

The Georgia Board of Nursing met September 20-22, 2006 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS, COHN-S

ABSENT PRESENT

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Lynne Tollison, RN, BSN Nursing Consultant-Discipline/Legal
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

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

Lue E. Carson	
Theresa Patterson Majied	
Celia Hay	LaGrange College
JoAnne York	Middle Georgia College
Verna Rauschenberg	Georgia Perimeter College
Chamille Stern	Armstrong Atlantic State University
Brenda Cherry	Georgia Perimeter College
Dewana Lowe	Georgia Perimeter College
Karthryn Grams	University of West Georgia College
Carol Wilson	University of West Georgia College
Kathy Apple	NCSBN

PERSONAL APPEARANCES PRESENT

LH-RNI040096	Personal Appearance
ET-RNI060348	Personal Appearance
KW-RNI060401	Personal Appearance
JJ-3801020068	Personal Appearance
MP-RNI020234	Personal Appearance

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2006. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Dr. Barnett moved, Mr. Thigpen 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. Wessinger, Mrs. Easterly and Mrs. Keeton.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 Mrs. Wessinger declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The Board reviewed and approved the July 19-21, 2006 Board Meeting minutes with corrections noted.

SITE VISIT REPORTS

University of West Georgia

The Board reviewed University of West Georgia's April 3-5, 2006 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following commendations:

1. The plan for total program evaluation is comprehensive with minutes clearly documenting business conducted and actions taken. [410-3-.03 (7); 410-3-.05 (12)]
2. The philosophy/assumptions, objectives, written plan for the organization and development of the curriculum, teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions, and evaluation of learning are internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (1)(b)]
3. The components of the Holistic Enhancement Learning Plan (HELP) are consistent with the mission, philosophy, and objectives of the program. [410-3-.04 (1)(b)]
4. The components of the Holistic Enhancement Learning Plan (HELP), the lived caring philosophy, and comments from faculty members and students exemplify the focus on student success in the program and on the NCLEX-RN. [410-3-.04 (1)(b); 410-3-.07 (2)]
5. Several options to enhance learning for pre-licensure and post-licensure students have been established in terms of curriculum plans and actions. [410-3-.03 (4); 410-3-.07 (2)]
6. Practice-based learning activities occur in diverse settings representative of the continuum of health care. [410-3-.04 (1)(f)]
7. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (2)]
8. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (3)]
9. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development to enable the learning goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (9)]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Review and revise test items to incorporate additional items at the application level and nursing decision-making. [410-3-.04 (4)]
2. Submit the final policy regarding the use of Assessment Technologies Inc. (ATI) testing throughout the program as it relates to admission, progression, graduation, and the signing of the application for licensure by examination. [410-3-.04 (4); 410-3-.07 (2)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LaGrange College

The Board reviewed LaGrange College's May 2-3, 2006 Site Visit Report. Dr. Barnett moved to accept the following commendations:

1. The assumptions, purpose, goals, written plan for the organization and development of the curriculum, teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions and evaluation are internally consistent of the curriculum, teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions and evaluation are internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (1)(b)]
2. The caring, committed, professional demeanor of faculty members pervaded the Department and fosters a positive learning environment for both faculty members and students. [410-3-.04 (1)(b)]
3. A detailed plan for total program evaluation has been developed and implemented. [410-3-.03 (7)]
4. Minutes document business conducted and actions taken. [410-3-.05 (12)]
5. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (3)]
6. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (3)]

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Barnett moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. In order for Full Approval to be considered:
 - (a) at least 80% of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over a four-year period (2003-2006) must pass. [410-3-.02 (3)(c);410-3-.08]
 - (b) for any given semester, the majority of faculty members must hold full-time appointments. [410-3-.05 (6)]
2. When additional faculty members are appointed, preference must be given to qualified individuals with graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development in maternal/child nursing and mental health/psychiatric nursing. [410-3-.05 (9)]
3. Given the potential for increase in enrollment, provide a five-year plan based upon projections in student numbers and concomitant faculty needs. [410-3-.03 (5) and (6);410-3-.05 (11)]
4. Review the contact hour workload for full-time nursing faculty members so that it is consistent with that in effect for all faculty members at the College and commensurate with other administrative responsibilities. [410-3-.05 (13)]
5. Provide a plan for the review and revision of test items to provide conformity with prevailing standards of test construction and the incorporation of additional nursing-decision making items. [410-3-.04 (4)]

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Armstrong Atlantic State University

Mrs. Keeton moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (257/320, 80.3%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2002-2005), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2010. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2009-2010 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)] Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Georgia Perimeter College

Mrs. Easterly moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (256/265, 96.6%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2002-2005), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2010. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] The next site visit will be conducted on January 23-25, 2007. [410-3-.01 (d)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried the unanimously.

Middle Georgia College

Mrs. Easterly moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (200/244, 81.9%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four (4) years (2003-2006), Full Approval is restored through December 31, 2010. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)]

(3) (c)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2009-2010 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)] Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OFF-CAMPUS OFFERINGS

Columbus Technical College

Mrs. Keeton moved to approve the following:

1. Clarify the comparability of identified core courses at Flint River Technical College, West Georgia Technical College, and Columbus Technical College. [410-3-.04 (1)(c)]
2. Submit financial resources supporting the partnership by Flint River Technical College and West Georgia Technical College. [410-3-.03 (5)]
3. Submit the sequence of courses being offered at Columbus Technical College, Flint River Technical College, and West Central Technical College [410-3-.03 (4)]
4. Responses to the above recommendations must be received in the board office no later than October 19, 2006. [410-3-10 (2)(b)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

LA – Mrs. Keeton moved to notify the applicant for licensure by examination that in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant she must enroll in and pass complete courses in maternal/infant nursing and mental health/psychiatric nursing. The courses must occur at an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level registered nurse which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the college/university must be requested to send an official transcript documenting passing of the courses directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)(c)] Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The Board reviewed and approved the August 3, 2006 Teleconference Board Meeting minutes with corrections noted.

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Report dated September 6, 2006. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Keeton 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. Wessinger, Mrs. Easterly and Dr. Barnett.

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI050196 - Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050270 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050337 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for further review for revocation of licensure. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050338 – Dr. Barnett move to close the case with no action. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060013 – Dr. Barnett moved to order licensee to have an 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, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060135 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an 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, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060323 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060233/RNI020255 – Mrs. Easterly moved to send case to the Attorney General's Office in order to be combined with a currently pending case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060293 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060328 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with no action. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060373 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Consent Agreement to include a fine of \$700 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060418 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with no action. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060525 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case with no action. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060630 – Mrs. Easterly moved to order licensee to have an 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, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved, Mrs. Easterly 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. Wessinger, Mr. Thigpen and Dr. Barnett.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI040096 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation, quarterly reports, restrict work environment (no home health or agency) which must be supervised and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060348 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060401 – Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure by Endorsement based on past criminal history. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020068 - Mr. Thigpen moved to deny reinstatement of licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020234 –Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Reinstatement upon successful completion of clinical re-entry program at Shepherd Hospital and Foothills prior to November 17, 2006. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070076 – Mrs. Easterly moved to grant the applicant a personal appearance at March 2007 Board Meeting. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060542 – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060567 – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case with no action and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070038 – Mr. Thigpen moved to uphold previous Board decision and accept signed Consent Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070070 – Mrs. Easterly moved to uphold previous Board decision to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Initial Authorization and fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060583 – Dr. Barnett moved to uphold the previous Board decision to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$100. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060546 – Mrs. Easterly moved to uphold the previous Board decision to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent agreement for Endorsement to include a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice, proceed with licensure upon signing Consent Agreement or grant the registered nurse a personal appearance after the January 2007 Board Meeting. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER-LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following Private Consent Agreements prepared by Legal Services. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070062	RNI070049	RNI070061	RNI060556	RNI070074
RNI060553	RNI070056	RNI070036	RNI070043	RNI070042
RNI070025	RNI070067	RNI060568	RNI070069	RNI070077
RNI070041	RNI070057	RNI070073	RNI060559	RNI070034
RNI070060	RNI070075	RNI070040	RNI070055	RNI070058
RNI070028	RNI060596	RNI070051	RNI070048	RNI070066
RNI060587	RNI070029	RNI060590	RNI070024	RNI070064
RNI070047	RNI060547	RNI070031	RNI070044	RNI070045
RNI060601	RNI070053	RNI070033	RNI060128	RNI070030
RNI060555	RNI070036	RNI070035	RNI070046	

