

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 10-12, 2004 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS, Vice President
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Wessinger, BSHE

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Sally Hatcher, Staff Attorney, Enforcement
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant –Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Ken Woods, Area Supervisor, Enforcement

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

JH	Personal Appearance
FM	Personal Appearance
BG	Personal Appearance

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 14-16, 2004 Board Meeting. Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the minutes as amended. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 6, 2004 Teleconference. Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stegall moved, Dr. Darden 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. Darden, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Stegall, and Mr. Thigpen.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be “Open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040401- Dr. Darden moved to write the applicant a letter regarding the procedure for applying for wavier or variance under O.C.G.A. 50-13-9.1. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040374- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$625 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040375- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$550 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040371- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040370- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$100 for unauthorized practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Stegall abstaining.

RNI040369- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$325 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040372- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement and a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed and unauthorized practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040373- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice for a period extending over a year. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRACTICE QUESTION

ISSUE 1- Armstrong Atlantic State University seeks Board approval for Reentry Program. - Mrs. Herren moved to inform the coordinator the Board Approved the program and considers this program appropriate. However, each applicant must be approved on a case-by-case basis. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Stegall presented the Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Report from the February 27, 2004 teleconference meeting in which confirmation of the final plans for the APRN Forum, to be held on Friday, April 2, 2004, were made. Dr. Darden, Board Member, was requested to serve as Forum representative at the Albany State University site with Julia Gould and Katrina Martin, Board staff, at the Georgia Southern University site. All confirmed respectively to their designated sites.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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 moves this suspension will cease upon the receipt by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Registered Nurse:	License #	Registered Nurse:	License #
Barbara S. Pague	RN109499	Deborah J. Moxley	RN137540
Susan J. Smith	RN140341	Rose Ann N. Eze	RN148138
Carla D. Meayard	RN154555		

REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY

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Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below.

Case No.	Recommended Action
3801020161	Lift Limitations
3801010058	Lift Limitations
3801000066	Lift Limitations

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3801010171	Lift Limitations
RNI020294	Lift Limitations
3801020015	Hold- To be reviewed at the May 2004 Board Meeting. Pending receipt of March Reports.
82-91 88-90 91-70 3801960063 3801990099	Lift Limitations
3801010085	Lift Limitations
3801990032	Lift Limitations
3801010260 RNI030239	Hold- To be reviewed at the May 2004 Board Meeting.

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801010076- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801940106/380196055- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Summary Suspension and an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination, to be completed within 14 days of receipt of order or voluntary surrender. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010184- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020238- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order or voluntary surrender. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000203- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010097- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020113- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include three (3) months actual suspension. In addition, lifting of suspension is incumbent upon positive reports from aftercare and reinstatement of license is at the sole discretion of the Board. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020070- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020158- Mrs. Stegall moved to accept voluntary surrender of license. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010110- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801990186/3801010125- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801960145/3801000142- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order to be Public. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040335- Dr. Darden moved to deny Licensure by Examination. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040336- Mrs. Stegall moved to deny Licensure by Examination. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Darden abstaining.

RNI040337- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for licensure to include two (2) years narcotic restriction, no employment in a Critical Care or Emergency Department. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040338- Dr. Darden moved to deny Licensure by Examination. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040339- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. If warranted, proceed with licensure by reinstatement. If not warranted, deny licensure. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030002- Dr. Darden moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040340- Applicant withdrew application for Reinstatement of Licensure. The Board unanimously moved to close the case with no further action to be taken.

3801960063- Dr. Darden moved to deny application for Reinstatement of Licensure. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040341- Mr. Thigpen move to deny application for Reinstatement of Licensure. The nurse may reapply after six (6) months of documented sobriety from March 2004. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020075- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801960185/38010000208- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement to include narcotic restriction. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040342- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040343- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040344- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement tracking legal probation. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040345- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement tracking Pennsylvania Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040346- Dr. Darden moved to deny License by Endorsement. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESTORATION OF LICENSE

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3801990080- Mrs. Stegall moved to lift suspension and commence probation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801980217/3801020112- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include lifting of suspension, direct supervised practice for one (1) year, and reports from psychiatrist. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010064- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include lifting of suspension, direct supervised practice for one (1) year, and reports from psychiatrist. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

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RNI040278- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure by Endorsement. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010199- Mrs. Stegall moved to request further statements from the M/P/E evaluator regarding the nurse's ability to practice with reasonable amount of skill and safety. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent order utilizing evaluation results/recommendations. If not warranted, deny licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030106- Dr. Darden moved to write the nurse a letter informing her the M/P/E is incomplete, psychosocial assessment is needed. In addition, request letters from the M.D. and neurologist regarding the nurse's ability to practice with reasonable amount of skill and safety. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040178- Dr. Darden moved to write the nurse a letter requesting explanations concerning any arrests and probation. Results are to be forwarded for Full Board review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT REVIEW

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RNI040347- Dr. Darden moved to refer for Cognizant Review. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040348- Dr. Darden moved to release information to the Texas Board of Nursing as requested. In addition, Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking legal probation. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040349- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040350- Mrs. Stegall moved to order the nurse to have an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040351- Dr. Darden moved to refer to Enforcement to obtain a statement from the nurse. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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3801010267- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking legal probation. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040352- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking legal probation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040353- Dr. Darden moved to order the nurse to have an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO AMEND CONSENT ORDER

87-184/88-53/3801970148- Dr. Darden moved to deny request to lift narcotics restriction, refer to the Office of Regulatory Services, and refer complaint to Enforcement to obtain records. In addition, Dr. Darden moved for expert Peer Review. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

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RNI030306- