 – Mrs. Anderson moved to rescind the previous Board motion and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100039 – Mr. Thigpen moved to extend the temporary permit for six (6) months, request employer documentation of days worked in Georgia and request a personal appearance. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100025 – Mrs. Smith moved to uphold the previous Board motion and offer payment plan. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090519 – Mr. Thigpen moved to issue temporary permit and request applicant to submit employment verification of days worked in Georgia. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant D.W., #1183709 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$50 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant C.S., #1189029 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant L.T., #1202780 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$3700 for unauthorized practice and proceed with authorization. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant D.J., #1202604 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with Authorization. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant N.T., #1183005 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

Applicant M.C., #1189989 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant S.D., #1201346 – Mrs. Smith moved to require applicant to complete a board approved preceptorship of 350-hours clinical practice and issue a temporary permit after a board approved preceptorship. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant S.B., #1199728 – Mrs. Ayers moved to require applicant to complete a board approved preceptorship of 350-hours of clinical practice, issue a temporary permit after board approved preceptorship and after completion of preceptorship proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant E.M., #1200477 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant I.W., #1194388 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny based on O.C.G.A §43-26-17 4(b) and may reapply after one (1) year of practice as a RN in an inpatient healthcare facility. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

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Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and to refer identified cases to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APP#1193589 APP#1189029 APP#1196633 APP#1202401

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Mrs. Lockwood 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.

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NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090536 – Mrs. Ayers moved to deny licensure based on criminal history and refer to the LPN Board for failure to disclose arrest on LPN application. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100005 – Dr. Flynn moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100168 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100169 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose criminal activity with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100170 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100172 – Mrs. Sullivan moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100173 – Mrs. Ayers moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100174 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100175 – Mrs. Ayers moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100176 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100177 – Mrs. Ayers moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100178 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100179 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100184 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100180 – Mrs. Smith moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Flynn abstaining.

RNI100187 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

RNI100188 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

RNI100189 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100194 – Mrs. Smith moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100193 – Mrs. Sullivan moved to deny licensure based on legal probation and may reapply after completion of probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Flynn abstaining.

RNI100191 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Drugs. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Flynn abstaining.

RNI100208 – Mrs. Sullivan moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100206 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Examination. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100196 – Mrs. Sullivan moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Examination with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100197 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Lockwood and Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

RNI100198 – Mrs. Sullivan moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100199 – Mrs. Smith moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100203 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100205 – Mrs. Sullivan moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Examination with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100193 – Mrs. Ayers moved to deny licensure based on criminal activity and may reapply after completion of probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried with unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100167 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100200 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to track legal probation and proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100199 – Mrs. Smith moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100151 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100204 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100171 – Mrs. Smith moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF ORDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070093 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100166 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Amended Public Consent Order to include extension of current probation for one (1) year and a fine of \$500 for aftercare violation. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL/PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI06041 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for two (2) years, nursing course in Medication Administration of controlled substances, 90 meetings in 90 days, drug screens every other week and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare, personal, psychotherapy and medication management as recommended by MPE. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090083 – Mrs. Smith moved to write licensee a letter requesting a completed MPE. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090318 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090373 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090448 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO RECONSIDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090414 – Mrs. Ayers moved to uphold previous motion. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS-APPROVAL OF AFTERCARE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100120 – Mr. Thigpen moved to approve aftercare. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100004 – Mr. Thigpen moved to write licensee a letter requesting a statement. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENFORCEMENT – ADRIENNE PRICE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI060412 – Mrs. Ayers moved to request a personal appearance. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090051 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer the case for a peer review. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070393 – Mrs. Smith moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080156 – Dr. Flynn moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080615 – Mrs. Ayers moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090294 – Dr. Flynn moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Williamson, Wanda Christy – Mrs. Smith moved to accept Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080117 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080201 – Mrs. Smith moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070497 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070099/RNI080204 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080324 – Dr. Flynn moved to close the case. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080425 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070480 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080259 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080150 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080474 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080321 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070253/RNI090053 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080076 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080748 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080237 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent order to include courses in Ethics and Medication Administration. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080247 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Scope of Practice. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080251 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080257 – Mrs. Smith moved to order licensee to have an Expedited Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080312 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080315 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080317 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080327 – Mrs. Ayers moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080329 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080445 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080329 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Notify Alabama Board of Nursing of actions taken. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080689 – Mrs. Ayers moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080238 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Reprimand for patient abandonment. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Terrell, Joyce Annette, RN162112 – Mrs. Ayers moved to accept Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Keeton abstaining.

POLICY

Mr. Thigpen moved beginning, Wednesday, September 16, 2009 preceptorship applications for applicants of nontraditional nursing programs will be reviewed by the nurse educator Board members, Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Lockwood and Dr. Flynn, shall be presented to the Board for ratification at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRECEPTORSHIP APPLICATIONS

P.D., App.#1192549 – Mrs. Smith moved to deny due to an incomplete preceptorship application submitted by the applicant. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K.L., App.#1200479 – Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the preceptorship application submitted by the applicant and issue temporary permit. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

L.C., App.#1197274 – Mrs. Smith moved to accept the preceptorship application submitted by the applicant and issue temporary permit. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RULES WAIVER OF VARIANCE

Applicant E.B., #1197630 – Mrs. Smith moved to deny the rule waiver or variance and the applicant must complete an approved reentry program. Mrs. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Smith moved to nominate Mrs. Keeton as Board President. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Smith moved to nominate Mr. Thigpen as Board Vice President. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant-Practice, Licensing Supervisor
Kathleen O'Neal, Director of Administrative Procedure
Randy Vaughn, Director of Professional Licensing Boards

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Sheila Burke	Diana Meeks-Sjostrom	Sherry Dickenson	Ruby Barlow	Megan Bivens	Caulan Bamon
Jeffrey Ross	Michele Miller	Reginald Morton	Darlene Boyd	Annie McElroy	Lisa Beck
Rhonda Payne	Dianne Beauchamp	Trina Boteler	Ron Newcomb	Wanda Golden	Patricia Barber
Becky Arnold	Linda Scott	Denise Fowler	Loleater Casey-Evans	Terry Elam	Ricky Hay
Barbara Rees	Vera Brock	Gwendolyn Taylor	Kathryn Riffle	Jean Mistretta	Tammy Bryant
Annabell Lewis	Florence McCuthern				

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2009. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

VISITORS – RANDALL VAUGHN & KATHLEEN O'NEAL, PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

- Mr. Vaughn and Mrs. O'Neal presented a demonstration to Board members regarding the implementation of online applications from the website.
- Mr. Vaughn informed the Board he will be implementing the application for licensure as a registered professional nurse by examination for graduates of Georgia Board of Nursing approved nursing programs online starting December 1, 2009.
- A discussion between Board members and guests was held.

Mr. Thigpen moved to delete 410-6-.02 1 (c) from the rules and vote to post rules with approved corrections. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved that according to Promulgation of the Rules, the Georgia Board of Nursing has considered the Economic Impact under O.C.G.A. 50-13-4. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL EXISTING RULE 410-6-.02 *APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION*, AND ADOPT A NEW RULE OF THE SAME NAME OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Nursing (hereinafter "Board") proposes to repeal Rule 410-6-.02, *Applicants for Licensure by Examination* and adopt a new rule with the same title in its place. The proposed new rule specifies the requirements that graduates for initial licensure must meet.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed amended rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed amended rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Nursing's web page at www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/rn. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Nursing office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. on October 8, 2009 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the amendment. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before October 1, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Randall Vaughn Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Nursing, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1660.

The proposed amended rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Nursing at its meeting scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. October 8, 2009 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 30217. According to legal advice rendered by the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Nursing has the authority to amend rule 410-6-.02, pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-26-3, 43-26-5, 43-26-7, and 43-26-8.

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 (a) (4), the Board voted at its board meeting on September 17, 2009, that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and that any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-26-3, 43-26-5, 43-26-7, and 43-26-8.

The Board also voted at its board meeting on September 17, 2009, that, in order to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-26-3, 43-26-5, 43-26-7, and 43-26-8, it is not legal or feasible to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as required by the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and will have the same impact on each business that is independently, owned and operated in the field of nursing.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 17th day of September, 2009.

Randall Vaughn
Division Director
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

Posted: September 17, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF NURSING RULES
RULE 410-6-.02**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this new rule is to update the Board's rules so that it is current with existing law.

