

The Georgia Board of Nursing met November 13-14, 2013 in Building B of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barry Cranfill, RN, CRNA, MHS, MBA, FAAPM, President
Nancy Barton, MSN, RN
Tammy Burdeaux, RN, BSN, CRNI
Anita Hufft, PhD., RN
Brenda Rowe, JD, MN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Katherine Mann, RN, CRNA
Ashley Barnett, Consumer

STAFF PRESENT

James Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

LM-RNI140100 DB-RNI140162 CW-RNI120616 FS-RNI130230

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

Dale Crush Anita Jackson Lowell S. Brown Ed Smoker, Sr. Amber Smoker Ed Smoker, Jr. Kaylen Smoker

Cranfill called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barton moved, Mann 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, November 13, 2013, Cranfill declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant V.W., #1819905 – Rowe moved to deny reinstatement based on action in another jurisdiction. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant A.S., #2093884 – Burdeaux moved to deny reinstatement. The applicant may reapply after twelve (12) months documented sobriety and a current MPE. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant T.M., #1797371 – Hufft moved to deny reinstatement. The applicant may reapply after successful completion of criminal probation. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant S.C., #2089986 – Barton moved to deny reinstatement. The applicant may reapply after twenty four (24) months documented sobriety and a current MPE. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant R.S., #22855389 – Rowe moved to approve preceptorship. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI110451– Burdeaux moved to rescind the previous motion from the July 17-18, 2013 board meeting and refer to Legal Services for a private consent order with amendments to paragraph 1, 3 and 4. No changes will be made to the conclusion of law. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130359 – Hufft moved to deny request. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110013 – Barton moved to uphold the previous motion from the January 16-17, 2013 board meeting. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130088 – Rowe moved to uphold the previous motion from the September 18-19, 2013 board meeting. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI080257 – Burdeaux moved to uphold the previous motion and deny request. The respondent may submit request for reconsideration with current MPE and four years of continuous documented sobriety. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI111069 – Hufft moved to uphold the previous motion from the July 17-18, 2013 board meeting. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130564 – Burdeaux moved to uphold the previous motion. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2013-2015 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI140180 – Barton moved to refer to Legal Services to order licensee to have an outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140180 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose disciplinary action in another jurisdiction. Licensee must submit proof of completion of all terms of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing consent order within ten (10) days of completion. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140176 – Burdeaux moved to refer to Legal Services to order licensee to have an outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI111092– Hufft moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2013-2015 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI130250 – Barton moved to refer to Legal Services to order licensee to have an expedited outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or the Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. No extensions will be granted. If the respondent fails to comply, license will be suspended. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130433 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension. The respondent may petition for restoration of licensure after a minimum of three (3) months and submission of an MPE completed within thirty (30) days of petition. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140071 – Barton moved to close the case. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT SUSPENSION

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI130120 – Hufft moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal). Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130122 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include three (3) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal). Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090383 – Rowe moved to close the case and proceed with license renewal. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI140101 – Burdeaux moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140034 – Hufft moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing for revocation based on continued practice with a suspended license. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070227 – Barton moved to schedule respondent for a personal appearance. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110086 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110192 – Burdeaux moved to deny license renewal. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SELF REPORT

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI140010 – Hufft moved to refer to Legal Services to order licensee to have an expedited outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130657 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal) and a fine of \$500 for diversion. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI120290 – Rowe moved to refer to Legal Services for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for action in another jurisdiction. The respondent must provide documentation of completion of Alabama Board of Nursing consent order. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIONS

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RNI130178 – Burdeaux moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension to be signed by November 18, 2013. If the respondent does not sign by that date, proceed with the summary suspension. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried with Rowe abstaining.

RNI130178 – Hufft moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a private consent order to include courses in Ethics, Professional Accountability and Documentation. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130086 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a private consent agreement for reinstatement to include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal). The respondent must submit documentation of continuous sobriety for twelve (12) months for consideration for lifting. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140071 – Rowe moved to close the case. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140085 – Burdeaux moved to close the case. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried with Cranfill abstaining.

RNI140138 – Hufft moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a private consent order to include courses in Ethics, Professional Accountability and Patient Assessment and a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140157 – Barton moved to close the case. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI140025 – Rowe moved to rescind the previous motion from the September 18-19, 2013 board meeting, accept MPE and refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or public consent order to include two (2) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer and personal), a fine of \$2000 for unprofessional conduct and courses in Professional Accountability, Nurse Practice Act, Documentation and Medical Administration. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130086 – Burdeaux moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, substance abuse stipulations and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal). Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWS

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RNI140028 – Barton moved to rescind the previous motion from the September 18-19, 2013 board meeting and refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order with same terms as the previous motion with the addition of language allowing petition for early termination with two (2) years of documented sobriety. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI20671 – Rowe moved to accept the consent order as presented. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI140100 – Burdeaux moved to close the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140162 – Hufft moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a private consent agreement for licensure by examination to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose disciplinary action in another jurisdiction. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120616 – Barton moved to close the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130230 – Rowe moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Substandard Care. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned November 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barry Cranfill, RN, CRNA, MHS, MBA, FAAPM, President
Nancy Barton, MSN, RN
Tammy Burdeaux, RN, BSN, CRNI
Anita Hufft, PhD., RN
Brenda Rowe, JD, MN, RN
Ashley Barnett, Consumer (via teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Katherine Mann, RN, CRNA

STAFF PRESENT

James Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline

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

Paul Earley Robin McCown Mike McGee Rachel Choe Jeremy Arie Kathy Wood

Cranfill called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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HEARING - QP

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RNI130057 – Barton moved to accept the motion for a continuance to allow time to settle the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICIES

The Board discussed board policies for delegation/streamlining that have previously been approved by the Attorney General's office and reviewed the new information received from the Attorney General's office regarding why the policies are no longer viable. The policies will be amended and presented to the Board for adoption at the January 2014 meeting.

Barton moved to request review of Title 43 to tell the Board what laws needed to be addressed with the legislature so that it can be amended to allow the Board to delegate certain disciplinary actions to staff. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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HEARING - SA

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RNI100139 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension. The respondent may petition for restoration of licensure after twenty-four (24) months of documented continuous sobriety and a current MPE to be completed within thirty (30) days of petition. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGET UNIT DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the Real Estate Board's budget unit status and received information from Real Estate Commission's attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Rowe moved to accept the September 18-19, 2013 Executive Session Board meeting minutes as amended. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rowe moved to accept the September 18-19, 2013 Board meeting minutes as presented. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROPOSED RULE 410-15-.01

Barton moved to repost the proposed changes to Rule 410-15-.01. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

410-15-01 INACTIVE STATUS

(1) A currently licensed registered professional nurse who wishes to maintain his or her license but who does not wish to practice nursing in this State may apply for inactive licensure status by submitting an application for inactive status and paying the required fee.

(a) A licensee granted inactive status is exempt from filing a biennial license renewal application and paying a license renewal fee.

(b) A licensee who holds an inactive license shall not practice as a registered professional nurse, shall not hold herself or himself out as a nurse, shall not use the title "registered professional nurse," and shall not use the designation "R.N."

(2) An inactive license may be changed to active status by filing an application for reinstatement with the Board, complying with reinstatement requirements, and paying a reinstatement fee, as determined by the Board. Applicants must be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she has maintained current knowledge, skill and proficiency in the practice of nursing and that he or she is mentally and physically able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

(3) Reinstatement of the license is within the discretion of the Board.

(4) Applicants for reinstatement who have not practiced as a registered nurse for at least five hundred hours within the previous four years must complete a Board approved reentry program.

(5) Applicants for reinstatement who have practiced as a registered nurse for at least five hundred hours within the previous four years must complete one of the five competency requirements within two years preceding the date of application for reinstatement.

(6) The Board may require the passage of an examination or other competency assessments. The Board, in its discretion, may impose any remedial requirements deemed necessary.

(7) The Board may deny reinstatement for failure to demonstrate current knowledge, skill and proficiency in the practice of nursing or being mentally or physically unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety or for any ground set forth in O.C.G.A. §43-26-11.

(8) The denial of reinstatement is not a contested case, but the applicant shall be entitled to an appearance before the Board.

Barton 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. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GEORGIA PROFESSIONALS HEALTH PROGRAM

Dr. Steve Earley met with the Board and discussed the Georgia Professionals Health Program. Dr. Earley explained the structure of the program and provided information to the Board regarding costs and treatment. The Board discussed what legislative action would be needed to allow GBON to utilize PHP or a similar program. It was noted that the majority of states with successful programs receive financial support from entities other than the regulatory board.

The Board discussed available options for testing for propofol use. Dr. Earley recommended the use of blood, urine and hair tests to cover the spectrum.

The Board discussed the use of Suboxone by licensees. Dr. Earley explained that the use of Suboxone for physicians in recovery would be a last resort. Dr. Earley explained that research indicates that use of Suboxone causes difficulties in decision making, cognitive functions, and fight/flight decisions. He stated that research indicates that there are probably some cognitive deficiencies caused by the use of any opioid antagonist. Dr. Earley was unwilling to state that Suboxone should not be used by licensees. It was noted that the American Society of Addictionologists was silent on the issue. Dr. Earley recommended that any licensee using Suboxone be monitored by the Board.

The Board discussed working with Dr. Earley to update the standard MPE order utilized by the Board.

PETITION WAIVER – RACHEL MCGEE CHOE

Barton moved to deny request for a waiver. No substantial alternatives presented.. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried with Rowe abstaining.

PETITION WAIVER – LINDA ANN MASON BARBER

Barton moved to approve request for a waiver. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried with Rowe abstaining.

PETITION WAIVER – ERICA RENEE STAMP

Rowe moved to deny request for a waiver based on failure to meet statutory requirement regarding documentation of undue hardship caused by the rule. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION WAIVER – BINCY SAM

Rowe moved to approve request for a waiver. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried with Hufft abstaining.

GEORGIA NURSES ASSOCIATION

Jeremy ArieH offered comments regarding The Georgian Nurse. Mr. ArieH noted that the Georgia Nursing Association's publication has been distributed for approximately seventy (70) years and has been with Arthur Davis Publishing for over thirty (30) years. It was noted that publishers compete in many different states for advertising revenue. The Board stated that it is not its intent to compete with Georgia Nursing Association's publication and attempts will be made for clarity between the two publications.

PROPOSED RULE 410-9-.01

Barton moved to repost the proposed changes to Rule 410-9-.01. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

410-9-.01 RENEWAL OF LICENSE.

- (1) Licenses shall expire according to the rules of the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards, Rule 295-2-.05, Licenses Expiring January 31 – Even Years and Rule 295-2-.12, Licenses Expiring January 31 – Odd Years.
- (2) Completed license renewal applications, accompanied by the required fee, shall be submitted by the posted deadline.
- (3) Registered nurse employers shall not permit anyone to practice as a registered professional nurse without evidence of a current license or temporary permit after February 1 after the license expires. The Georgia Board of Nursing's website shall be considered the primary source of verification for licensed individuals.
- (4) ~~License renewal applications postmarked after January 31 the year your license expires will be returned and the licensee required to reinstate the license~~ Licenseses may obtain a late renewal of their license during the one month period immediately following the expiration date. The late renewal period ends on the last day of February. A registered nurse may not practice nursing after the expiration date of his or her license.
- (5) ~~A name change occurring during the renewal period may be processed without additional fee provided that a copy of the marriage certificate, court order, or substantiating documentation accompanies the renewal application.~~ Each licensee shall notify the Board within thirty (30) days, in writing, of all changes to name, address or email address.

Barton 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. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATION REPORT

Bauder College

Barton moved to impose conditional approval on Bauder College based on Rule 410-3-.02(1)(f). Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Herzing University

Hufft moved to approve the following recommendations based on the site visit:

1) The program must have adequate full time faculty members prior to the start of the January 2014 semester based on current enrollment of 51 students and an anticipated enrollment of 84 effective January 2014. [Rule 410-3-.03(7)]

2) The program must secure contracts to provide clinical experiences in mental health, obstetrics and gynecology and pediatrics. [Rule 410-3-.10(1), (7), (8), (9) and (10)]

Contracts for mental health must be submitted to the Board office no later than December 2, 2013.

Contracts for obstetrics and gynecology and pediatrics must be submitted to the Board office no later than April 1, 2014.

3) The program must complete development of all courses in the curriculum plan and submit evidence of completion to the Board. [Rule 410-4-.01(2)(g)]

Documentation must be submitted to the Board office no later than December 2, 2013.

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bainbridge College

Burdeaux moved to grant approval to Bainbridge College through December 2014. Approval period may be extended pending the receipt of the accreditation site visit reports. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Darton State College

Hufft moved to accept the substantive changes presented by Darton State College and grant approval to Darton State College through December 2014 and that pending the receipt of the accreditation site visit reports the Board may extend the approval period. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LaGrange College

Barton moved to grant approval to LaGrange College through December 2014. Approval period may be extended pending the receipt of the accreditation site visit reports. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College

Rowe moved to grant approval to Georgia Northwestern Technical College through December 2015. Approval period may be extended pending the receipt of the accreditation site visit reports. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

University of West Georgia

Hufft moved to accept the substantive changes presented by the University of West Georgia. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – LAURA SEARCY

The Board referred the correspondence to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy. To ensure patient safety, the Board supports the recommendation of inclusion of the APRN prescriber's name on all prescription labels.

CORRESPONDENCE – SANDRA COPELAND

The Board referred Ms. Copeland to Georgia Composite Medical Board Rule 360-3-.05(1)(a)(1)(ii).

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

The Board discussed scheduling meetings with the chairs of the Senate and House Health and Human Services Committees to discuss legislation to make GBON a budget unit. The Board discussed the need for collaboration between the Georgia Nurses Association, the Georgia Hospital Association and the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI120202 – Burdeaux moved to allow the respondent to appear before the Board. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100518 – Barton moved to close the case. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried with Hufft abstaining.

RNI110125 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for a hearing or private consent order to include four (4) years probation and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal). Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120528 – Rowe moved to deny license renewal. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried with Hufft abstaining. Burdeaux moved to deny license renewal for the following respondents if signed consent orders are not received by January 31, 2014:

RN130018	RN196945	RN104496	RN060796	RN161004	RN152960	RN172900
RN066400	RN124158	RN211631	RN119034	RN211338	RN114698	RN127846
RN052586	RN147012	RN129464	RN063068	RN175484	RN165894	RN195803
RN224114	RN222128	RN221009				

Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Hufft 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:

Hokanson, Jeannette Dean	Massengill, Jessica	Simpson, Connie Lynn	Hawkins, Wanda Catherine
Steelman, Brittany	Milton, Melody Greene	Purvis, James Melvin	

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIONS

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RNI110847– Hufft moved to hold license renewal and refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose action in another jurisdiction. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140135 – Barton moved to hold license renewal and refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension. The respondent may petition for restoration of licensure after twelve (12) months of continuous documented sobriety and an MPE to be completed within thirty (30) days of petition. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120758 – Rowe moved to refer the case for peer review. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130316 – Burdeaux moved to hold license renewal and refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension. The respondent may petition for restoration of licensure with the submission of a current MPE to be completed within thirty (30) days of petition. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130471 – Hufft moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Failure to Disclose. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130651 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a summary suspension and request Investigations to hand-serve order. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140009 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, personal and psychotherapy) and a fine of \$160.75 for investigative costs. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140063 – Burdeaux moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, personal and psychotherapy) and a fine of \$2000 for failure to disclose arrests. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140093 – Hufft moved to refer to Legal Services to order licensee to have an expedited outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130455 – Barton moved to hold renewal and refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal), a minimum of two (2) drug screens per month and a fine of \$1000 for diversion and practicing while impaired. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI110144 – Rowe moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a private order to include courses in Delegation, Patient Safety and Professional Accountability. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried with Barton abstaining.

RNI140154 – Burdeaux moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, personal and psychotherapy), a fine of \$1611.20 for diversion and investigative costs and courses in Ethics, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses. Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120663 – Burdeaux moved to refer the case to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy and the Insurance Commissioner. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried with Cranfill abstaining.

RNI111112, RNI130161, RNI140198 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension based on violation of MPE. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130243 – Rowe moved to refer to Legal Services to order licensee to have an outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CASES REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Rowe moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose arrest(s)/disciplinary action on application that were issued and docketed according to the Board's policies.

APP#2289747 APP#1857288 APP#1832770 APP#2286534 APP#2294291 APP#1856897 APP# 2301995

Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Rowe moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for unlicensed/unauthorized practice that were issued and docketed according to the Board's policies.

APP#2093457 APP#2290478 APP#2301982 APP#1808388 APP#2301594

Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT CASES REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Rowe moved to ratify the Cognizant's' recommendations and to close the following complaints:

RNI120134	RNI120636	RNI120642	RNI120656	RNI120672	RNI120625	RNI120668
RNI120668	RNI130156	RNI110654	RNI120296	RNI130105	RNI120674	RNI120470
RNI110144	RNI090383	RNI120222	RNI120221	RNI110697	RNI130041	RNI120758
RNI120741	RNI120195	RNI120203	RNI120566	RNI120321	RNI120164	RNI120108
RNI120136	RNI131630	RNI110578	RNI120204	RNI110847	RNI110304	RNI130682
RNI120551	RNI120705	RNI120737	RNI120605	RNI140023	RNI140018	RNI140156
RNI140120	RNI140102	RNI140123	RNI130488	RNI130546	RNI130621	RNI140099
RNI130640	RNI140098	RNI140083	RNI130564	RNI140008	RNI140177	RNI130582
RNI140166						

Hufft seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON CHILD SUPPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Barton moved to suspend the following license to practice as a registered professional nurse for failure to pay child support, and further move that this suspension shall cease upon the receipt by the Board of a "Notice of Release" from the Department of Human Resources. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Larry Lee Battle, Jr. RN216113

EDUCATIONAL COGNIZANT NONTRADITIONAL APPLICATION REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mann moved to ratify the Cognizants' recommendations for the following applicants for licensure.

	RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION
App. #1729764	Issue license.

Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL COGNIZANT PRECEPTORSHIP APPLICATION REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Barton moved to ratify the Cognizants' recommendations regarding preceptorship applications.

	RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION
App. #1844634	Approve and issue temp permit.

Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

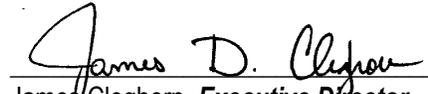
APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Rowe moved, Barton seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of September 2013 through October 2013 that were determined, pursuant to Board approved guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned November 14, 2013 at 2:25 p.m.



Barry Cranfill, **President**



James Cleghorn, **Executive Director**