

The Georgia Board of Nursing met September 12, 2018 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President  
Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President  
Andrea Phipps, LPN  
Blair Train, Consumer Member  
Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, Immediate Past President  
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC  
Fredettina (Tina) Fletcher, LPN  
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC  
Merry Fort, RN  
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Sr., Assistant Attorney General

Izlar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2018. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Izlar noted that the meeting was called to address an emergency situation and that the normal meeting notice was not provided. It was noted that Governor Deal had declared a state of emergency in all 159 counties in Georgia as Hurricane Florence approached.

The Board reviewed proposed Policy 1.14. Cleghorn explained that the Board had been contacted by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) requesting that the Board enact the policy. Cleghorn explained that the Nurse Licensure Compact would be effective but that DPH requested that Policy 1.14 also be activated.

Izlar explained that, if activated, the policy would be effective as long as the state of emergency existed, as declared by Governor Deal.

Rowe moved to implement Policy 1.14. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**POLICY NUMBER** 1.14

**POLICY NAME** Out of State Licensed Nurses Practicing In Healthcare/Public Health Systems in Georgia during an Emergency or Disaster

**DATE OF ORIGIN** March 2017

Licensed practical nurses and registered nurses who hold unencumbered licenses in other states may work in established healthcare systems in Georgia, including public health, during an emergency or disaster if:

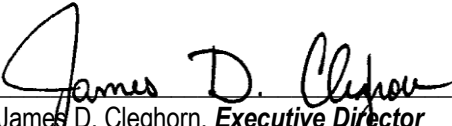
- The supervision of the out of state nurse is provided by a registered professional nurse with a current, unencumbered Georgia license; and
- The healthcare/public health system verifies the current licensure of each out of state nurse and provides names and license number of each out of state nurse to the Georgia Board of Nursing within fifteen (15) days of initial credentialing verification through [www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com) or the board of nursing under which the nurse is licensed.

This policy shall be implemented by a vote of the Georgia Board of Nursing.

An unencumbered license means a license that is not currently on probation, monitoring, suspension, and/or does not have any other type of limitation including current participation in an alternative to discipline program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned September 12, 2018 at 7:36 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.

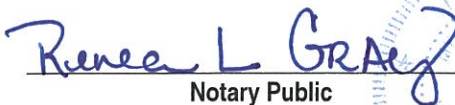
**Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.**

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 September 12, 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 12th day of September 2018

  
Notary Public