MAIN FEATURE: The main feature of this new rule is to bring it current with the law governing application for licensure.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING RULES, CHAPTER 410-6 LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION; RULE 410-6-.02 *APPLICANTS
FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION***

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

410-6-.02 Applicants for Licensure by Examination.

(1) In order to establish eligibility, an applicant for the licensing examination must:

(a) have graduated from a nursing education program approved by Georgia Board of Nursing, from a nursing education program in another NCLEX-RN jurisdiction approved by its Board of Nursing, or from a nursing education program approved by appropriate authorities in its territory, province, state, district, or country which meets criteria similar to, and not less stringent than, those established by this Board.

(b) submit a completed application, on the appropriate Board form, accompanied by the required fee. An application is active for one year, after which a new application and fee are required.

~~(c) request the educational institution to submit an official transcript which bears the institution's stamp/seal, date of graduation and the degree/diploma conferred.~~

(2) In order to establish eligibility, an applicant who has graduated from an out-of-country nursing education program must request or provide the following in addition to criteria in 410-6-.02(1):

(a) verification of current registered nurse licensure in another territory, province, state, district, or country directly from the licensing board;

(b) transcript as specified in 410-6-.02(1)(c) in English or accompanied by a certified English language translation directly from the school, another licensing Board, or the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS);

(c) if a curricular deficiency(ies) must be remediated, an official transcript documenting passing of the course(s) must be submitted directly by an approved educational institution;

(d) documentation directly from the Educational Testing Service of a score of 500 (paper) or 173 (computer) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and 50 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE) for an applicant whose native language is not English. As of September 1, 2001, in lieu of the previously required English language tests, an applicant has one of two options: Request the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) to provide documentation of CGFNS certification directly to the Board office. Request the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools' (CGFNS) Credentials Evaluation Service to provide a Nursing and Science Course-by-Course Report directly to the Board office. In addition, the Educational Testing Service must be requested to provide documentation of a score of 540 (paper) or 207 (computer) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) directly to the Board office. Certain applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL requirement if they meet all of the following criteria: native language is English; country of initial nursing education was Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, South Africa, Trinidad, or the United Kingdom; language of instruction was English; and language of textbooks was English. International applicants who are currently licensed by endorsement in a United States jurisdiction shall be exempt from options (1) and (2).

(e) documentation of three (3) months or 500 hours of licensed practice as a registered nurse in another territory, province, state, district or country during the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of current application;

(f) an applicant who is unable to meet the requirement of 410-6-.02(2)(e) must satisfactorily complete 160 hours, or amount specified by the Board, of relevant nursing practice. Relevant nursing practice is any practice in which the job description requires a current, valid registered nurse license in the state of practice. The applicant who is engaging in relevant nursing practice must meet the following criteria:

1. be supervised/mentored by a registered nurse who holds a current valid license in the state/country in which the practice occurs;
2. submit a calendar/outline for the period of nursing practice for Board approval;
3. hold a temporary permit prior to beginning the period of nursing practice including orientation to the job, if applicable;
4. present the temporary permit to the supervising registered nurse prior to beginning the relevant nursing practice;
5. complete the relevant nursing practice within the six (6) month period in which the temporary permit is issued;
6. request the supervising R.N. to verify in writing, on a form provided by the Board, that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the relevant nursing practice;
7. return the temporary permit immediately if the relevant nursing practice is not begun or completed.

(3) Each applicant must apply directly to the test service for each NCLEX-RN.

(4) An applicant who is under investigation for possible violation of the Nurse Practice Act shall be permitted to take the examination.

(5) An applicant who passes the licensing examination and is under investigation for possible violation of the Nurse Practice Act may not be issued a license until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Board. If charges are substantiated, the license may be denied or sanctioned despite the applicant meeting all other criteria for licensure.

(6) Application for Licensure by Examination for Repeat Writers:

(a) An applicant who fails the licensing examination is not eligible for a license or for practice as a registered professional nurse in Georgia.

(b) An applicant who fails the licensing examination must complete a new application accompanied by the required fee.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-26-3, 43-26-5, 43-26-7, and 43-26-8.

