

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, October 1, 2015 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Tina Fletcher, LPN
Rhonda Scott, PhD, RN, NE-BC, NEA-BC
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shilling moved, Fletcher seconded and the Committee 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 Thursday, October 1, 2015 Barton 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.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

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

Shilling moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI160011 – Request for an Investigative Interview.

RNI160092 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RNI100262 – Refer to Investigations to hand serve docketed order.

RNI150582 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. Licensee may petition to lift after completion of treatment program and completion of an outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator within thirty (30) days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI150750 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

RNI110937 – Deny the request.

LPNI150078 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

LPNI080120 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a hearing or an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

LPNI160019 – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI150094 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a private consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations and quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy).

LPNI150532 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Ethics of Nursing Practice, Professional Boundaries in Nursing and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

RNI150765 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations and quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy and medication management).

RNI160079 – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Barton sustained.

RNI140440 – Request for an Investigative Interview.

RNI120398 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May petition to lift after 24 months of documented continuous sobriety and an outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI151129 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, substance abuse stipulations and quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare).

RNI120651 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender or revocation of licensure based on violation of Board order. Deny the renewal.

RNI150983 – Refer to legal services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI130488 – Approve the change of the aftercare group.

LPNI150558 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Abuse, Ethics, Difficult Patients, and Professional Accountability.

LPNI030078 – Close the case and cancel the fine.

RNI160035 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent agreement to include a course in Substance Abuse/Risky Behavior and a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct.

RNI150300 – Close with a letter of concern (drugs). Additional action may occur depending on resolution of actions in another jurisdiction.

RNI150418 – Close the case.

RNI150448 – Close the case.

LPNI140115 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a summary suspension.

LPNI150488 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct and courses in Substance Abuse/Risky Behavior.

LPNI140065 – Deny until completion of criminal probation.

LPNI150569 – Refer to legal services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 5:02 p.m.

James D. Cleghorn

James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

Approved on