

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 17-18, 2010 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, MARCH 17, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President
Linda W. Smith, RN, MSN
Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, MA
Janice Flynn, DSN, RN
Dawn Taylor, JD, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant, Legal
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant-Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Sonya Williams, Staff Attorney, Legal Services

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

TT-RNI100311 MP-RNI100230 MB-RNI100556

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

Tina Jordan William Tiku Elaina Ramey

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2010. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Dr. Flynn moved to approve the January 13-14, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections noted. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Smith moved to approve the February 5, 2010 Conference Call Board Meeting with corrections noted. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the February 12, 2010 Conference Call Board Meeting with corrections noted. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GHA WORKFORCE COUNCIL LIAISON – DEE KEETON

- No Status Report

INACTIVE/VOLUNTEER STATUS

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Sandy Bond, Executive Director, to investigate inactive status proposal and report back to Board at the May 2010 Board meeting. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REDUCTION OF DAYS OF NCLEX-RN FAILURE RETAKES

Mrs. Smith moved to change the wait time for retesting after state boards failure to 45 days from 90 days effective September 1, 2010. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – KATHY ADAMEIT

Mrs. Smith moved to send Mrs. Adameit a letter stating she will be required to have a Georgia license and must endorse into Georgia. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – OFFICE OF LT. GOVERNOR REQUESTING GBON CE RULE CHANGE

Mrs. Anderson moved to send letter to Lt. Governor Casey Cagle stating that it is up to the APRNs certifying body to determine if voluntary time will count toward CEU's. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Smith moved, Mrs. Taylor 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 the Executive Session on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 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.

PETITION WAIVERS

Applicant M.D., #1213737 – Mrs. Smith moved to deny the rules waiver request based on didactic hours were not within the last four years and require a board approved reentry program. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100565 – Mrs. Anderson moved to deny the rules waiver based on failure to provide a rule for why the waiver was requested and issue a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant L.Y., #1221426 – Mrs. Smith moved to deny the rules waiver based on lack of adequate substantial evidence of hardship. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant L.Y., #1221426 – Mrs. Anderson moved to write applicant a letter stating the need to do a board approved reentry program. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant T.S., #1206759 – Mrs. Anderson moved to deny the rules waiver based on lack of adequate substantial evidence of hardship. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant T.S., #1206759 – Mrs. Anderson moved to send applicant a letter stating the need to complete a 350 hour preceptorship. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant S.L., #1226046 – Mrs. Smith moved to deny the rules waiver based on failure to renew according to statutory requirements. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant S.L., #1226046 – Mrs. Smith moved to notify applicant to submit a current application for reinstatement. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RN057358 – Dr. Flynn moved to deny the rules waiver based on failure to renew according to statutory requirements. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RN057358 – Mrs. Taylor moved to notify applicant to submit a current application for reinstatement. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant L.G., #1224547 – Mrs. Taylor moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$2050 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant L.R., #651389 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$7300 for unauthorized practice and fine of \$500 for failure to disclose arrest. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant R.L., #1188418 – Mrs. Taylor moved to send a letter to applicant denying request to complete reentry with hospice and must complete reentry at an acute care facility. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant L.M., #1222881 – Mrs. Taylor moved to send a letter to applicant denying request to complete reentry at a pregnancy resource center and must complete reentry at an acute care facility. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant M.W., #1210844 – Mrs. Taylor moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$800 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant J.B., #1226024 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant M.P., #1227610 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$50 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant C.B., #1219855 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure based on OCGA §43-26-7 (b). Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant J.G., #1213386 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure based on OCGA §43-26-7 (b). Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant V.H., #1219841 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant C.A., #1227145 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$50 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant C.B., #1227147 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$50 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant A.P., #1227354 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$50 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant A.D., #1212822 – Dr. Flynn moved to deny licensure based on OCGA §43-26-7 (b). Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant E.W., #1221950 – Dr. Flynn moved to deny licensure based on OCGA §43-26-7 (b). Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant K.E., #1214100 – Dr. Flynn moved to deny licensure based on OCGA §43-26-7 (b). Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant P.F., #1202621 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$800 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant C.C., #573287 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$550 for unlicensed practice and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100660 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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RNI100311 – 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. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100556 – Mrs. Taylor moved to continue discussion during the March meeting and look into the legal issues raised as they relate to OCGA 35-3-37 (d). The board will also discuss issues relating to education as it relates to OCGA 43-26-7 and will send a written response within 14 days. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100346 – Mrs. Smith moved to release appropriate documentation to requesting law firm upon receipt of approval of Mr. Serdula. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100359 – Mrs. Smith moved to rescind previous Board motion and close the case with a Letter of Concern re: To Disclose on Future Applications. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100430 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100542 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Anger. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100559 – Mrs. Anderson 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, and quarterly reports- employer, aftercare & personal. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100370 – Mrs. Taylor 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.

RNI080627 – Mrs. Anderson moved that applicant must complete a board approved reentry program and issue temporary permit, urine drug screens twice monthly during reentry program, upon successful completion of reentry refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$1000. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APRN APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100480 – Mrs. Taylor moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$1000. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPENS RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080119 – Mrs. Anderson moved to forward information to the Newton County District Attorney's office. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090305 – Mrs. Taylor moved to send letter to applicant requesting documentation as to the reason criminal charges were dismissed. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090066 – Mrs. Anderson moved to deny request to lift probation based on insufficient sobriety history. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL/PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090446 – Mrs. Taylor moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for one (1) year and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare, personal & psychotherapy and a fine of \$500 for previous consent order. The nurse must remain under care of an addictionologist, continue current medication and may only work a forty hour work week. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100327 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent order to include quarterly reports-aftercare and random drug screens monthly for one (1) year. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100375 – Mrs. Taylor moved to table until the May 2010 board meeting. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080332 – Mrs. Anderson moved to deny renewal based on OCGA 50-13-18 (b) and send a letter stating license is in a renewal pending status. The renewal pending status will remain until the outcome of the hearing. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100067 – Mrs. Taylor moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing of Amended Public Consent Order for extension of current probation for one (1) year with a fine of \$500 for violation of consent order. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LICENSE RENEWAL REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090459 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order to follow the Oklahoma Board of Nursing order by requesting nurse to send proof of courses in nursing ethics, nursing jurisprudence, a copy of payment of fine and copy of the repayment agreement. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100104 – Mrs. Taylor 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. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100115 – Mrs. Anderson 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 and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100328 – Mrs. Taylor moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for two (2) years, quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal and track legal proceedings. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100395 – Mrs. Anderson 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.

RNI100402 – Mrs. Anderson 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 and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100412 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100429 – Mrs. Taylor 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.

RNI100431 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Action in Another Jurisdiction. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100458 – Mrs. Taylor moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Action in Another Jurisdiction. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100475 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order to include a course in Ethics and a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose arrests. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100484 – Mrs. Taylor moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100485 – Mrs. Taylor 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.

RNI100509 – Mrs. Taylor moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order to include track legal probation. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100517 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the case and proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100520 – 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. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100587 – Mrs. Anderson moved to request applicant to come for a personal appearance at the May 2010 board meeting. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100579 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100583 – Mrs. Anderson 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 Hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. After completion of MPE return to full board for consideration of failure to disclose arrest. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100583 – Mrs. Anderson moved to proceed with licensure by Examination and request applicant to inform Board of final disposition of legal charges. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100578 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100582 – Mrs. Smith moved that applicant must complete a board approved reentry program. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100588 – Mrs. Smith 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 Hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100586 – Mrs. Smith moved that applicant must complete a board approved reentry program to include bimonthly drug screens until reentry is complete, no other restrictions during reentry and issue temporary permit. After completion of reentry refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for two (2) years and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare, personal & psychotherapy. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100591 – Mrs. Anderson moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100594 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100595 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100602 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100606 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case with no action and proceed with licensure by Examination. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100604 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100608 – Mrs. Smith moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100590 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100603 – 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.

RNI100605 – Mrs. Taylor moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Action in Another Jurisdiction. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Flynn opposing.

RNI100616 – Dr. Flynn 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 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.

