

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 24, 2004 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217-3858.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President  
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS, Vice-President  
Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.  
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN  
Karen Wessinger, BSHE

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA Executive Director  
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal  
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager  
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary  
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice  
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education  
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement  
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Mrs. Stegall moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h) and 43-26-11 to *deliberate enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and administrative cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Darden, Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Stegall, and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et. seq.

**Rule 410-10-01(1): Fees [Amended]**

Mrs. Stegall moved to post the proposed amendment to Georgia Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, chapter 410-10-01-Fees. Amended to include O.C.G.A. 43-26-5(a)(21) and 43-1-7. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**EDUCATION**

Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the reports and the recommendations presented by the subcommittee at the March 11-12, 2004 Board meeting on the following:

**Developing Programs**

Bainbridge College- 22 months report  
West Central Technical College- Report I  
Macon State College- Report II

**Site Visit Report**

Southwest Georgia Technical College

### **Site Visit Responses**

Coastal Georgia Community College  
Georgia State University

LaGrange College  
Northwestern Technical College

### **Program Approvals**

Armstrong Atlantic State University  
Brenau University  
Georgia Perimeter College

Georgia southern University  
Middle Georgia College  
Valdosta State University

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **International Licensure Issues**

Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the report presented by the subcommittee, at the March 11-12, 2004 Board meeting, NCLEX for VISA Screen and the Comparison study of the NCLEX-RN and the Puerto Rican Exam. In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved that the Board of Nursing not support NCLEX-VISA Screen proposed by the NCSBN. Applicants must meet the requirements for licensure by Examination as outlined in the Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations 410-6-.02. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carries unanimously.

### **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

(**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040362-** Mrs. Stegall moved for direct referral to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040363-** Mrs. Stegall moved for direct referral to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040364-** Mrs. Stegall moved for direct referral to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040365-** Mrs. Stegall moved for direct referral to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040366-** Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking Florida Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040367-** Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Revocation of licensure. In addition, Mrs. Wessinger moved to release the requested investigative material to the North Carolina Board of Nursing. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801010196-** Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040368-** Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting the nurse to return signed Voluntary Surrender within 14 days of receipt. If not received in the Board office, refer to the Attorney General's office for an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded to the Board Office within 14 days of date of evaluation for Full Review. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040338**- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing guidelines for Mental Physical Examination, as part of the application for licensure by examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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**RNI030238**- Mrs. Stegall moved not to accept the Consent Order as prepared. Refer to the Attorney General's office to amend the Consent Order to include recommendations of the evaluator. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040077**- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent order to include a \$1000 fine for unlicensed practice and a \$500 fine for falsification of application. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801940106/3801960055** - Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include Voluntary Surrender or Summary suspension. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

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**RNI040157**- Dr. Darden moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall abstaining.

**RNI040291**- Dr. Darden moved to accept the Consent Order as prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

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Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on May 20, 2004.