

The Georgia Board of Nursing met April 20, 2012 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barry Cranfill, RN, CRNA, MHS, MBA, FAAPM, President
Mary Chatman, Ph.D. (c), RN, Vice President
Nancy Barton, MS, RN
Brenda Rowe, JD, MN, RN
Katherine Mann, RN, CRNA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ashley Barnett, Consumer
Anita Hufft, PhD., RN

STAFF PRESENT

James Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, JD

Cranfill called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012. The Board worked as a committee to conduct disciplinary matters until a quorum was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barton moved, Rowe 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 Friday, April 20, 2012, Cranfill declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

CORRESPONDENCE – LANCE JOHNSON, CRNA

Mann moved to advise Mr. Johnson that it was within the scope of practice for a certified registered nurse anesthetist to perform epidural steroid injections when the procedure is performed in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-26-11.1, Board rules and applicable Georgia law and to refer him to the Scope of Practice Decision Tree. Language is to be included in the correspondence explaining that the Board’s response is not intended to be a commentary on any ongoing investigation by any other professional licensing board. Rowe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chatman joined the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

PROCEDURES OF REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSEES

A discussion was held regarding the procedures for lapsing/reinstating licenses of licensees who attempted to renew their license prior to January 31, 2012, but failed to submit secure and verifiable documentation regarding United States citizenship as instructed as part of the renewal process.

Members of the Board wanted to ensure that their concerns were clearly and accurately presented to the Secretary of State and discussed the possibility of requesting a conference call with the Secretary.

Cranfill discussed the possibility that the Secretary of State was unaware that multiple notifications were sent to licensees with conflicting information regarding the submission of required documents.

Chatman moved to request a conference call with the Secretary of State to discuss procedures for lapsing/reinstating licenses of licensees who attempted to renew their license prior to January 31, 2012, but failed to submit secure and verifiable documentation regarding United States citizenship as instructed as part of the renewal process. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried with Mann and Cranfill opposing.

Mann moved to reinstate licenses with a Letter of Concern re: Unlicensed Practice for applicants who attempted to renew their license prior to January 31, 2012, but failed to submit secure and verifiable documentation regarding United States citizenship as instructed as part of the renewal process. All other reinstatement applications will be handled according to normal policies and rules. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Friday, April 20, 2012 at 4:41 p.m.



Barry Cranfill, **President**



James Cleghorn, **Executive Director**