

The Georgia Board of Nursing met September 17-19, 2014 in Building B of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, President
Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Tammy Burdeaux, RN, BSN, CRNI
Tina Fletcher, LPN
Lisa Hedenstrom, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC
Amy Hooper, LPN
Katherine Mann, RN, CRNA
Andrea Phipps, LPN
Rhonda Scott, PhD, RN, CS
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC
Ashley Barnett, Consumer

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Wylencia Monroe, JD, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Patricia McAfee, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline

Rowe called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lockwood moved, Scott 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, September 17, 2014, Rowe 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.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REVIEW

(RNI- Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI120112- Burdeaux moved to uphold the previous motion from the March 19, 2014 board meeting and refer to Legal Services for a public consent order to lift suspension, include four (4) years probation, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (employer, personal), and a three (3) hour course in Prescription Writing. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140037- Lockwood moved to uphold the previous motion from the June 11, 2014 board meeting and deny licensure based on criminal history. The respondent may reapply after March 31, 2015 with twelve (12) months of documented sobriety accepted by the Board. Respondent must submit an MPE by a Board approved provider within thirty (30) days of submission of application. Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140132- Shilling moved to refer to investigations to obtain additional information. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140153- Fletcher moved to rescind the previous motion from the May 20, 2014 board meeting and deny reinstatement. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI080120 - Scott moved to refer to the Attorney General's office to order licensee to have an outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the investigative committee 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. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100328 - Scott moved to approve the aftercare provider, lift the narcotic restrictions, and deny the request to lift probation of the consent order. The respondent must maintain probation status for the rest of the time specified in the consent order. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

RNI150176 – Hedenstrom moved to write applicant to have an outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the reinstatement application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee 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. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120618 – Hooper moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, and psychotherapy), requiring courses in Documentation, Medication Administration, and Professional Accountability. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2461427 – Mann moved to approve preceptorship. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI110330 – Barnett moved to deny open records request. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150099– Burdeaux moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150113 –Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by examination. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140567 –Shilling moved to deny reinstatement. The respondent may reapply after twelve (12) months of documented sobriety and completion of neuropsychological testing with cognitive screen as recommended by MPE. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140295 – Fletcher moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, and personal). The respondent must submit quarterly reports from treating physician regarding naltrexone treatment. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI100073 – Scott moved to close the case. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI130079 – Scott moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a summary suspension based on violation of outpatient MPE order. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI090038 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a public reprimand to include courses in Medication Administration, Documentation, and Handling of Narcotics. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150144 – Hooper moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years probation and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, personal, and psychotherapy). The respondent must submit quarterly reports from treating physician regarding naltrexone treatment. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150163 - Hedenstrom moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, personal, and psychotherapy). The respondent must be under the care of a physician and must submit quarterly reports from treating physician regarding naltrexone treatment. The respondent may not practice in an area where conscious sedation occurs. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150154 - Mann moved to lift suspension and refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, three (3) years narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, personal, and psychotherapy). The respondent may seek to lift narcotic restrictions after twenty-four (24) months of continuous documented sobriety. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150049 - Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by examination. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried with Lockwood abstaining.

RNI150175 - Burdeaux moved to refer to the Attorney General's office to order licensee to have an expedited outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the investigative committee 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. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140167 - Lockwood moved to rescind the previous motion from the July 16-17, 2014 board meeting and proceed with reinstatement of licensure. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI110139 - Shilling moved to write applicant to have an outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the reinstatement application. Results are to be reviewed by the investigative committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150079 - Fletcher moved to write applicant to send Letter of Explanation regarding arrests and proceed with licensure by endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol upon receipt of requested documentation. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150185 - Scott moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150186 - Scott moved to proceed with licensure by examination with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140232 - Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, and personal), a fine of \$500 for diversion, and \$54.41 for investigative costs. The respondent must submit quarterly reports from treating physician regarding naltrexone treatment. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140222 - Hooper moved to deny licensure based on previous Board disciplinary history. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150187 - Hedenstrom moved to proceed with licensure by examination with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150188 - Mann moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120555 - Barnett moved to deny the request to change Finding of Facts for private consent order and correct period of limitation to two (2) years. Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100855 - Burdeaux moved to close the case and accept reports documenting compliance. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the current administrative structure of the Board. Rowe expressed concerns about continued issues over which the Board has no ability to affect a change. The Board discussed persistent problems with the Professional Licensing Boards Division Call Center and Mailroom as well as continued technological issues. Rowe provided the Board with an example of applicants being told by other state boards of nursing that the Georgia Board of Nursing loses documents on a frequent basis.

PETITION WAIVER – JUANJUAN WU

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

PETITION WAIVER – JACQUELINE BLANCHARD

Hooper moved to grant the request for a waiver and proceed with licensure by endorsement upon receipt of documentation of Canadian Licensure Examination results. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION WAIVER – IRINA RAMONOVA-PARAMANIS

Hedenstrom moved to grant the request for a waiver. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PETITION WAIVER – JAMIE C LEE

Mann moved to deny request for a waiver based on failure to meet statutory requirement regarding documentation of undue hardship caused by the rule. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried with Scott abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

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

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| Maxinee Black-Arias | Leila McKinney | Mindy Glanden |
| Britta Tabor | Kamen Whitten | |

Rowe called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI100337	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI110258	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI120397	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI120637	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI120584	Lift narcotic restrictions.

Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDER TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings.

Jones, Michaelyn Brook	Hickox, Bobby Joseph	Vance, Melodie Thornton	RNI140013
RNI100561	RNI100234	Paul Ejime Iweriebor	RNI100961
RNI100616			

Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CASES REPORT

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

APP#2485140 APP# 2486399 APP#2482084 APP#2490174 APP#2469490 APP#2482813 APP# 2472591
 APP#2478313 APP#2495593

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI – Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

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

RNI150104	RNI150105	RNI150111	RNI150119	RNI150121	RNI150170	LPNI150055
LPNI150056	LPNI150060	LPNI150099				

Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL COGNIZANT NONTRADITIONAL COGNIZANT APPLICATION REPORT

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to ratify the Cognizant’s recommendations for the following applicants for licensure.

	RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION
App. # 2438710	Issue License.
App. # 1830019	Issue License.

Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL COGNIZANT PRECEPTORSHIP APPLICATION REPORT

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to ratify the Cognizant’s’ recommendations regarding preceptorship applications.

	RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION
App. # 2437885	Approve and issue temp permit.

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

RNI150064	RNI150004	RNI110380	RNI140554	RNI150080	RNI110658	LPNI110134
LPNI140514	LPNI110126	LPNI100014	LPNI140056	LPNI140094	LPNI140110	LPNI140147
LPNI140156	RNI140531	RNI150087	RNI140577	RNI140608	RNI140077	RNI140621
RNI140350	RNI140262	RNI140142	LPNI110326			

Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

RNI110809	LPNI120003	LPNI120206	RNI120174	RNI140315	RNI140677	RNI050342
RNI120471	RNI100577	RNI140591	RNI150075	RNI100283	LPNI150008	RNI120173
RNI130254	RNI140196	RNI140383	RNI110851	RNI150079	LPNI1401066	RNI150064
RNI150066	LPNI140145	RNI090370				

Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HEARING - Jennifer Gallia – Board Docket 2013-1263

RNI140139 - The respondent submitted an application for inactive status. Shilling moved to dismiss proceedings and to accept the application submitted for inactive status. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HEARING- Rebecca Bray – Board Docket 2013-0023

RNI120558 - The respondent submitted an application for inactive status. Lockwood moved to dismiss proceedings and to accept the application submitted for inactive status. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Review Hearing of OSAH Initial Decision - Lisa Ann Rowley Board Docket 2014-1081

LPNI100339 – The Board reviewed the transcript and initial decision rendered by OSAH.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barton moved, Barnett 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 the matter of Lisa Ann Rowley – Board Docket 2014-1081. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, September 18, 2014, Rowe 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.

