

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses met in Conference Room 107 of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Mitchell, RN, NHA, President
Jane Harte Sipple, LPN, CPUR, CCDS Vice President
Le Ann Tuggle, Consumer Member
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Patricia Z. Marshall, LPN, NAAC
Fredettena "Tina" Fletcher, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Krista Andrea Phipps, LPN

STAFF PRESENT:

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant, Legal/Disciplinary
Janet Jackson, JD., Assistant Attorney General (Via teleconference)
Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant to Executive Director
Katrina Martin, Licensing Supervisor

LIAISON

Hattie O'Bryant, representing Georgia Licensed Practical Nurses Association
Attendance at Open Session only

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

LPNI090152 – ROF

New Board Members Tina Fletcher, Kellie Lockwood and Patricia Marshall were given the Oath of Office by Sandy Bond, Executive Director. A brief orientation followed and members were presented with their notebooks of LPN Rules, Laws, Policies, Duties and responsibilities.

Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Ms. Mitchell noted that a quorum was present to conduct business.

LIAISON REPORT

Ms. O'Bryant summarized the role of the Association and updated the board on activities since the February meeting. Ms. Sipple requested the Association to remind all LPN's that their License renewal is approaching and that everyone should

renew early. Additionally, anyone who answers yes to some of the questions needs to send in their appropriate documentation for review. Following her presentation Ms. O'Bryant left the meeting.

AGENDA

Ms. Sipple moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD MINUTES

Ms. Sipple moved to accept the minutes of the February meeting as amended. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Lockwood moved, Ms. Sipple 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 cases and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, Mrs. Mitchell declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bond gave a brief update on administrative issues:

- Welcome to the new Board Members
- MLO Conversion continues, with plans to go live on April 19, 2010
- LPN Examination Applications will go on line as early as May, 2010
- 2 Licensing analysts will be out in May – one will be getting married and will be out for two weeks and the other one will be out 6 to 8 weeks following surgery

LEGAL SERVICES

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

Ms. Fletcher moved to accept the listing of signed **Private** Consent Agreements presented by the Legal Services Department. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PAB Case # LPN100150
AEP Case # LPN100220

RCC Case #LPN100276
RGS Case #LPN100217

VLG Case #LPN100076

ENFORCEMENT CASES

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

NCLEX-PN Application Review

LPNI00360-MLM Ms. Tuggle moved to request a personal appearance by applicant. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI00265-DMO Ms. Tuggle moved to close the case with a letter of concern re criminal. Ms. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT – Application Review

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI00244- CR Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case with a letter of concern re alcohol and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI00249 -RAR Ms. Sipple moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI00267 -WLC Ms. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order following Alabama's Consent Order. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT Application Review

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI00266-KFJ Ms. Tuggle moved to deny licensure based on an incomplete application. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COURSE PER CONSENT ORDER – Review

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI070192-ZNY Ms. Tuggle moved to accept course as proof of completion of Consent Order requirements. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI060216-EWB Ms. Tuggle moved to accept course as proof of completion of Consent Order requirements. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI070184- CME Ms. Sipple moved to accept course as proof of completion of Consent Order requirements. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI090124- DB Ms. Tuggle moved to accept course as proof of completion of Consent Order requirements. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION TO LIFT SUSPENSION & RESTORE LICENSE

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI060084 -BSB Ms. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Public Consent Order to lift the suspension and restore license with probation for one year to include quarterly personal and psychotherapy reports. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI090152 -ROF Ms. Lockwood moved to rescind the previous order and proceed with licensure by endorsement based on credential evaluation performed by ESE on applicant. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION TO LIFT SUSPENSION & RESTORE LICENSE (Continued)

(LPNI – Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI070189 –ERH Ms. Fletcher moved to request licensee to submit proof of discharge for Board consideration and review. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2009-2011 RENEWAL APPLICATION Review

(Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI100252 -JKHC Ms. Tuggle moved to close the case with a letter of concern re alcohol. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI090182 -TLSM Ms. Tuggle moved to write the applicant a letter requesting (inpatient/outpatient) Mental/Physical Examination as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. 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. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI090170 -HLH Ms. Lockwood moved to close the case with a letter of concern re criminal. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF ORDER

(LPNI - Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI060056 -KDE Ms. Marshall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an Amended Public Consent Order extending probation for one year. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI060177 -SLR Ms. Sipple moved to refer to the Attorney General for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension due to violation of Mental/Physical Evaluation.

LPNI090018 -JAG Ms. Tuggle moved to refer to the Attorney General for a revocation based on violation of the Mental/Physical Evaluation Order.

LPNI100031 -HF Ms. Marshall moved to grant an extension for Mental/Physical Evaluation Results to be received in Board Office no later than May 31, 2010. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION Review

(LPNI - Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI090111 -JS Ms. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Indefinite Suspension due to failure of Licensee to complete a Mental/Physical Evaluation as required by the Board. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100032 -AMJ Ms. Tuggle moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order with five years probation. License is to have narcotic restrictions for two years with standard substance abuse stipulation, quarterly employer, aftercare, personal and psychotherapy reports for five years. Motion was seconded by Ms. Sipple and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION Review

(LPNI - Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI090101 -EMR Ms. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order with three years probation and a fine of \$250.00 for failure to disclose along with quarterly personal and employer reports. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100003 – GCJ Ms. Fletcher moved to order licensee to have an outpatient Mental/Physical Evaluation. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member, 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. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100004 – GYY Ms. Fletcher moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and a nursing course in patients' rights. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100137 – ENA Ms. Sipple moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and nursing courses in patients' rights, documentation and patient assessment. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI1000137 – PWC Ms. Sipple moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and nursing courses in patients' rights, documentation and patient assessment. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100137 – JKL Ms. Sipple moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and nursing courses in patients' rights, documentation and patient assessment. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100137 – MUO Ms. Sipple moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and nursing courses in patients' rights, documentation and patient assessment. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100137 – MMV Ms. Sipple moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and nursing courses in patients' rights, documentation and patient assessment. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100137 – NMW Ms. Sipple moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and nursing courses in patients' rights, documentation and patient assessment. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100209 – TWH Ms. Mitchell moved to refer to Attorney General for a Hearing on revocation based on obtaining a license under false pretenses. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI080216 – EDF Ms. Sipple moved to close the case and proceed with licensure. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APP #1198604 – TJ Ms. Mitchell moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by endorsement. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REVIEW

(Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI080086 – RB Ms. Tuggle moved to order licensee to have an outpatient Mental/Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. 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. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI080131 – REH Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case with no action. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPN080132 –KGF Ms. Marshall moved to close the case with no action. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI080157 –VH Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case with no action. Ms. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI080159 –FS Ms. Mitchell moved to close the case with no action. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI080242 –SCM Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case with no action. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI090097 – JKB Ms. Mitchell moved to order licensee to have an outpatient Mental/Physical Evaluation. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. 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. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI080087 – JES Ms. Tuggle moved to close the case with no action. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY COGNIZANT REPORT

Ms. Tuggle moved to accept the Disciplinary Cognizant's Report on Applications as presented. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Ms. Tuggle voted in opposition on Case No. **LPNI100276-RCC**.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW

(Licensed Practical Nurse Case Number)

LPNI100285-JFR Ms. Sipple moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and reinstate license with a \$500.00 fine for unlicensed practice and to issue a temporary license. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100286-FJM Ms. Sipple moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and reinstate license with a \$500.00 fine for unlicensed practice and to issue a temporary license. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100287-DJJ Ms. Sipple moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and reinstate license with a \$500.00 fine for unlicensed practice and to issue a temporary license. Ms. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100288-ALS Ms. Sipple moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and reinstate license with a \$500.00 fine for unlicensed practice. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPN0100289-AMR Ms. Sipple moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and reinstate license with a \$500.00 fine for unlicensed practice. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100290-JFG Ms. Sipple moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and reinstate license with a \$500.00 fine for unlicensed practice. Ms. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100291-APD Ms. Lockwood moved to deny licensure based on not graduating from an approved program as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-26-36. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100292-JM Ms. Tuggle moved to deny licensure based on applicants failure to meet educational requirements. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100293-DP Ms. Fletcher moved to approve applicant to sit for the NCLEX-PN. Applicant has until May 26, 2011 to take and pass the examination. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REFRESHER PROGRAM (amended)

Ms. Martin presented an amended copy of the Refresher Program Guidelines for the Board's consideration.

COGNIZANT REPORT – APPLICATIONS/COMPLAINTS

Ms. Fletcher moved to approve the Cognizant's Report on complaint/application cases as presented. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Ms. Fletcher moved to accept the Voluntary Cease and Desist Order signed by Nancy R. Vollenweider. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Mitchell, RN, NHA, President
Jane Harte Sipple, LPN, CPUR, CCDS Vice President
Le Ann Tuggle, Consumer Member
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Patricia Z. Marshall, LPN, NAAC
Fredetena "Tina" Fletcher, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Krista Andrea Phipps, LPN

STAFF PRESENT:

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Janet Jackson, JD., Assistant Attorney General
Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa Anne Beck, M.Ed., D.C., Curriculum Program Specialist

Public Health & Safety/Nursing, Technical College System of Georgia
Diana Meeks-Sjostrom, Bauder College
Millicent Threats, Bauder College
Elizabeth Whitworth, Holland & Knight (representing Bauder College)

Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010 and determined that a quorum to conduct business did exist.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Ms. Beck announced the merger of Valdosta and East Central Technical College effective July 1, 2010. The merged schools will become Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Ms. Beck reviewed with Board Members the new semester system with a proposed start date of August 2011. This is an attempt to make class schedules similar to the universities. She distributed a copy of classroom calculations for the Board's review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Sipple moved, Ms. 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 cases and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, April 15, 2010, Ms. Mitchell declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1_ et seq.

ELECTION OF DISCIPLINARY COGNIZANT

Ms. Tuggle moved to elect Kellie R. Lockwood the Disciplinary Cognizant for the Board. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATUS REPORT – JANET JACKSON

Charmaine Lamberth, LPN030622 Ms. Sipple moved to accept the **Public Consent Order** as presented, requiring two years probation, entry in a treatment/aftercare program and quarterly employer, personal and counselor reports. Ms. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Galedria Mbah, LPN052960– Ms. Sipple moved to accept the Amended **Public Consent Order**, requiring one extra year's probation with quarterly employer, personal and aftercare reports. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lockwood and it carried unanimously.

Brandi McCall, LPN056782 – Ms. Sipple moved to accept the Amended **Public Consent Agreement**, requiring one extra year's probation and continued quarterly employer, personal and aftercare reports. Narcotic restrictions limiting access to controlled substances will also be placed on her license. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lockwood and it carried unanimously.

Viki Morales, LPN020755 – Ms. Sipple moved to accept **Public Consent Order** as presented, requiring Ms. Morales' license to be placed on indefinite suspension. Licensee may petition the board for restoration by providing a current Mental/Physical Evaluation Motion was seconded by Ms. Lockwood and it carried unanimously.

Shonda Souther, LPN052956 – Ms. Sipple moved to accept Amended **Public Consent Order** as presented, requiring two extra year's probation with continued quarterly counselor, employer and personal reports. Narcotic restrictions limiting access to controlled substances will also be placed on her license. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lockwood and it carried unanimously.

Leah Barrett, LPN047867 - Ms. Fletcher moved to accept Amended **Public Consent Order** as presented, requiring two extra years probation and adding the requirement that licensee remain in her current program of individual therapy. Motion was seconded by Ms. Tuggle and it carried unanimously.

Case #LPNI070056 – JLM Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case due to a lack of a response to Ms. Jackson's correspondence. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Case #LPN090044 – BEP Ms. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an outpatient Mental/Physical Examination. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Jackson also updated the board on pending cases that she is currently preparing for further Board action, and closed cases since the previous board meeting.

Ms. Sipple moved to accept the Attorney General's Status and Activity Report and to accept Consent Agreements/Orders and other actions as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPOSED RULES AMENDMENTS

Board members proposed the following amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses.