RNI100621 – Dr. Flynn moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100629 – Mrs. Taylor moved to table until the May 2010 board meeting. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APRN APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100480 – Dr. Flynn moved to deny authorization and may reapply after completion of legal probation. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - SELF REPORT

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100261 – 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. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100532 – Dr. Flynn 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 and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100572 – Dr. Flynn 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 and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LICENSE RENEWAL REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100140 – Dr. Flynn 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 and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI090446 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions for two (2) years, quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal, continue treatment with addictionologist and a fine of \$500 for previous consent order. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070350 – Dr. Flynn moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Indefinite Suspension based on MPE recommendations. May petition for restoration after twelve (12) months of continuous intensive outpatient treatment, continued individual psychotherapy to include random drug screens and documentation of attendance at NA for a minimum of once per week. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100171 – Mr. Thigpen 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, two (2) years monthly drug screens, quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal and complete a substance abuse counseling seminar within six (6) months. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100184 – 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.

RNI100296 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100303 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include probation for four (4) years, substance abuse stipulations, random monthly drug screens and quarterly reports-employer, aftercare & personal. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100305 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure based on unpaid student loans and send applicant a letter requesting to reapply after notice of release from GHEAC. Upon receipt of notice of release, the applicant must complete a board approved reentry program. Also, the board moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100358 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100637 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100638 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern re: Drugs. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100639 – Mr. Thigpen 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 Hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070356 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny renewal of licensure based on pending outcome of hearing pursuant to OCGA 50-13-18. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100471 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Psychosexual 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 Hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant-Practice, Licensing Supervisor
Julia Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant, Education
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, JD

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

Jud Turner	Sandy Gandee	Leslie Culpepper	David Patrick	Gerald Hobbs	Kim Gallogh
Vanice Roberts	Roxanne Johnston	Marsha Colon	Judy Malachowski	Nancy Marzeller	Katrina Walker
April Reese	Diana Meeks-Sjostrom	Elizabeth Whitworth	Cindy Lee	Kathy Bhip	

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond reported on administrative items and the following:

- **Job Search:** LPN Nursing Consultant, Education
- Texas Board of Nursing is looking into the outcomes of nontraditional schools
- **Conference Call with Excelsior College re:** Names of students who are in the pipeline awaiting licensure by endorsement, "option" to license those applicants & NLNAC accreditation
- **Bills in Legislation:**
 - **SB 315** - Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioner's Act
 - **SB 344** - Health Share Volunteer's in Medicine Act; Provide sovereign immunity protection for physicians assistants in safety net clinics
 - **SB 430** – Nurse Licensure Compact; provide multistate licenses to practice telephonic nursing as a RN
 - **HB 426** – Insurance; Autism Spectrum disorders
 - **HB 850** – Hospitals & Related Institutions; assistant living communities
 - **HB 1019** – State government; Replacement Permits, Licenses and Identification cards
 - **HB 1040** – Georgia Nurse Practice Act; certain health activities not require a license
 - **HB 1250** – Registered Nurses and Physicians Assistants; Protocol Agreement

RULES HEARING – RULE 410-6-.02, "APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION"

The Georgia Board of Nursing acknowledges correspondences regarding comments to adopt Rule 410-6-.02 from the following:

- Dr. M. Bridgett Nettleton, Dean, Excelsior College
- Fran Beall, President, Georgia Nurses Association (GNA)

A discussion was held between Board members and visitors Jud Turner, Sandy Gandee, Leslie Culpepper, David Patrick, Gerald Hobbs and Kim Gallogh and the Board regarding the adoption of rule 410-6-.02. The following comments were made:

- Dr. Flynn expressed concerns regarding expanding the new definition of health care facility from the original definition which was the consensus of the Board.
- Mrs. Smith commented on the RN having a wide range of settings in enabling them to protect the public for all graduates to work in any setting as a RN in the state.

- Mr. Thigpen stated that all graduates should have exposure in all clinical settings in order to provide a better service to the patients of the state.
- Mrs. Anderson commented on one of her employees completing the 350 hour preceptorship in all areas and was thankful that it broadens her role as a RN in the facility.
- Mr. Thigpen commented that all preceptorships are very comprehensive and well developed with preceptors.
- Jud Turner thanked the Board for the consideration of the proposed changes to broaden the definition of health care facility to help with the implementation of HB475. The new definition gives some clarification as to the type of facilities which gives more flexibility for the implementation of HB475.
- Other comments were made regarding LTACs being widely recognized for acute care, ventilated patients and extensive rehab wound care.
- The new definition helps protect the public and gives RNs a better foundation to work in a number of nursing settings.

Mrs. Smith moved to adopt Rule 410-6-.02 as posted. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's Office. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

(1) Graduates of traditional nursing education programs: Applicants for licensure by examination who have graduated from a board approved program as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43- 26-3 (1.2), and which program meets criteria similar to and not less stringent than those established by the Board, shall establish eligibility for the licensing examination by filing the following:

- (a) 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;
- (b) completed information and forms needed to submit the results of a fingerprint record check as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7(4); and
- (c) any additional information requested by the board needed to establish eligibility.

(2) Graduates of nontraditional nursing education programs:

(a) Applicants for licensure for examination who have graduated from a nontraditional nursing education program approved by the board, and which program meets the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7 (e), shall establish eligibility for the licensing examination by filing the following:

1. 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.
2. completed information and forms needed to submit the results of a fingerprint record check as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7(b) (4); and
3. any additional information requested by the board needed to establish eligibility.

(b) The application shall contain the following information:

1. If the applicant entered the non traditional nursing education program as a licensed practical nurse ("LPN"):

- (i) the date of entry and the date of graduation from the non traditional nursing education program;
- (ii) the years of clinical experience in a health care facility as a LPN as of the date of entry into the non traditional nursing education program;

(iii) a transcript of applicant's LPN nursing education showing clinical training in pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, medical-surgical, and mental illness, if any;

(iv) a transcript of applicant's non traditional nursing education; and

(v) information about a postgraduate preceptorship to be arranged by the applicant for 350 hours if the LPN has at least three (3) years of clinical experience in a health care facility as a LPN upon entry into the nontraditional nursing education program; and

(vi) information about a postgraduate preceptorship to be arranged by the applicant for 700 hours if the LPN has less than three (3) years of clinical experience in a health care facility as a LPN upon entry into the nontraditional nursing education program.

2. If the applicant entered the non traditional nursing education program as a military medical corpsman or a paramedic:

(i) the date of entry and the date of graduation from the non traditional nursing education program;

(ii) a transcript of applicant's non traditional nursing education; and

(iii) information about a 700 hour postgraduate preceptorship to be arranged by the applicant that complies with the statutory requirements and board polices and rules.

3. Applicants who entered a nontraditional nursing education program that meets the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-36-7 (e) before July 1, 2008, and complete the program no later than June 30, 2011, shall be deemed to have met the criteria for licensure by examination stated in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7(b) (2) (B). However, the board, in its discretion, may require additional clinical hours of experience prior to licensure for such applicants who:

(i) did not enter the non traditional nursing education program as a LPN; or

(ii) entered the non traditional program as a LPN but who do not have at least one year of clinical experience in a health care facility as a LPN.

(3) Graduates of nursing education programs located outside of the United States.

(a) In order to establish eligibility for examination, an applicant who has graduated from an out-of-country nursing education program must request or provide the following information in addition to criteria contained in paragraph (1) of this rule:

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

2. academic transcript from the applicant's nursing education program 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);

3. 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;

4. 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: (1) either request the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) to provide documentation of CGFNS certification directly to the Board office; or (2) 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).

(b) Prior to licensure by the board, the applicant must document 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;

(c) Prior to licensure by the board, an applicant who is unable to meet the requirement of paragraph (3) (e) of this rule must satisfactorily complete 160 hours, or an 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 RN 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.

(4) Licensing Examination. After submitting a completed application and obtaining approval for examination from the board, each applicant must apply directly to the examination testing service each time the NCLEX-RN examination is taken.

(5) Passage of licensing examination. After approval by the board to take the licensing examination, applicants for examination must pass a board recognized licensing examination prior to licensure. Such examination may not be taken prior to graduation from an approved nursing education program. The passage of such examination by a graduate of a non traditional nursing education program who does not meet the other requirements of licensure under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7 shall not authorize such individual to practice nursing or to require the board to license such individual other than to issue, in its sole discretion, a temporary permit pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-26-8.

(6) Temporary permits. The board may issue a temporary permit, in the sole discretion of the board, to an applicant for the purpose of practicing nursing as a part of a board approved preceptorship as provided in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-8. The temporary permit shall be effective for a period of six months from the date of issuance and may be renewed only one time for an additional six month period.