Hooper moved to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and initial decision for sanction of revocation to become effective upon docketing. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

HEARING- George Turman

RNI120147- Fletcher moved to accept the motion for a continuance until November board meeting. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

RNI140313- Scott moved to close the case. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI090501- Scott moved to rescind the previous motion from the March 19-20, 2014 board meeting and close the case in Attorney General’s office regarding violation of probation. Amend consent order to allow for reduced frequency of random quarterly drugs screens for the duration of consent order. The respondent may petition to discontinue urine drug screens after receipt of documentation from facilitator regarding aftercare status. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI120096 - Barton moved to close the case and accept reports documenting compliance. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130288 - Hooper moved to accept the order as presented. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120194 - Hedenstrom moved to amend the consent order to include four (4) years of probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, and psychotherapy), or refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension. The respondent may petition to lift after six (6) months of documented sobriety, quarterly random drug screens, and a current MPE. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI130190 - Hooper moved to rescind previous board motion from the May 24, 2014 board meeting and refer to the Attorney General’s office to order licensee to have an outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee 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. Check for compliance before renewing license in March 2015. Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI111121- Barnett moved to keep all terms of the previous disposition, to include the lift of narcotic restrictions, four (4) years probation, increase to random monthly drug screens, and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare, and personal). The respondent must submit quarterly reports from treating physician regarding naltrexone treatment. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Update – Discipline Subcommittee

Barton presented information regarding the use of opioid agonist/antagonist therapy by licensees. The Board reviewed information presented by Dr. Paul Earley at the November 2013 board meeting. The Board noted the difference between the use of Naltrexone and Suboxone by licensees. Mann provided documentation regarding the various drugs and their classification and noted cognitive impairment when using the drugs. Barton discussed the position of other jurisdictions on the subject and noted that many

prevented practice by licensees being treated by Suboxone. The Discipline Subcommittee (Mann, Barton, Lockwood) recommend that the Board remove licensees from practice while being treated with Suboxone. The subcommittee also recommended that licensees being treated with Naltrexone be monitored by the Board. Scott noted that any drug that impairs practice should not be used by any licensee who is currently practicing. Karen Waters, Georgia Hospital Association representative, advised that she would reach out to GHA membership for information on the subject. Rowe requested Board members to engage stakeholders to develop proposed language for a policy.

Barton presented information regarding the proposed Legal/Disciplinary Grid. The Board reviewed the proposed document. Cleghorn noted that some of the information was not consistent with current practices. Barton requested that staff review the document and align it with current practices and refer the document back to the subcommittee. The Board reviewed information provided by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Mandatory Reporting

The Board reviewed proposed language for mandatory reporting rules and discussed the development of a mandatory reporting packet to assist facilities in what to report..

Georgia Composite Medical Board

LaSharn Hughes and Carol Dorsey discussed the process for APRNs obtaining prescriptive authority. Hughes provided information regarding Drug Enforcement Agency process for obtaining prescriptive authority. The purpose of the presentation was to educate nurses regarding the process. Some APRNs are currently contacting the DEA immediately after being authorized by the Board of Nursing. APRNs must be authorized by the Board of Nursing, then have their APRN/Physician collaborative agreement approved by the Medical Board and then contact the DEA. Rowe explained that we would put information in The Georgian Nurse and on the Board's website.

Shilling requested information from the Medical Board regarding whether or not information could be obtained about the APRN workforce with protocol agreements. Need to educate APRNs that they need to terminate protocol agreements when they move to a new physician.

Rowe noted that the Medical Board was in a different organizational structure than GBON and asked for Hughes to provide. Sought information regarding organizational structure. Hughes stated that the Medical Board is administratively attached to the Department of Community Health. She noted that the structure was different from the Georgia Board of Dentistry and Georgia State Board of Pharmacy as they are a division of DCH and have input from DCH Commissioner. Hughes explained that the Medical Board is responsible for defending its budget on an annual basis. She explained that DCH processes payroll, provides assistance for budget issues but the Medical Board must demonstrate value and service. Hughes noted that the Medical Board used its appropriation as well as retained revenue for operating expenses. Hughes noted that an advantage of being administratively attached was that there was less bureaucracy in instituting change. She favored the administratively attached structure in that decisions could be made more quickly and changes implemented more effectively.

Lisa Durden- Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division

Rowe introduced Durden and provided information regarding her job position to visitors and noted the Board's appreciation to SOS regarding the communication received on September 16, 2014.

Rowe discussed the PLB Call Center and provided examples of constituents seeking information regarding the Nursing Board who were provided with incorrect information by call center agents. She noted that the statistics show that, during some periods, approximately 32% of calls were related to the Board of Nursing. Rowe urged Durden to consider implementing a nursing dedicated call center.

