

Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2020
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

- Barbara Mitchell, Chair
- Scott Kroell, Vice Chair
- Carolyn Hill
- Dianne Patterson
- Kerry Smith
- Norma Jean Morgan
- Terrell Cook
- Barbara Baxter

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Carla Murray, Licensing Supervisor
- Alexis Hardy, Board Support Specialist
- Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

Members Absent:

- Martha Zoller
- Charlice Byrd
- Dennis Taylor
- Trey Taylor

Note: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.

Barbara Mitchell, Chair, noted that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., and declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§50-14-1 et seq.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

Dianne Patterson moved, Carolyn Hill seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 8, 2020 agenda.

Minutes

Dianne Patterson moved, Carolyn Hill seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following meeting minutes:

- July 30, 2020 – Board Meeting Open Session Minutes and Executive Session minutes
- August 13, 2020 - Rules Committee Meeting Minutes
- August 20, 2020 - Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- August 27, 2020 - Rules Committee Meeting Minutes
- September 9, 2020 - Rules Committee Meeting Minutes
- September 23, 2020 - Rules Committee & Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- October 6, 2020 - Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Ratification List

Licenses Issued 7/28/2020 through 10/8/2020 (Total – 28): Barbara Baxter moved, Kerry Smith seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings by application and reinstatement in accordance with Board Rules and Policies.

License #	Licensee
NHA005973	LaShawn Denise Wright
NHA005974	Lori Ann Portfleet
NHA005975	Matthew Lawrence Moore

License #	Licensee
NHA005976	LaTasha Necole Scott
NHA005977	Tami F Kendall
NHA005978	Angela Kay High

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NHA005979	Melania Ann Robertson
NHA005980	Braden Cole Meeks
NHA005981	Sean Maurice Williams
NHA005982	Jeffrey Charles Ricks
NHA005983	Mark Ronald Farran
NHA005984	Melanie Devane Byron
NHA005985	Richard Anthony Washington
NHA005986	Faith Yvonne Funderburk
NHA005987	Austin William Sanders
NHA005988	Felica Renee Phillip
NHAP000263	Bill J. McMichael, Jr

License #	Licensee
NHAP000264	Jason Matthew Gerard
NHAS000285	Haralson Nursing and Rehab
NHAS000286	Rehabilitation Center of South Georgia
NHAT000437	Andre Bernard Howell
NHAT000438	Jason Lee Johnson
NHAT000439	Dalton Cole Ray
NHAT000440	Samantha Huckaba DeVane
NHAT000441	Janella Evelyn Scott
NHAT000442	Adriane Dalphine Spencer
NHAT000443	Sheron Lavon Stevenson
NHAT000444	Raven G. Bell

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barbara Baxter moved, Dianne Patterson seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), § 50-14-2 (1), and 43-1-19(h) (2) & (4), for the purpose of discussing and reviewing applications and complaints, and to hear the Attorney General’s Report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session Barbara Mitchell, Chair, declared the Board meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., at 9:39 a.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Dianne Patterson moved, Barbara Baxter seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

Applications

Application # 2889428 – Denied – Does not meet bed requirement.

Application # 2889423 – Approved.

Application # 2890601 – Denied – Does not meet work experience requirements.

Application # 2890613 – Approved.

Application # 2890608 – Approved.

Complaints

NHA200017 – Close – Facility in compliance.

NHA210002 – Close – Facility in compliance.

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NHA210006 – Close – Referred to Department of Community Health between meetings at cognizant’s recommendation.

NHA210007 – Close – Lack of information.

NHA200022 – Close – Facility in compliance.

NHA200023 – Close – Facility in compliance.

Attorney General’s Report

The Board reviewed and accepted the Attorney General’s report, which included information on any cases referred for action or requests for advice.

OTHER BUSINESS

2021 Proposed Meeting Dates

Carolyn Hill moved, Norma Jean Morgan seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the following meeting dates for 2021:

- January 14, 2021 (Teleconference)
- April 8, 2021 (Teleconference)
- July 8, 2021 (Teleconference)
- October 14, 2021 (Teleconference)

NHA Law and Rules Affidavit

The Board discussed changes to the Laws and Rules Affidavit included in the application due to laws and rules that have since been repealed.

Petitions for Waiver

Michael Winget Sr.- Waiver of Rule 393-4-.02(3)(a) requiring a nursing home to have a minimum of sixty (60) licensed beds in order to be the site of an AIT program. Denied - This request did not demonstrate compelling rationale that strict application of the rule would create a unique, substantial hardship to the petitioner. Dianne Patterson moved, Barbara Baxter seconded, and the motion carried.

Brentin Ramsey – Waiver of Rule 393-4-.02(3)(a) requiring a nursing home to have a minimum of sixty (60) licensed beds in order to be the site of an AIT program. The Board reviewed this request and will schedule a Board meeting for October 27, 2020 in order to vote on the petition, allowing for the petition to be posted on the rules waiver register for a minimum of 15 days, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-9.1.

Rules Review

Rules Committee and Advisory Committee meetings were held on August 13th, August 20th, August 27th, September 9th, September 23rd, and October 6th, for the committees to work to propose rule changes, primarily in response to the passage of HB 987. The Board reviewed the recommended rule changes that were presented by the Rules Committee. Scott Kroell moved to refer the proposed rule changes to the Attorney General’s office for a Memorandum of Authority, and to post the amendments with all recommended changes by the Attorney General’s office. Carolyn Hill seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Carolyn Hill moved that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less

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expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4. Scott Kroell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Barbara Mitchell, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Minutes recorded by: Alexis Hardy, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes approved on January 14, 2021


Barbara Mitchell, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director