Ms. Mitchell moved to post the revised rule during the Board Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses held on April 15, 2010 in Macon, Georgia to approve the posting of revisions to Rule 400-2-.01. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Tuggle 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 required by O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

400-2-.01 ~~Qualifications: Regular Examination Candidates.~~ LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

~~(1) Upon proof being properly submitted to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed a Georgia approved practical nursing program before the exam date and, upon proof that the applicant meets the statutory qualifications to become a licensed practical nurse in Georgia, and upon proof of payment of proper fees, the Board will allow the applicant to take such examination as prescribed therefore.~~

Authority O.C.G.A. §§. 43-26-31 to 43-26-33, 43-26-35.

The Board will authorize an applicant for licensure, who has graduated from a nursing education program as defined by OCGA §43-26-32 to take the NCLEX-PN Examination after submitting to the Board proof of the following:

- a. the applicant has successfully completed a Board approved nursing education program prior to the licensing examination date;
- b. the applicant must meet the statutory qualifications to become a licensed practical nurse in Georgia; and
- c. the required fees have been paid.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-26-32, 43-26-35, 43-26-36 and 43-26-37.

Ms. Lockwood moved to post the revised rule during the Board Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses held on April 15, 2010 in Macon, Georgia, to approve the posting of revisions to Rule 400-2-.06. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Mitchell 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 required by O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

400-2.06 Temporary Permit.

(1) Further Training: An applicant for licensure by endorsement or reinstatement required to complete further training through supervised clinical practice may be issued a temporary permit, according to the provisions of law, as follows:

(a) The temporary permit shall be valid up to ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) months or until final action upon the application for licensure by endorsement or reinstatement is taken by the Board and a license is issued, whichever occurs first. In either case, the temporary permit is valid for a period of ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) months. Any extension of the ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) month temporary permit shall be at the discretion of the Board.

(b) The holder of this temporary permit may obtain supervised clinical practice training under supervision as outlined in the board approved work proposal submitted to the board by the applicant on forms provided by the board.

(2) Endorsement and Reinstatement: An applicant for licensure by endorsement or reinstatement who has submitted a completed application and provided verification of active practice may be issued a temporary permit according to the provisions of law as follows:

(a) Applicant has provided a current copy of their licensed practical/vocational nurse license from a NCLEX jurisdiction.

(b) The holder of this temporary permit may perform nursing duties under the supervision of a licensed registered nurse, doctor, podiatrist or dentist.

(c) The temporary permit shall be valid up to ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) months or until final action upon the application for licensure by endorsement or reinstatement is taken by the Board and a license is issued, whichever occurs first. In either case, the temporary permit is valid for a period of ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) months. Any extension of the ~~nine (9)~~ six (6) month temporary permit shall be at the discretion of the Board

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-34 to 43-26-36, 43-26-38.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Lockwood moved to refer a letter from VIP Paramedic Services of Corpus Christi, Texas to Janet Jackson for an appropriate response to inquiry on Uniform Commercial Codes. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CURRICULUM RULES SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Marshall moved to add Kellie Lockwood to the Curriculum Rules Subcommittee, made up of Sylvia Rozier, LeAnn Tuggle, Julia Nell Shaw, Sara Lanier and Lance Giles. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POLICY CHANGE

Ms. Marshall moved to amend policy voted effective by the Board on December 15, 2009 on applicants who have not engaged in active practice for 5 to 8 years to attend an approved refresher program consisting of 80 hours theory and 80 hours clinical practice. For applicants who have not practiced for 8 to 10 years attendance in a approved refresher program for 80 hours and 160 hours of clinical practice. For applicants who have not practiced for over 10 years, then the board will review each application on a case by case basis to determine what the applicant must do to obtain licensure. The effective date of this policy should be December 15, 2009. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, with the exception of Ms. Lockwood's decision to abstain from the vote.

LICENSES ADMINISTRATIVELY ISSUED

Ms. Fletcher moved to ratify the list of 372 licenses administratively issued from February 8, 2010 to April 10, 2010. Motion was seconded by Ms. Marshall and it carried unanimously.

LPN REFRESHER PROGRAM

Ms. Marshall moved to approve the amended LPN Refresher Program presented by Ms. Martin. Ms. Sipple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF PAST BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Fletcher moved to recognize past board members' service to the Board. Ms. Tuggle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Barbara Mitchell, RN, NHA, **President**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, **Executive Director**

The minutes of the Board Meeting were recorded by Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist and approved on June 9, 2010