(7) Applicants under investigation.

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

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

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

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

(b) An applicant who fails the licensing examination must complete a new application for licensure, accompanied by the required fee, and all information required to complete the new application.

(9) Defined Terms. For the purposes of this Rule, the terms below are defined as follows:

(a) "Approved nursing education program" or "board approved program" means a nursing education program located in

Georgia or outside of Georgia that has been approved as meeting criteria established by the board and has met the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 43-26-3 (1.2).

- (b) "Board" means the Georgia Board of Nursing.
- (c) "Clinical experience" or "clinical practice" means the "hands on" clinical practice of nursing.
- (d) "Health care facility" means an acute care inpatient facility, a long term acute care facility (LTAC), and outpatient facilities that include multisystem surgical centers and public health departments, or a combination of the above.
- (e) "Preceptorship" means a program of clinical experience or clinical practice approved by the board in which an applicant gains a stated number of hours of clinical experience or clinical practice in a health care facility located in Georgia. During the preceptorship, the applicant must be under the supervision of a preceptor that is a Georgia licensed RN who is: 1. located in Georgia; 2. has a minimum of 18 months experience in an acute care practice setting; and 3. has no history of disciplinary action with a licensing board. Prior to board approval, a written letter of agreement between the applicant and RN preceptor shall be filed with the board that is written on letterhead stationery of the designed Georgia health care facility, that clearly states the location of the preceptorship, and is signed by the applicant, Preceptor, and a representative of the health care facility where the preceptorship is to occur. Successful completion of the preceptorship shall be verified in writing by the preceptor prior to licensing.
- (f) "Non traditional nursing education program" means a nursing education program that has been approved by the board and meets all the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-26-7(3).

(g) "Year" means a minimum of 1800 hours. For example, one year of clinical experience or clinical practice means a minimum of 1800 hours of clinical experience or clinical practice.

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

CERTIFIED NURSE SPECIALIST (CNS) REGULATION

A discussion was held with Gerald Hobbs, Sandi Gandee, Leslie Culpepper & David Patrick regarding the following:

- CNS Regulation & Recognition
 - APRN Census Module
 - Meets educational standards
 - 39 states recognize CNSs as APRNs
 - CNSs provides citizens with the highest quality of care

Mrs. Smith moved to acknowledge Clinical Nurse Specialists in Georgia as Advanced Practice Nurses with a projected effective date of September 1, 2010 and recommend that Philidah Seda and Gerald Hobbs be appointed as ad hoc members of the APRN subcommittee to work with the GBON to develop the details of the rule changes. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POLICY REGARDING ISSUING RN TEMPORARY REENTRY PERMITS

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following policy regarding issuing RN temporary reentry permits:

For purposes of providing guidance to the Board staff, the Board moves to establish a policy that applicants for licensure whose qualifications are otherwise completed but have not practiced as a registered nurse for a period of time as determined by the Board.

A temporary RN reentry permit may be issued to applicants by Board staff with:

- Completed application

- No criminal/disciplinary history
- Clinical proposals associated with acute care in patient hospitals, long term acute care facilities (LTAC), multisystem outpatient surgery centers and public health departments offering multisystem care
- Complete reentry proposal received including theory, clinical and required sponsor documents

A temporary RN reentry permit may not be issued to applicants by Board staff with any of the following until the Board approved cognizant has reviewed and directed staff on the acceptance and approval of application information and reentry proposal or has referred the application file for full Board review:

- An incomplete application
- Unmet educational requirements
- Criminal/disciplinary history
- Clinical proposals outside of acute care in patient hospitals, long term acute care facilities (LTAC), multisystem outpatient surgery centers and public health departments offering multisystem care
- Incomplete reentry proposals

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADULT ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION

Mr. Thigpen moved to recognize Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certification agency as a certifying agency for APRNs. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APRN COMMITTEE – LINDA SMITH

Mrs. Anderson moved to accept the APRN Committee minutes from the March 3, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen 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. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APP#1221423 APP#1221999 APP#1217794 APP#1217270 APP#1216408 APP#1217273 APP#1213625
 APP#1214025 APP#1220813 APP#1156588 APP#1213732

