

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**  
**Conference Call Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2017**

The Georgia State Board of Nursing Home Administrators met via conference call on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 in the Board office at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Members Present:**

Barbara Baxter, NHA, Chair  
Barbara Mitchell, NHA, Vice-Chair  
Kerry Smith, NHA  
Dianne Patterson, NHA  
Dare Domico, Educator  
Terrell Cook, NHA  
Scott Kroell, Hospital Administrator  
Kay Watkins, Public at Large  
Norma Jean Morgan, Ex Officio

**Board Members Absent:**

Dennis Taylor, Jr., M.D  
Carolyn Hill, RN

**Others Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1  
Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

**Attorney General's Office:**

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Baxter, Board Chair, established that a quorum was present and called for a meeting of the Board to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** Approved with late items:

- Applications for review

**Rules Discussion/Amendments Proposed:**

393-9-.03 Military Spouses and Veterans Licensure by Reciprocity

(1) Definitions. As used in this Rule:

- (a) “AIT” means “administrator in training” as used in Chapter 393-4 of the Board Rules.
- (b) “Military” means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (c) “Military spouse” means the spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
- (d) “Nursing home administrator” or “NHA” means a person licensed to practice as a nursing home administrator of a nursing home under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 27 of Title 43.
- (e) “Service member” means an active or reserve member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (f) “Transitioning service member” means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Licensure by reciprocity. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may qualify for a license by reciprocity where the applicant:

- (a) holds a license in good standing from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements to obtain a license as a NHA in Georgia; and
- (b) has submitted to the Board a verification of licensure from the appropriate licensing agency of another state showing that the applicant's active license is in good standing in that state; and
- (c) has submitted documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transition service member, or military spouse as defined in O.C.G.A. §43-1-34; and
- (d) has submitted a completed application for licensure by reciprocity on a form approved by the Board, has paid the required fee, and has requested licensure by reciprocity.

(3) AIT training and experience. In connection with an application for licensure, an applicant who is a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may submit documentation reflecting the applicant's training and experience obtained while the applicant, or the applicant's spouse, was in the military as provided by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34. To satisfy the requirements for licensure in Georgia, such military training and experience shall:

- (a) substantially meet or exceed the training and experience requirements for licensure as provided in the Board's rules and statute; and
- (b) have been obtained in an appropriately certified, registered, or licensed nursing home facility under the supervision of a licensed NHA; and
- (c) be documented to the satisfaction of the Board for the purposes of licensure.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, and 43-27-7.

**Ms. Domico motioned, Ms. Patterson seconded and the Board voted to post the proposed new rule 393-9-.03 upon receipt of the Attorney General's office Memo of Statutory Authority for the required minimum of thirty days, with a public rules hearing/adoption of the proposed new rule to be scheduled the next available meeting date. None opposed, motion carried.**

**After Board discussion, Ms. Domico motioned, Ms. Patterson seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of the proposed new rule 393-9-.03 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed new rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, and 43-27-7, to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this new rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of nursing home administration. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Kroell motioned, Ms. Patterson seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O. C. G. A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), § 50-14-2 (1), and 43-1-19(h) (2) &(4), to deliberate on applications for review. Voting in favor of the motion were Baxter, Domico, Smith, Mitchell, Kroell, Morgan, Patterson, Watkins, and Cook.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, Ms. Baxter declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.**

**Applications:**

- S.C.
- J. S.

**Recommendation:**

Approve upon receipt of additional information  
 Pending Board Interview

**Mr. Kroell motioned, Ms. Patterson seconded and the Board voted to accept the recommendation made on the application of S.C. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Patterson motioned, Mr. Cook seconded and the Board voted to accept the recommendation made on the application of J.S. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Kroell motioned, Mr. Cook seconded and the Board meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded:**

Linsey Brookins, BSS

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**BARBARA BAXTER**

Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN,**

Executive Director, Healthcare 1

These minutes were approved: **April 27, 2017**