POLICY

Mr. Thigpen moved to amend policy by deleting a paragraph from the policy adopted at the July 29, 2009 conference call 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.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Lockwood moved and Dr. Flynn 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.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, September 17, 2009, Mrs. Keeton declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to approve a letter written to Mary Eleanor Wickersham including a copy to Rep. Sharon Cooper and Rep. Renee Uterman regarding O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-12 (9) proposed legislation to the Nurse Practice Act. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to request Assistant Attorney General to draft language for registered nurses regarding inactive licenses and volunteer licenses for the November 2009 Board meeting. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Attorney General's Status and Activity Report and to accept the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's Office:

RNI100010	RNI070148	RNI090269	RNI100014	Dent, Laura
RNI090267	RNI100011	Horne, Benjamin	Hull, John	Johnson, Ashley
Kirby, Victoria	RNI100007	RNI100008	McAllister, Tera	McIntyre, Hazen
McGuire, Shannon	RNI100013	RNI080202	Peacock, Mary Ellen	Powell, Jana
Purvis, Reese John	Saulnier, Glen	Scoggins, Tory	Segal, Wendy	RNI090203
RNI090007	Sturgis, Jana	Whiddon, Karen	White, Vanessa	Wilson, Cynthia

Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Carpenter, Amanda Lynn – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the voluntary surrender. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080163 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090478 – Mrs. Smith moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080629 – Mrs. Smith moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080619 – Mrs. Smith moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080244 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080602 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent order to include probation for two (2) years, nurse cannot own or manage a business involving delivery of nursing services to the public, must obtain prior approval for any home health or agency work and quarterly reports-employer & personal. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080434 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090046 – Dr. Flynn moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070118 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept and docket the Private Consent order presented at the July 2009 meeting. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090126 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070350 – Mrs. Smith moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant 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. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080202 – Mr. Thigpen moved to approve licensee's request to retain employment. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Smith moved and Mrs. Lockwood 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.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, September 17, 2009, Mrs. Keeton declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the **Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS – JULIA GOULD

LM – Dr. Flynn moved that applicant be notified that in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for licensure by examination, she must enroll in and pass a complete course (class and clinical components) in maternal/infant and mental health/psychiatric nursing. This course must be taught at an approved nursing education program leading to initial registered nurse licensure which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the college/university must be directed to send an official transcript documenting the passing of the course directly to the Board of Nursing.

Upon passing the NCLEX-RN, enroll in and satisfactorily complete a board-approved reentry program. [410-6-.02 (1) and (2)] Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

FM – Dr. Flynn moved in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for licensure by examination, she must enroll in and graduate from an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level registered nurse. The program must meet criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1) and (2)] Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EL – Dr. Flynn moved that applicant must enroll in and pass a complete course (class and clinical components) in maternal/infant and pediatric nursing. A combined maternal/child nursing course would be acceptable. This course(s) must be taught at an approved nursing education program leading to initial registered nurse licensure which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the college/university must be directed to send an official transcript documenting the passing of the course directly to the Board of Nursing. Upon passing the NCLEX-RN, enroll in and satisfactorily complete a board-approved reentry program.

Pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and request that documentation be sent directly to the board office by the test service. [410-6-.02 (1) and (2)] Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LH – Dr. Flynn moved that as part of the approval process for licensure by examination as an international applicant, she must direct the regulatory licensure agency in another country to provide the Georgia Board of Nursing with verification of current licensure. If it is not possible, she should seek licensure by examination in another state which may not have this requirement. Upon being issued a license, she may apply for licensure by endorsement in Georgia. [410-6-.02] Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INTERNATIONAL ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION – JULIA GOULD

RM – Dr. Flynn moved to notify applicant for licensure by endorsement, that her application has been denied based upon her nursing education which does not meet criteria similar to and not less stringent than criteria established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-3 (1.2)] Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT REPORT

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following commendations:

1. A comprehensive plan for systematic program evaluation has been developed and implemented. [410-3-.03 (8)]
2. Minutes clearly document business conducted and actions taken. [410-3-.03 (9)]
3. The philosophy, organizing framework, outcomes, teaching/learning strategies, assessment of outcomes, and policies are internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (2)]
4. Course materials are clear in terms of content, practice, timeline, expectations of students and evaluation. [410-3-.03 (10); 410-3-.04 (2)]
5. Practice-based learning activities occur in diverse settings representative of the continuum of health care. [410-3-.04 (6)]
6. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (8)]

7. Clearly defined processes have been developed to identify students at risk with subsequent plans for remediation to facilitate success in the program and on the NCLEX-RN. [410-3-.04 (11)]
8. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development to enable the goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (8)]
9. Clear guidelines for learning activities with preceptors have been developed. [410-3-.06]
10. Flexible options have been developed for traditional and advanced placement students. [410-3-.07 (2)]
11. Education facilities and resources facilitate faculty member, staff, and student interactions and learning. [410-3-.10]

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Appoint a full-time enrollment specialist to facilitate admission into and progression through the program. [410-3-.07 (2)]
2. Continue to work toward compliance with requirement that at least three-quarters of individual full-time and part-time faculty members hold one or more earned graduate degrees in nursing. [410-3-.05 (6)]

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Brenau University

Mrs. Smith moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with the rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (156/182, 85.7%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2005-2008), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2013. [410-3-.02 (2)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [410-3-.01 (8)]

Georgia Highlands College

Mr. Thigpen moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with the rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (324/357, 90.7%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2005-2008), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2013. [410-3-.02 (2)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [410-3-.01 (8)]

Piedmont College

Mrs. Lockwood moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with the rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (61/72, 84.1%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2006-2009), Full Approval is granted to the Baccalaureate Degree nursing program at Piedmont College through December 31, 2013. [410-3-.02 (2)(a)] If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [410-3-.01 (8)]

Southwest Georgia Technical College

Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the following:

1. Approve the response submitted by Southwest Georgia Technical College to the Board's May 13-14, 2009 recommendation. Faculty members should be commended for the thoroughness and clarity of the response. [410-3-.11 (2)]
2. Approve the proposed One-Day format for an LPN-ADN Bridge to be initiated at Southwest Georgia Technical College in the Winter 2010 quarter. [410-3-.11 (2)]

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

College of Coastal Georgia

Dr. Flynn moved to approve the following:

1. Based upon documented compliance with Rules 410-4-.01 (4), (5) and (6), Initial Approval is granted to the College of Coastal Georgia for the enrollment of at least 20 students into its BSN Program in January 2010. [410-3-.02 (1)(b)]
2. A site visit will be conducted during the Summer 2010 semester. [410-4-.01 (7)]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Augusta Technical College (AD) Report I

Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the following:

1. Accept Report I submitted by Augusta Technical College in support of its proposed associate degree nursing program. [410-4-.01 (4)]
2. Four scannable copies of Report III must be received in the board office no later than February 10, 2010 for review at the Board's March 17-18, 2010 meeting. [410-4-.01 (5)]

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROGRAM APPROVAL STATUS

Bainbridge College

Mrs. Smith moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to it, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (46/54, 85.1%) of all first-time writers in 2007, 2008 and 2009, Full Approval is granted to the Associate Degree nursing program through December 31, 2013. [410-3-.02 (4) (a)] If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year. [410-3-.01 (8)] Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

Bauder College

Mrs. Lockwood moved to approve the following:

1. The 22-month and 20-month reports submitted by Bauder College do not support the granting of Developmental Approval. [410-3-.02 (1)]
2. Submit a projected budget covering the planning period prior to enrollment of the first class through graduation of at least three (3) classes. Program expenses need to be clearly described. [410-4-.01 (3)(c)]
3. Provide definite, solid commitment for all proposed practice settings with dates on which site visits were conducted. [410-3-.10]
4. Review the statement on the clinical contract under Clinical Supervision to clarify the role of faculty members and the provision of patient care. [410-3-.10 (7)]

Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chattahoochee Technical College

Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the following:

1. Approve Chattahoochee Technical College's plan to relocate the proposed associate degree nursing program from the Marietta to the South Cobb Campus. [410-4-.01 (5)]

2. Impose Conditional Approval on the proposed associate degree nursing program at Chattahoochee Technical College until such time as corrective actions related to the administration of the program by a qualified nurse administrator have been reviewed and accepted by the Board of Nursing. Documentation of the implementation of these actions must be submitted to the Board for review and approval. [410-3-.03 (3)]