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CASES REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to ratify the recommendations of the Cognizant Board member to accept Private Consent Agreement orders for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose arrests on application, as prepared and upon receipt allow the ED to sign upon the express permission of the Board President. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100607 RNI100609 RNI100610 RNI100611 RNI100612 RNI100613 RNI100614
 RNI100615 RNI100617 RNI100619 RNI100625 RNI100635 RNI100636

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. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100441 RNI100433 RNI100244 RNI100368 RNI100388 RNI100249 RNI100440
 RNI100360 RNI100389 RNI100243 RNI100399 RNI100451 RNI100450 RNI100364
 RNI100317 RNI090499

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. 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 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, March 18, 2010, 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)

RNI100369 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT CASES REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Taylor moved to ratify the recommendations of the Cognizant Board member and to close the following complaints:

APP#1216127	APP#1215754	RNI040433	RNI100472	RNI100409	RNI100484	RNI100412
RNI100104	RNI100395	RNI100443	RNI100439	RNI100328	RNI100446	RNI100427
RNI100402	RNI100422	RNI100408	RNI100413	RNI100396	RNI100313	RNI090459
RNI080201	RNI100194	RNI080627	RNI100433	RNI100480	RNI090254	RNI100465
RNI100416	RNI100476	RNI100461	RNI100485	RNI090440	RNI100498	RNI100497
RNI100459	RNI100460	RNI100486	RNI100502	RNI100514	RNI100469	RNI100481
RNI100475	RNI100457	RNI100493	RNI100496	RNI100509	RNI100115	RNI100482
RNI100508	RNI100507	RNI100491	RNI100467	RNI100487	RNI100458	RNI100462
RNI100474	RNI100516	RNI100418	RNI100448	RNI100341	RNI100503	RNI100526
RNI100517	RNI100527	RNI090192	RNI100542	RNI100539	RNI090305	RNI100295
RNI100248	RNI100303	RNI100327	APP#1216254	APP#1216775	APP#1206434	APP#1204352
APP#1194404	APP#1214722	APP#1219525	APP#1217088	APP#1220065	APP#1222808	APP#1224144
APP#1224547	RNI100315					

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL COGNIZANT PRECEPTORSHIP APPLICATION REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to ratify the following recommendations of the Cognizant Board members regarding preceptorship applications. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

	RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION
App. #1207567	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1207538	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1192208	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1204588	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1194884	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1198317	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1201679	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1209524	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1209536	Approve PSY portion of preceptorship
App. #1209536	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1210135	Deny based on submission of schedule of six days per week of work and clinical. Resubmit plan with a realistic clinical time which include rest periods.

App. #1210135	Approve and issue temp permit.
App. #1194884	Approve and issue temp permit.

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 January 2010 and February 2010 that were determined, pursuant to Board approved guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. (See Attached reports)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Taylor 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 Thursday, March 18, 2010, 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.

ENFORCEMENT – ADRIENNE PRICE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI080452 – Mrs. Smith moved to refer Attorney General for a Hearing or Revocation based on past history with the Board. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090315 – Mrs. Anderson 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 Hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100162 – Mrs. Smith moved to flag the system, upon reinstatement, require an MPE. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Smith moved to approve the March 5, 2010 Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes with corrections noted. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL COGNIZANT NONTRADITIONAL APPLICATION REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Anderson moved to ratify the following recommendations of the Cognizant Board members regarding nontraditional applications. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

App. #1200479 App. #1206387 App. #1213386 App. #1219841 App. #1219855

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Smith moved, Mrs. Taylor 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, March 18, 2010, 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.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100597 – Mrs. Anderson moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for failure to disclose arrests with a fine of \$500 and write applicant a letter to complete a 350 hour preceptorship. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI100012 – Mr. Thigpen moved to reduce probation to three (3) years and keep other restrictions the same. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040283 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the previous case and refer to the Attorney General's Office to investigate the RN having been found as mentally incompetent. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080594 – Mrs. Anderson 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, random urine drug screens monthly and quarterly reports- employer, aftercare & personal. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Anderson 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:

Blackburn, Carrie
RNI100043

RNI070318
RNI080152

Cosby, Brenda Sue
RNI080417

RNI090052

RNI100265

Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090511 – Mrs. Anderson 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.