RNI060101 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060067 - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060453 - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060553 - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060355 - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060563 - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060344 - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
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Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Jeff Clements – Staff Attorney-Legal Services

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Mrs. Keeton moved, Mrs. Lockwood 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: Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Easterly, and Dr. Barnett.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, September 21, 2006, Mrs. Wessinger declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept Mrs. Jackson's Status and Activity Report and to accept the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060535	Atkins, Diane	Torbert, Joanna
RNI050116	RNI060541	RNI060231
RNI060239	RNI060224	RNI030090
RNI040021	RNI040397	Varnell, Bonnie
Magill, Marlis	RNI070015	Rhodes, Anderia
RNI050272	RNI060125	Henderson, Tammy
RNI060538	Payton, Teresa	

RNI050185 – Mrs. Easterly moved to track the California Consent Order. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010101 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case and send letter encouraging RN to maintain sobriety. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060160 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include a 10-panel drug screen every three (3) months for one year and quarterly personal reports. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000273/RNI050333 - Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include extension of probation for one (1) year, uphold the fine of \$1000 and no suspension if RN continues to work with current employer. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060539 – Mrs. Keeton moved to order licensee to have an 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, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060223 – Mrs. Easterly moved to send the case to Investigations to obtain maternal records to include fetal monitoring strips, newborn's records, records of the preceptor, names of management for the preceptor (Nursing Managers to include the Director of Nursing) and send records for a Peer Review. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030125 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Reprimand. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050303 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050247 – Dr. Barnett moved to the refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order following the Consent Order from the Georgia Board of Licensed Practical Nurses and attach the request for agency work and letter of support. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Easterly 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, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Keeton.

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NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Mr. Thigpen moved to suspend the following license(s) to practice as a registered professional nurse for defaulting on Licensee's student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon the receipt of notice by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Charanne R. Steward, RN154494
Deborah M. Riggs, RN107174
Selena B. Hancock, RN125000

Timothy G. Settles, RN148836
Claudia L. Maybern, RN55383
Debra a. Jones, RN176939

Carla R. McRae, RN130054

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #1017603 – Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1017381 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern: Criminal. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1019222 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include tracking of legal probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1017973 – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1018759 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent order to include tracking of legal probation or reapply upon completion of legal probation. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1018999 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include tracking of legal probation or reapply upon completion of legal probation. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1018427 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern: Criminal. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1016582 – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1019706 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include tracking of legal probation and proceed with licensure. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1019146 – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or

recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1017008 – Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure with a Letter of Concern: Criminal. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #1011436 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include tracking of legal probation and proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1029900 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern: Criminal. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1028725 – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern: Criminal. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1017791 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for falsifying the application and proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #987501 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for falsifying the application and proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1025018 – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1007487 – Mrs. Easterly moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern: Criminal. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #996424 – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern: Action in another Jurisdiction. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1026104 – Mrs. Easterly moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern: Legal. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #961886 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with Letter of Concern: Action in another Jurisdiction. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1022991 – Mrs. Easterly moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI040435 – Mrs. Keeton moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case, with a fine of \$1200 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #673661 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include tracking of legal probation and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070166 – Mrs. Easterly moved to send the case to Investigations to determine if the applicant worked in January 2006. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070167 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Legal Services for a Consent Agreement for licensure to include a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #578067 – Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801930126 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing of Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for second consent order and a fine \$50 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050163/RNI070169 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070170 – Dr. Barnett moved to deny licensure by Reinstatement due to recent criminal history. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