Durden requested that the Board provide specific examples of call center problems. Stated that a new call center manager started on September 18, 2014. She explained that she would address the Board's complaints with the new manager. Durden explained that the new call center platform would have more options and flexibility. Rowe appreciated the fact that the new platform is forthcoming but expressed continued concern about lengthy wait times, incorrect information and abandoned calls.

Scott requested information regarding the barriers preventing the Board of Nursing from having a dedicated call center. Scott inquired as to whether the agents were knowledgeable about nursing topics. Durden explained that the call center manager monitors

calls to determine if the calls were being handled appropriately. Scott inquired as to whether or not the agents' competency was tested or monitored. She recommended a profession specific test to assist agents' knowledge of the Board's services.

Dr. Leila McKinney, Chamberlain College of Nursing, followed up on why a dedicated call center could not be implemented. She noted that increased costs must be associated with repeat calls and callers receiving inaccurate information.

Phipps requested information regarding how calls are handled when the agent is unable to provide a response. Phipps asked how many daily calls were typically referred to Board office. Cleghorn noted that 30-50 tickets per day are typically received.

Scott strongly recommended that the call center be divided so that staff were only responsible for a limited number of professions rather than trying to make the entire staff be knowledgeable about all professions.

Rowe noted that the licensure database degree import feature has not worked in over a year and explained that exam results are currently being manually imported by staff members. She explained that the automatic email response feature has been unavailable since the system crashed in June 2014. Rowe requested information regarding the status of the issues. Durden states that she has been having daily teleconferences regarding the IT issues and stated that the email responses are the next thing on the priority list. Rowe inquired as to the anticipated resolution date. Durden explained that it should be corrected within two weeks. Durden states that the degree/exam importer was something that staff had been working on for some time and that it was on the priority list for a resolution.

Barton requested information regarding where the Board was at with ORBS. Durden states that it has been referred to Fleming/Beaver for consideration. Rowe notes that NCSBN is an incredible resource for the Board of Nursing. NCSBN has requested that SOS designate an IT staff member to be the point person for the implementation of ORBS. Durden responded that IT staff had been focusing on stabilizing the network and other tasks had taken precedence. Rowe expressed difficulty understanding why an IT staff could not be identified as the point of contact for ORBS. Durden stated that she would provide the Board's request to the SOS CIO. Mann inquired if the SOS CIO was aware of the Board's issues. Durden assured the Board that he was aware.

Rowe expressed appreciation to Durden for her support in allowing Cleghorn to serve as a member of the NCSBN Board of Directors. Durden acknowledged the value of the position as Cleghorn has brought back ideas from other jurisdictions.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

Rowe welcomed Advisory Committee members (Linda Herren, Jan Flynn, Dee Keeton, Barry Cranfill, Karen Wessinger). She explained that the Board was reviewing opportunities to increase efficiency and was looking at various administrative structures that would allow for greater improvements. Rowe explained that the current umbrella structure allowed no Board management over day to day operations (mailroom, accounting, call center, IT). She noted that the Board was examining strategies to become more self-sufficient.

Keeton stated that the umbrella structure was incredibly inefficient and had been for some time. She noted the amount of revenue generated by the Board in fees and fines and explained that she believed that the Board could do a better job. She stated that she felt the Board was currently doing the public an injustice because of inefficient operational processes.

Rowe inquired whether or not the Board should consider a new organizational structure. Flynn states that the problems were not new and that the Board has had previous discussions on whether or not a different administrative model would be more efficient. She noted that fees would have to be increased but that would be appropriate. Herren reiterated that it was not a new issue and that something needed to be done. Cranfill voiced full agreement for the Board and the Advisory Committee members. The committee members were unanimous that the time for action is now.

Rowe expressed a desire for a collaborative effort and noted that the Board was seeking better outcomes, better protection of the public and better service to licensees. Keeton noted that it was important for the information to be disseminated to interested parties and that education needed to be provided to nurses about the issues.

Rowe thanked the committee members for their time and explained that plans would be finalized and information provided to the committee following the board meeting. She explained that the Board would need committee members' access to legislators and other key stakeholders to push the message.