RNI080398 – Mrs. Anderson 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, quarterly reports- employer, aftercare & personal and include a \$500 fine for failure to disclose arrests. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090209 – Mrs. Smith moved to close the case. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090533 – Mrs. Anderson moved to close the case. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090396 – Mrs. Anderson 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.

Smart, Craig – Mrs. Anderson moved to accept Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thigpen 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 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, March 18, 2010, 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

RD – Mr. Thigpen moved 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 this is 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 (1)] Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

Bauder College

Mrs. Smith moved to approve the following:

1. Rescind the following motion re: Bauder College made at the January 13-14, 2010 meeting of the Board of Nursing: Submit three (3) scannable copies of Report I to be received in the board office no later than February 9, 2011 for review at it March 16-18, 2011 meeting. [410-4-.01 (4)]
2. Based upon a June 2011 enrollment date of the first cohort of students into nursing courses, Bauder College must submit three (3) scannable copies of Report I to be received in the board office no later than April 15, 2010 for review at the Board's May 12-13, 2010 meeting. [410-4-.01 (4)]

Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Gwinnett Technical College (AD)

Dr. Flynn moved to accept Report III submitted by Gwinnett Technical College in support of its Associate Degree Nursing Program. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [410-4-.01 (6)]

Shorter College

Mrs. Anderson moved to approve the following:

1. Based upon compliance with Rules 410-4-.01 (4) and (5), Initial Approval is granted to Shorter College for the enrollment of its first cohort of least 20 students in nursing courses in the prelicensure BSN Program in the Fall Semester 2010. [410-3-.02 (1)(b)]
2. A site visit will be scheduled during the Spring 2011 semester. [410-4-.01 (7)]
3. Three (3) scannable copies of Report III must be received in the board office no later than February 10, 2011 for review at the Board's March 2011 meeting.

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW INITIATIVE

Darton College

Dr. Flynn moved to approve the following:

1. Submit the written process for the evaluation and admission of Army medics into the Accelerated Bridge for Healthcare Professionals. [410-3-.07 (2)]
2. Submit the written policy for a deployed soldier in terms of the acceptable length of time and the process of reconnection with the program. [410-3-.07 (2)]
3. Provide the date (s) of enrollment for both tracks. [410-3-.07 (2)]

4. Clarify the role of personnel in the grant office in terms of student recruitment, administrative issues, assistance for deployed students, and the arrangement of preceptors. [410-3-.07 (2)]
5. Submit a detailed description of each of the subsets of the budget. [410-3-.03 (6)]
6. Submit written descriptions for each proposed practice setting in terms of available and appropriate personnel, facilities, and resources to enable collaborative planning, implementation and evaluation of learning activities. [410-3-.10 (7)]
7. A site visit to Martin Army Community Hospital will be scheduled. [410-3-.01 (8)]

Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Smith abstaining.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Georgia College & State University (BSN)

Mrs. Taylor moved to accept the following commendations:

1. Over the last four (4) years 92006-2009) 96.9 % (267/278) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers have passed. [410-3-.09 (1)(2)]
2. The systemic program evaluation plan is through and current and directive of program planning. [410-3-.03 (8)]
3. Minutes clearly document business conducted and actions taken. [410-3-.03 (9)]
4. Practice based learning activities occur in diverse settings representative of the continuum of health care. [410-3-.04 (6)]
5. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (8)]
6. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (9)]
7. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development to enable the goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (8)]
8. Several options are in place to identify the learning needs of students and provide avenues for success. [410-3-.07 (2)]
9. Educational facilities and resources enable the learning goals of the curriculum and overall educational experiences. [410-3-.10]

Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Taylor moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Review and update the philosophy, outcomes, and written plan for the organization and development of the curriculum. [410-3-.04(2)]
2. Review and update the School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook so that is information is accurate and current. [410-3-.03 (10);410-3-.07 (2)]

Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXTENSIONS OF APPROVAL

Mr. Thigpen moved to extend Full Approval through December 31, 2011 for the Associate Degree Program at Georgia Perimeter College, the BSN Program at Georgia Southwestern State University, and the BSN Program at Valdosta State University. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. [410-3-.02 (2)(a)]

Mr. Thigpen moved to extend Full Approval through December 31, 2012 for the BSN Program at Kennesaw State University. Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Flynn abstaining. [410-3-.02 (2)(a)]

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Delynn Keeton, *President*

Sylvia Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant and approved on May 13, 2010.