

The Georgia Board of Nursing met June 18, 2015 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, President
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President
Fredetena (Tina) Fletcher, LPN
Dellarie Shilling, RN, MSN, FNP-B
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC, CNL
Merry Fort, RN
Amy Hooper, LPN
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Katherine Mann, RN, CRNA
Rhonda A. Scott, PhD, RN, CS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tammy Burdeaux, RN, BSN, CRNI
Andrea Phipps, LPN
Ashley Barnett, Consumer

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline
Jansen Balisi, Legal Services

Rowe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lockwood moved, Hooper 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 the Executive Session on Thursday, June 18, 2015, 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.

LEGAL SERVICES

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

RNI151252 – Barton moved to deny the request. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI151251 – Lockwood moved to release requested information including mailing address, school attended and year of graduation. Scott seconded the motion and it carried with Rowe abstaining.

RNI120204 – Barton moved to amend basis of fine as requested. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120654 – Scott moved to rescind the previous motion and send a mitigating letter requesting courses. Fletcher seconded the motion with Fort abstaining.

CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)

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RNI150443 – Hooper moved to close the case. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150548 – Floyd moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI151215 – Fort moved to reinstate with a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy) and a fine of \$500 for diversion. May petition to lift four (4) years after the docket date with documentation of five (5) years of sobriety. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI150549 – Barton moved to license with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction). Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150031– Fort moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulation and a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI151142 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI151113 – Hooper moved to send a Letter of Concern and to request records from Talbot. Licensee must submit the disposition within ten (10) days of adjudication. Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150816 – Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150595/RNI150890 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension. Licensee may petition to lift suspension after twenty-four (24) months of documented continuous sobriety. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150881 – Scott moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Fort seconded the motion and it carried with Barton abstaining.

LPNI150474 – Floyd moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare) and a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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LPNI110057 – Barton moved to accept the physical examination results. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150554 – Floyd moved to rescind the previous motion and refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, Substance Abuse Stipulation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), random monthly drug screens for twenty-four (24) months and quarterly for the duration of the order. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150065 – Lockwood moved to rescind the previous motion from January 2015 and reinstate with a strong Letter of Concern. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150261/RNI150965 – Mann moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent order using the same terms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140222 - Fletcher moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public agreement tracking criminal probation. Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150883 – Mann moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150219 – Mann moved to uphold the previous motion. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150394 – Mann moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Scott seconded the motion and it carried with Mann and Barton opposing.

LPN055848 – Barton moved to rescind the previous motion and refer to the Attorney General’s office for private consent agreement with one (1) year monitoring, courses in Understanding Substance Abuse, quarterly reports (personal, employer), and random quarterly drug screens. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150198 - Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, and a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE

Barton moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for licensure with a fine for failure to disclose arrest(s)/disciplinary action on applications that were issued according to the Board’s policies.

RNI151209 RNI151284 LPNI150515 LPNI150547

Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

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

RNI151146 RNI150514 RNI150516 LPNI151150 RNI151152 RNI151153 RNI151178
RNI151194 RNI151211 RNI151213 RNI151264 RNI151266 RNI151280 RNI151268
RNI150569 RNI151071 LPNI150480 LPNI151043

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A

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

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

RNI150890 RNI150872 LPNI150139 LPNI150142 RNI150812 RNI150324 RNI150459
RNI150576 RNI120139 LPNI150440 RNI150453 RNI120514 RNI150854 LPNI150187
RNI140153 LPNI150205 RNI150345 RNI150489 RNI150516 LPNI150474 LPNI150504
LPNI150272 LPNI150268 RNI120580 RNI080743 RNI140574 RNI120745 RNI140297

Floyd 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:

RNI140084	RN151040	RN151022	LPNI150150	RNI140026	RNI150351	LPNI150443
LPNI150215	RNI150964	RNI150853	RNI150575	LPNI150460	LPNI150192	RNI150815
RNI130103	LPNI150263	LPNI150168	RNI150880	RNI150039	RNI151149	RNI150996
LPNI130071	RNI151119	RNI130472	RNI150750	LPNI150952	RNI150678	RNI030053
RNI140079	RNI150276	RNI140577	RNI150458	RNI110535	LPNI140121	

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

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

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI110358	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI120122	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI110396	Lift narcotics restriction
LPN110601	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI090042	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI130166	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI100577	Lift narcotics restriction

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ORDER TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

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

Gufler, Christina Margaret	Flynn, Michael Edward	Gastley, Joshua Farris	Mealer, Joyce Ann
Mooney, Rhonda Elaine	Bishop, Letitia Lynn	Strickland, Kelleigh Jean	

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

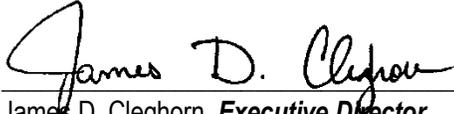
SCOPE OF PRACTICE - ANDREA CANTON

The Board reviewed a scope of practice inquiry regarding epidural procedures. The Board responded that the inquiry was a procedural question that should be addressed within the health care facility. The Board referenced the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists for additional information and explained that all narcotics should be handled in accordance with state and federal law.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, **President**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Cleghorn". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**