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the minutes from the August 28, 2009 Education Committee meeting. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Smith moved and 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.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, September 17, 2009, Mrs. Keeton declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090399 – Mr. Thigpen moved to rescind the previous Board motion and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100036 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement based on O.C.G.A. 43-26-12 (a)(8). Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant I.K., #1194388 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure based on O.C.G.A 43-26-7 4 (B). May reapply after one (1) year of RN practice in an inpatient health care facility. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080700 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office to confirm statements in attorney's correspondence and to advise the board about legal options. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MPE REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070318 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent order to include probation for (4) four years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for two (2) years and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare, personal & psychotherapy. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100216 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Endorsement to include a Letter of Concern re: Action in Another Jurisdiction. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100195 – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE. Results are to 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. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100226 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100227 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrest to include a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Semel, Susan Sophie – Mrs. Smith moved to accept voluntary surrender. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100136 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include probation for three (3) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for one (1) year and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100229 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrest to include a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090209 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny request based on O.C.G.A. 43-1-19 (H). Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond reported on administrative items and the following:

- **Correspondence re:** Consensus Model for APRN Regulation
- **Handout:** Attributes of a Professional Nurse

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT CLOSED CASES REPORT

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Mr. Thigpen moved to ratify the recommendations of the Cognizant Board member and to close the following complaints. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100044	RNI100050	RNI100051	RNI100052	RNI100053	RNI100057	RNI100059
RNI100060	RNI100062	RNI100063	RNI100067	RNI090425	RNI100070	RNI080540
RNI070101	RNI060381	RNI080758	RNI090376	RNI090350	RNI090529	RNI050323
APP#1191385	APP#1146849	APP#1192242	APP#1992385	APP#1194860	APP#1195214	APP#1192735
APP#1190013	APP#119018	APP#1176482	RNI050334	RNI090083	RNI090318	RNI080367

APP#1181195 APP#1175609 RNI070093 RNI100005 RNI100004 RNI100148 APP#1169719
 APP#1179883 APP#1191167 APP#1176482 APP#1192018 APP#1192735 APP#119557 APP#1191669
 APP#1192725 APP#1193349 APP#1193652 APP#1194303 RNI080610

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI100152	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI100209	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI100185	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI060014	Deny request to lift narcotic restrictions.

Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Smith seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of July 2009 and August 2009 that were determined, pursuant to Board approved guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. (See Attached reports)

MISCELLANEOUS

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Williamson, Wanda – Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept Cease and Desist. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dykes, Juli – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept voluntary surrender. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POLICY

Mr. Lockwood moved on September 17, 2009 that the Georgia Board of Nursing defines a nontraditional nursing education program in the law O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-7 (e) which reads as follows:

A nontraditional nursing education program shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Is part of an institution of higher education that is approved by the appropriate regulatory authorities of its home state;
- (2) Holds regional and specialty accreditation by an accrediting body or bodies recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;
- (3) Requires its program applicants to be a licensed practical/vocational nurse, military medical corpsman, or paramedic;
- (4) Requires its students to pass faculty determined program outcomes including competency based assessments of nursing knowledge and a summative performance assessment of clinical competency of a minimum of 2 1/2 days developed by faculty subject matter experts that follows nationally recognized standards for educational testing; and
- (5) Its graduates pass a board recognized licensing examination at a rate equivalent to the minimum rate required for board approved traditional nursing education programs.

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Smith moved to add a discussion to the board to the November 2009 board agenda to discuss the reduction of retakes for NCLEX-RN failures from 90 to 45 days. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POLICY

Mrs. Smith moved effective immediately it shall be the policy of the Board to post a notice that renewal notices will not be sent by US mail, but notifications will be sent by email and it is the RN's responsibility to notify the Board about any changes in demographic information. Also, all registered nurses and nursing students are able to sign up for important Board updates at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/rn/, under online services, to receive Board news. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER-LEGAL SERVICES

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

RNI100033	RNI090466	RNI100125	RNI100124	RNI100040	RNI090506	RNI100035
RNI100030	RNI100038	RNI100041	RNI100131	RNI100128	RNI100032	RNI100029
RNI100034						

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. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tommie L. Schell, RN12928

Melandy A. Wallace, RN185013

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board proposed a tentative conference call for Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 4:25 p.m.

Delynn Keeton, *President*

Sylvia Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant and approved on November 18, 2009.