

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses met February 12, 2014 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN, Chair
Fredetena "Tina" Fletcher, LPN, Vice Chair
Lisa Hedenstrom, RN
Krista Andrea Phipps, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amy Hooper, LPN
Patricia Z. Marshall, LPN, NAAC

STAFF PRESENT

James Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Lockwood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cleghorn reported on the following administrative items:

- Status report on applications, complaints/compliance and final dispositions for December 2013 and January 2014
- NURSIS Update
- Staffing Issues
- Proposed Policy
- Board Combination—Rule Review

BOARD POLICIES

Ms. Hedenstrom moved to adopt policy 1.12. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATION REPORT

NCLEX Reports

The following programs have a pass rate of less than 80% for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The results reflect first time test takers only.

Bauder College – 69.23%
Central Georgia Technical College – 77.73%

The following programs have a pass rate of less than 80% for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. The results reflect first time test takers only.

Bainbridge State College – 75.41%
Bauder College – 78.24%

Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Georgia Piedmont Technical College requested that the Board approve the additions of Westbury Health and Rehab as a clinical site for the educational program. Ms. Fletcher moved to approve the request. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bauder College

Bauder College has submitted a substantive change request regarding the sequence of courses. Ms. Phipps moved to approve the request. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Phipps moved to approve the December 16, 2013 board meeting minutes as corrected. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Ms. Fletcher moved, Ms. Phipps seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure for the months of December 2013 through January 2014 that were determined, pursuant to Board approved guidelines, to have met licensure requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Fletcher moved, Ms. Hedenstrom 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); and 43-26-40, 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, February 12, 2014, Ms. Lockwood 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 REVIEW

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant M.G., #2297496 – Ms. Fletcher moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol and Drugs. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant B.T., #2305154 – Ms. Hedenstrom moved to obtain a letter of explanation, a document signed by the judge placing the respondent in a treatment program and/or a letter from the respondent's attorney explaining the status of the charges. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REVIEW

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

LPNI140074 – Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Unprofessional Conduct. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140058 – Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Unprofessional Conduct. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140062 – Ms. Phipps moved to keep the case open. The respondent must notify the Board of the status of the case within ten (10) days of adjudication. Additional sanctions may be imposed based on the outcome of the criminal case. The respondent must disclose the case on 2015-2017 renewal application. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI130171 – Ms. Hedenstrom moved to close the case. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140032 – Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

LPNI110043 – Ms. Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension and refer to Investigations to conduct an address/contact information search prior to referring to the Attorney General’s office. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT CASES REPORT

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Ms. Hedenstrom moved to ratify the Cognizant’s recommendations from the following complaints:

LPNI140027 LPNI140060 LPNI140080 LPNI140093 LPNI130023 LPNI130207

Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDER TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

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Ms. Fletcher moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings:

Keizer, Keisha Montrez Farabow, Kimberly LPNI140016

Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

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Ms. Phipps moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
LPNI110568	Lift narcotic restrictions.

Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

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Ms. Fletcher 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.

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Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS –ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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Ms. Hedenstrom moved to accept the Attorney General’s status and activity report. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI120112 – Ms. Fletcher moved to accept the consent order as presented. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

Ms. Phipps moved to continue the hearing for Ben Ellis Pitts from February 12, 2014 to April 9, 2014. The basis for the continuance was based upon inclement weather and state of emergency declared by the Governor in response to inclement weather. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL SERVICES

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LPNI140004 – Ms. Phipps moved to refer the case to Investigations and obtain job descriptions and employment records for the respondent from 2010 to the present. Include documentation of any status changes and personnel file. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIONS

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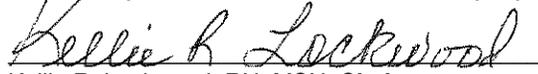
LPNI140061 – Ms. Hedenstrom moved to refer to Legal Services to order licensee to have an expedited outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140084 – Ms. Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hedenstrom moved to approve the December 16, 2013 Executive Session board meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.


Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN, Chair


James Cleghorn, Executive Director

Approved on April 9, 2014