

The Georgia Board of Nursing met October 8, 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
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant-Legal/Discipline
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant-Practice, Licensing Supervisor

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thigpen moved and 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 Rules Waivers and Variances, Applications and Enforcement Matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, October 8, 2009, Ms. Keeton declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open Meetings Act O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100217 – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Private Consent Order for Reinstatement of licensure and it to be signed by Executive Director on behalf of the President with express permission. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100042 – 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.

APPROVAL STATUS

Chattahoochee Technical College

Mr. Thigpen moved based upon compliance with the Board's September 16-17, 2009 recommendation, Initial Approval is restored to the proposed associate degree nursing program at Chattahoochee Technical College. [410-3.02 (1)(b)] Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Sullivan abstaining.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100249 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100200 – Mr. Thigpen 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.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100207 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol and proceed with licensure by examination. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100252 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal & Alcohol and proceed with licensure by examination. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100255 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal and proceed with licensure by examination. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100256 – Mrs. Smith moved to request applicant for a personal appearance. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100257 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100248 – 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. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO RECONSIDER

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RNI070350 – Mr. Thigpen moved to extend deadline date for MPE until October 25, 2009. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER-LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

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

RNI100031 RNI090492 RNI100192 RNI100189 RNI100170 RNI100198 RNI100026
RNI100221 RNI100197

POLICIES

Mrs. Smith moved to revised policy by striking the last line of the last paragraph and add "the applicant may reapply with new application with background check results being completed before application is considered for licensure and a second temporary permit will not be issued." The policy will read as follows:

A 45-day temporary RN work permit may be issued for applicants by endorsement to complete the fingerprint requirements in Georgia at a Cogent System-GAPS print location. Issuance of a temporary RN work permit is an indication that an applicant has registered with Cogent Systems, has submitted a Cogent Registration ID Number and a completed application for licensure by endorsement.

The temporary RN work permit will allow applicants to practice in the State of Georgia until:

- The temporary permit expires and/or
- The temporary permit is deemed null and void upon substantiating that responses included on the application are not supported by the criminal background check results.

The temporary RN work permit is not renewable and will expire in 45 days. If quality fingerprint results have not been received before the expiration date, the applicant can no longer practice within the State of Georgia and therefore deemed ineligible for licensure. The applicant may reapply with a new application with background check completed before application is considered for licensure. A second temporary RN work permit **will not** be reissued.

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer the following policies to the Attorney General's Office for review and revision of language:

- regarding applicants who complete clinical practice at a traditional nursing education program but graduated from a nontraditional education program
- policy related failure to disclose
- policy related to ULP consent agreements

Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADVANCE PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING (APRN) COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Smith moved to appoint Gerald Hobbs and Philidah Seda as Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) representatives for the APRN committee to serve in an advisory capacity as needed to give input regarding CNS practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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Applicant E.B., #1197630 – Mrs. Anderson moved to rescind previous motion and deny rules waiver based on not meeting practice requirements and the applicant must complete a board approved reentry program. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Delynn Keeton, *President*

Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved