

The Georgia Board of Nursing met February 8, 2006 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Gwen Dodson, Board Secretary
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Mrs. Linda Herren called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2006. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Dr. Barnett moved, Mrs. Wessinger 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 reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Keeton, Mr. Thigpen and Mrs. Ayers.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)

Patricia Ussery	
Liz Thompson	
Joyce Johnson	Albany State University
Linda Grimsley	Albany State University
Janet Wills	Albany State University
Jamaal Hall	Albany State University
Annette Smith	Albany State University
Jo Neal	Albany State University
Tony Jones	Albany State University
Dr. Everette Freeman	Albany State University
Mirian Worthy	Albany State University
Ellis Sykes	Albany State University
Charlotte Smith	Albany State University

REVIEW OF INITIAL DECISION

Wilder, Leigh Ann - Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the decision of the Administrative Law Judge with the following clarifications: 1) suspend license indefinitely 2) upon request to lift the suspension, the RN must have an Outpatient MPE by a Board approved Addictionologist with treatment recommendations and the results are to be reviewed by the full Board 3) place a hold on license for renewal. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Lockwood moved to acknowledge receipt of Albany State University's responses to the Board's September 26-27, 2005 site visit report. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved to rescind the previous motion from the December 9, 2005 Teleconference Meeting to withdraw approval from Albany State University on June 1, 2006. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lockwood moved to extend the withdrawal of approval for the program leading to initial licensure effective June 1, 2007 with no new students being admitted to this program. Any students currently enrolled must be advised in writing that they must graduate by June 1, 2007. OCGA 43-26-7 (b) Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Barnett moved to notify Albany State University that if Albany State University would like to consider the development and implementation of a new program leading to initial licensure, a letter of intent needs to be submitted to the Georgia Board of Nursing by February 17, 2006 for review at the March 15-17, 2006 meeting. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI060340 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include tracking of legal probation. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060341 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$1000 for falsification of application and track legal probation. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #995244 – Mrs. Ayers moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Barnett abstaining.

Applicant #992555 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #995148 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mr. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #994244 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #993733 – Dr. Barnett moved to deny licensure by Endorsement secondary to falsification of application. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050209 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order the licensee to have Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. 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 the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #994860 – Mrs. Easterly moved to approve applicant for an Advance Practiced License. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060291 – Mr. Thigpen moved rescind previous motion and to proceed with licensure by Endorsement without a fine. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060284 – Mrs. Keeton moved to rescind previous motion and proceed with licensure by reinstatement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Legal Services office. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060073
RNI060261
RNI060099
RNI060254
RNI060283

RNI060256
RNI060259
RNI060250
RNI060276
RNI060289

RNI060278
RNI060274
RNI060271
RNI060207

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Keeton moved to have a representative attend a Summit to be organized by the Georgia Nurses Association (GNA) and the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) to address the issue of a Moratorium placed on new nursing programs in the State of Georgia. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 3:31 p.m.

Linda Herren, President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Gwen Dodson, Board Secretary, and approved March 15, 2006.