38019802691/3801020077 – Mrs. Easterly moved to deny licensure by Reinstatement due to past criminal history and falsification of application. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040130/RNI050162 - Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI050227 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include accepting the recommendations of the evaluator. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050250 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include following MPE recommendations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050316 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include MPE recommendations of the evaluator, complete courses in law and boundary violations and professional ethics, random drug screens, undergo further neurological testing and lab testing for treatable forms of dementia as well as MRI of head and possible EEG. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050183 – Mr. Thigpen moved to send the RN a Letter of Concern to include continuance of monthly Mental Health counseling and AA meetings. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030285 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations and narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030079/RNI070090 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070079 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

***RNI050322** – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Reprimand to include a course on Cruetzfield Jacobs Disease. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020201 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPENS RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

3801020110 – Mrs. Keeton moved to release a copy of the application to the Texas Board of Nursing. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

3801960229 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Revocation of licensure based on noncompliance of Consent Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI030353 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to follow the Tennessee Board of Nursing Consent Order. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070172 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Reprimand based on action taken by Arizona Board of Nursing. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Brand, Steven – Mrs. Keeton moved to deny the request due to lack of appropriate Addictionologist credentials. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060550 – Dr. Barnett moved to release the application file to the Georgia Board of Licensed Practical Nurses and grant the registered nurse a personal appearance at the March 2007 Board meeting. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010076 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include four years probation, three months suspension for a felony drug conviction and track criminal probation. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030015 – Mr. Thigpen moved to allow nurse's physician to treat her with narcotics and the nurse must produce a valid prescription with each urine drug screen test. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT SUSPENSION AND COMMENCE PROBATION

Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the following recommendations for the case listed below:

CASE NO#.	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Weddle, Christopher	Approve request to lift suspension and commence probation with 4 yrs. probation.

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond reported on the following:

- **FYI – Handout:** Using Criminal Background Checks to Inform Licensure Decision Making
- **FYI – Handouts:**
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners re: Nurse Protocol Agreements 360-32
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners re: Orthotists and Prosthetists 360-31
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners re: Investigations and Discipline 360-3
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners re: Respiratory Care Professionals, Technicians & Therapists
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners re: Amendments Clinical Perfusionist Licensure
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners re: Amendments Acupuncture
- **FYI:** – Proposal to Permit a Pilot Project: Qualified Medication Aides in Community Living Arrangements
- **FYI** – Handout: Flu Shot Clinics
- **FYI:** – News Release: NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) and ANA (American Nurses Association) Issue Joint Statement on Nursing Delegation
- **FYI:** - FDA Press Article re: FDA Fines American Red Cross \$4.2 million for Failure to meet established Blood Safety Laws

SUMMIT DISCUSSION – SANDY BOND & BOARD MEMBERS

Board members present at the GHA Summit discussed the Tenets of the Summit. After some discussion, the Board of Nursing reaffirmed the November 2005 action re: Moratorium until such time the criteria for lifting the Moratorium are met.

REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL LICENSE FOR VOLUNTEERS – KATRINA MARTIN

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's Committee for discussion and recommendations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Lockwood 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: Dr. Barnett, Mrs. Keeton and Mrs. Easterly.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, September 21, 2006 Mrs. Wessinger declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

APPLICATIONS REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and refer cases identified to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Agreement and the fine indicated by the Cognizant. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See attached reports.

