

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 25, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President
Amy Hooper, LPN
Merry Fort, RN
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hooper moved, Fort 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, February 25, 2016, 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.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

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

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI150378 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension.

LPNI150379/LPNI160198 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, and courses in Professional boundaries, Professional Accountability, Ethics.

RNI120216 – 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 (employer, personal, aftercare). May petition to lift with 24 months of documented sobriety.

RNI160651 – Refer to legal services 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.

RNI150459 – Deny the renewal. Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension. May reapply with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI150924 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension. May petition to lift with a mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160080 – Refer to legal services 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.

LPNI160162 – Close the case with no action.

RNI151233 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension. May petition to lift with a mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI160103 - Refer to legal services 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.

RNI150543/RNI160374 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension. May petition to lift after completion of eight (8) week substance abuse treatment program.

RNI100262 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension.

LPNI160177 – Refer to legal services 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.

RNI160351 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, and courses in Professional Boundaries, Professional Accountability, and Ethics.

RNI160667 – Request licensee to provide correspondence from treating physician that includes all current medications and a statement that the licensee is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety. If not obtained within 30 days, refer to the Attorney General's office for a mental physical examination.

RNI130599/RNI120562 – 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, psychotherapy, medication management), substance abuse stipulations and a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct. Must taper off suboxone within six months and may petition to lift after five (5) years documented sobriety,

RNI160420 – Refer to legal services 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.

RNI160721 – Authorize as an APRN.

RNI140297 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, one (1) year narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, random urine drug screens two times per month for first 12 months and monthly for duration of order, and review Nurse Practice Act. Licensee may petition to lift with five years documented sobriety.

LPNI160080-TB – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine for \$500 for unprofessional conduct and courses in Foundations of Nursing, Professional Accountability.

LPNI160080-CH – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine for \$500 for unprofessional conduct and courses in Foundations of Nursing, Professional Accountability.

RNI150977 – Close with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

RNI160686 – License with a Letter of Concern (Drugs).

RNI160572 – Close the case.

RNI160680 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal) a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct, and a course in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI160098 – Refer to legal services 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.

LPNI160228 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Difficult or Challenging Patients.

RNI160687 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Ethics of Nursing Practice and Difficult or Challenging Patients.

RNI151281 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention, Critical Thinking, and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

RNI151267– Close the case.

RNI160305 – Lift prescriptive authority restrictions.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 4:50 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**