

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 29, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Floyd, RN
Amy Hooper, LPN
Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Andrew Turnage, Executive Director, Trades 2

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Floyd moved, Lockwood 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, September 29, 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.

RNI161138 – Close the case.

LPNI170055 – Close the case.

RNI160227 – Close the case.

RNI170180 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a hearing or a private reprimand to include two (2) years monitoring, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, medication management) and Substance Abuse Stipulations. Floyd abstained from the discussion.

LPNI170158 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a hearing or a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy and medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations, work restrictions and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. May petition to terminate with five (5) years of documented sobriety.

RNI160696 – Close the case.

RNI160045 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a hearing or a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI170187 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Must submit documentation of completion of criminal probation.

LPNI17008 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement and a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RNI170135 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice Patients; Residents Rights and Controlled Substances: A Focus on Safe and Effective Prescribing.

RNI170043 – Close the case.

RNI160400 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

LPNI160320 – Close the case.

RNI170150 – Issue the license.

RNI170013 – Refer for a peer review.

RNI160425 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for public reprimand to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), work restrictions, and a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction. Must submit a letter of compliance with the California Board of Nursing order. Licensee may submit application for inactive status.

RNI130107 – Lift narcotic restrictions. Maintain prescriptive authority restrictions.

LPNI150511 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Non Responsiveness).

RNI151137 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (HIPAA Violation).

RNI161092 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public agreement to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, a fine of \$500 for a violation of a 2014 Consent Order and a \$250 fine for Unlicensed Practice. Floyd abstained.

LPNI160011 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RNI150804 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI150617 – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160933 – Refer for a peer review.

LPNI160183 – License with a Letter of Concern (Unlicensed Practice).

RNI160524 – Uphold the previous motion. Complete peer review.

RNI120216 – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160822 – Deny the application. May reapply with documentation of twelve months of continuous sobriety.

RNI140432 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 4:48 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*