APPLICATIONS REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

A.B. (Applicant #1020301) – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Endorsement to include a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

S.C. (Applicant #1004124) – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with registered nurse's licensure. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J.T. (Applicant #1025952) – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Endorsement to include a fine of \$3550 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M.S. (Applicant #11027991) – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Initial Authorization to include a fine of \$8500 for unauthorized practice to issue temporary authorization upon signed Consent Agreement and to require payment to be made in full by the time that the temporary authorization expires. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M.S. (Applicant #11027991) – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M.K. (Applicant #1018318) – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1100 for unlicensed practice. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C.T. (Applicant #1020745) – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1200 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C.M. (Applicant #1023803) – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1200 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

S.K. (Applicant #1020301) – Dr. Barnett moved since the applicant has not met Board practice requirements and the applicant must participate in an approved reentry course. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K.A. (Applicant #1020301) – Mrs. Lockwood moved that the applicant must participate in an approved reentry course. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL CONSENT ORDERS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI040096 - Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Private Consent Order prepared by the Attorney General's Office. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070032 – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the signed Consent Order upon receipt of original notarized signature. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Lynne Tollison, RN, BSN Nursing Consultant-Discipline/Legal
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 2006. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Keeton 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. Lockwood, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Easterly.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 22, 2006, Mrs. Wessinger declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS/END CONSENT ORDERS EARLY

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

CASE NO#.	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Simanski, Linda	Lift narcotic restrictions.
Mitchell, Jana	Deny request to lift narcotic restrictions.
Haynes, Myra	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI040317	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI030187	Lift narcotic restrictions.
Swift, Lisa	Lift narcotic restrictions.
Luallen, Rhonda	Deny request to lift narcotic restrictions.
Cole, Leah	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI040362	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI040003	Lift narcotic restrictions.

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070006 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with no action. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070108 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include four years probation, substance abuse stipulations and quarterly reports. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070109 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an 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, proceed with licensure and close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Mrs. Easterly moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of July 2006 through August 2006 that were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070018 – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

3801010034/RNI020243 – Mrs. Keeton moved to obtain further documentation regarding the legal charges on the August 2006 conviction. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI0600020 – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Voluntary surrender of license. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX EXAM APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #1022236 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include tracking of legal probation or reapply upon completion of probation. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #992165 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1033729 – Dr. Barnett moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. 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 consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or September 20-22, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #987712 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1034799 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070132 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an 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, proceed with licensure and close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI060393 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include one year probation and follow the recommendations of the MPE evaluation. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070021 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Reinstatement with a Letter of Concern: Moral Turpitude. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060532 – Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure by Reinstatement with a Letter of Concern: Action in Another Jurisdiction. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070133 – Mrs. Easterly moved to post a letter of successful completion of Consent Order on the website. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI050356 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or an Amended Public Consent Order to include extension of current probation for one year and a fine of \$1000 for third consent order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040359 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, extension of current probation for one year and a fine of \$500 for a second consent order. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Martin, J. Andrew – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Legal/Discipline Cognizant for Review. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI040194 – Mr. Thigpen moved to release the application and Investigative files to the Mississippi Board of Nursing. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #1020449 – Mrs. Keeton moved to ask the applicant to reapply upon successful completion of legal probation. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer licensure by Endorsement issues to Education Committee. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070071 – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Private Consent Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thigpen moved to direct Board Staff to post most recent NCLEX-RN scores and approval status on the Georgia Board of Nursing website. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Barnett moved to nominate Linda Herren as President of the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Keeton moved to nominate Karen Wessinger as Vice President of the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Friday, September 22, 2006 at 10:15 a.m.


Karen Wessinger, Vice President

The minutes were recorded by Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved November 15, 2006.

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COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
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Comes now Karen Wessinger, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the RN Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, July 21, 2006, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:
O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
to deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

Karen Wessinger
Presiding Officer
Vice President

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 20th day of September 2006.

Dianne Walker
Notary Public
Notary Public, Monroe County, Georgia
My Commission Expires Jan. 2, 2009

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This 21st day of September 2006.

Dianne Walker
Notary Public, Monroe County, Georgia
My Commission Expires Jan. 2, 2009

Karen A. Wessinger
Presiding Officer
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Notary Public

Notary Public, Monroe County, Georgia
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Vice President