

The Georgia Board of Nursing met August 9, 2018 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President
Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Andrea Phipps, LPN
Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, Immediate Past President
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Fredettina (Tina) Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Sr., Assistant Attorney General
Mary Brannen, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN
Kim Gallogly, Education Consultant

Izlar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Blalock moved, Bryant 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 cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, August 9, 2018, Izlar 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.

CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)

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

RNI181214 – Hooper moved to close the case with no disciplinary action. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried with Rowe opposing.

LPNI180288 – Blalock moved to refer to Investigations to obtain additional information. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150271 – Rowe moved to approve the request to terminate the consent order. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170934 – Worthy moved to close the case on the medication issue. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190094 – Worthy moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for violation of the continuing competency requirements. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI181160 – Floyd moved to close the case with no disciplinary action. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried with Thompson abstaining.

RNI181161 – Rowe moved to close the case with no disciplinary action. Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180324 – Barton moved to send an investigative letter requesting courses in Documentation: Accurate and Legal, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI181252 – Phipps moved to refer to Investigations to obtain medical records and refer the case for a peer review. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI120746 – Floyd moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office to lift the suspension with a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), monthly urine drug screens for one (1) year, quarterly thereafter, Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing . Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180671 – Hooper moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140527 – Rowe moved to approve the request to lift narcotic restrictions and modify drug screening frequency from monthly urine drug screens to quarterly urine drug screens. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI140530 – Phipps moved to approve the request to terminate the consent order. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI181392 – Hooper moved to close the case with no disciplinary action. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180132 – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office 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. If not compliant, deny the renewal and refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190080 – Floyd moved to license by endorsement. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180366 – Hooper moved to refer for an Investigative Interview. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried with Barton and Phipps opposing.

RNI130120/ RNI150179 – Hooper moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office to reinstate license with a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), quarterly hair follicle tests for twelve (12) months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170713/ RNI180831 – Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy with addictionologist, medication management), hair follicle tests for twenty-four (24) months with EtG and EtS, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct. Barton seconded the

motion and it carried with Bryant abstaining.

RNI170561 – Blalock moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with submission of a psychosexual mental physical examination. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180545 – Phipps moved to rescind the previous Board motion and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, medication management, psychotherapy with Dr. Gupta), monthly PEth testing for twenty-four (24) months and quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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RNI170163 – Rowe moved to rescind the previous Board motion, to keep all terms from previous order but amend to one (1) year narcotic restriction. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100884 – Phipps moved to rescind the previous Board motion and to deny the request to terminate the Consent Order. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI170405 – Blalock moved to rescind the previous Board motion and to keep public with all terms but remove narcotic restrictions. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150867 – Hooper moved to close the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180079/RNI181190 – Barton moved to uphold the previous Board motion and to deny the inactive status application. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180770 – Bryant moved to rescind the previous Board motion. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI160858 – Hooper moved to rescind the previous July 2018 motion and accept the consent order as presented. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI140057 – Floyd moved to uphold the previous motion and add a fine of \$500 for Violation of Consent Order. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROBATION TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

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

Rowe moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings.

RNI170475 **RNI140661**

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

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

Bryant moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI150106	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI150765	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI150892	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI150670	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI160400	Lift narcotics restriction

RNI160744	Lift narcotics restriction
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Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A 8/02/2018

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

Rowe moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

LPNI180350	RNI181101	LPNI180354	RNI170174	LPNI170488	RNI180634	RNI180719
RNI180160	RNI180995	LPNI170437	LPNI170120	LPNI180283	RNI180546	LPNI180193
RNI170220	RNI170732	RNI190083	RNI170710	RNI190082	RNI180870	RNI180664
RNI181199	RNI180381	RNI181248	RNI190087	RNI180128	RNI170749	RNI181228
RNI181433	RNI160184	LPNI180308	RNI150027	RNI180507		

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B 07/26/2018

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Hooper moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

RNI181131	RNI190056	RNI181187	RNI181195	RNI190068	RNI181150	LPNI180278
LPNI180262	LPNI180328	RNI181072	RNI171108	LPNI180131	LPNI180201	LPNI180082
RNI181350	RNI180429	RNI181275	LPNI170426	RNI181081	RNI180016	RNI181118
RNI160735	RNI181361	RNI150871	RNI190033	RNI190039	RNI190042	LPNI180111
RNI170806	RNI180296	RNI140232				

Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO CHANGE AFTERCARE GROUPS

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

Barton moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI159852	Change aftercare group

Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE

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

Phipps moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for licensure with a fine for failure to disclose arrest(s)/disciplinary action on applications that were issued according to the Board's policies.

LPNI190037 RNI190113

Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

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

Barton moved to ratify the Public and Private Consent Agreements for unlicensed/unauthorized practice that were issued according to the Board's policies.

LPNI190029

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Floyd moved to accept the July 18-20, 2018 Board meeting minutes as presented. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Phipps moved to accept the July 18-20, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Floyd moved to accept the August 2, 2018 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Hooper moved to accept the July 26, 2018 Investigative Committee B meeting minutes as presented. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

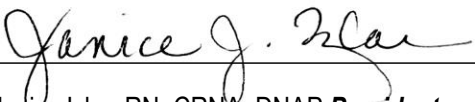
EDUCATION REPORT – LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Rowe moved to grant initial approval. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – ALAN WADE JOHNSON

The Board reviewed correspondence from Alan Wade Johnson and moved to deny the request for application materials.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned August 9, 2018 at 5:55 p.m.



Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP **President**



James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

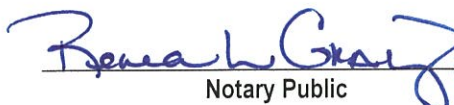
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 August 9, 2018 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


Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 9th day of August 2018


Notary Public