Dr. McKinney provided information about the efforts of Chamberlain College of Nursing to educate legislators about the Board of Nursing. She expressed amazement at the lack of knowledge about the Board by legislators and members of the public.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Rowe provided information to the committee about Cleghorn's appointment to the Board of Directors of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

EDUCATION REPORT

Rayburn provided information about upcoming site visits to Brenau University and Shorter College.

Cleghorn provided the following recommendations:

Moultrie Technical College

The Board received notification that Angela Bullard has been named the PN Program Chair effective July 24, 2014. Based on compliance with Board Rule 400-3-.08 it is recommended that the Board approve the change.

Darton State College

The Board received notification that Deanna Radford has been named Interim Dean of Nursing at Darton State College. Based on compliance with Rule 410-3-.05 it is recommended that the Board approve the change.

Bauder College

Bauder College has submitted their plan regarding the closure of the nursing education program. Based on compliance with Rule 410-5-.01 it is recommended that you accept the report.

Chamberlain College of Nursing

Chamberlain College of Nursing currently has Initial Approval. The first class of eight students graduated on June 28, 2014. Seven of the eight students passed the exam giving the program a pass rate of 87.5%. Based on Rule 410-3-.02(1)(d) it is recommended that Full Approval be granted.

Truett McConnell College

The Board received notification that Celeste Dunnington has been appointed as Department Chair, School of Nursing at Truett McConnell College. Based on compliance with Rule 410-3-.05 it is recommended that the Board approve the change.

Georgia State University

The Board received notification that Dr. Elaine Fisher has been appointed as Associate Dean, Director of the School of Nursing at Georgia State University. Based on compliance with Rule 410-3-.05 it is recommended that the Board approve the change.

Technical College System of Georgia

Representatives of the Technical College System of Georgia contacted the Board in August to discuss the possibility of changing their process of issuing diplomas to graduates of practical nursing education programs and instead, issue a certificate of completion. The rationale provided was for standardization across the United States. TCSG representatives said the change was in name only and did not represent a change in any areas of study. No action is required by the Board.

North Georgia Technical College

The Board received notification that Dr. Angela Butler has been appointed as the Director for the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing program effective August 15, 2014. Based on compliance with Rule 410-3-.05 it is recommended that the Board approve the change.

Barnett moved to accept all recommendations from Education Report. Burdeaux seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Cleghorn provided information on the following topics:

- PLB System Issues
- Nursys / eNotify
- ORBS (NCSBN Licensure Software/Database)
- Staff Update
- Implementation of Mandatory Reporting
- Policy Review
- Board Vacancies
- 2015 Board Meeting Dates
- 2015 RN Renewal Information

Scott motioned that the Board draft a letter to identify a resource person to be point person for ORBS and that all to date action items be included in the letter. Include information that it will be no cost to SOS and that NCSBN has agreed to provide funding to SOS. Include benefits of system in writing. Clarify that Board is only asking to identify a point of contact. Letter to be sent under President Rowe's signature. Include summary of actions that have been taken to this point. Phipps seconded.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 5:33 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

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Rowe called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

The reviewed correspondence from Secretary of State Brian Kemp and discussed how to respond.

APRN SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The Board reviewed issues surrounding nurse practitioners not certified in acute care who practice in acute care settings. The Board will develop a broad statement with guidance from stakeholders. Shilling and Barton will propose language for a position statement on the issue.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE PLAN

The Board reviewed the information from the Advisory Committee meeting on September 18, 2014 and discussed options for a new administrative structure. It was noted that major areas of interest were the call center, mailroom and executive director. The Board discussed proposed talking points for the plan and Scott agreed to create a draft for review.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Hooper moved to accept the July 16-18, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Phipps moved to accept the August 19, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hedenstrom moved, Phipps 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, September 19, 2014, Rowe 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.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Hooper moved to accept the July 16-18, 2014 Executive Session board meeting minutes as presented. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Phipps moved to accept the August 19, 2014 Executive Session board meeting minutes as presented. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Shilling moved to accept the August 4, 2014 Investigative Committee A board meeting minutes as presented. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Phipps moved to accept the August 12, 2014 Investigative Committee A board meeting minutes as presented. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Hooper moved to accept the August 28, 2014 Investigative Committee B board meeting minutes as presented. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Review Open Session Minutes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Friday, September 19, 2014 at 12:06 p.m.



Brenda Rowe, *President*



James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

Approved on November 17, 2014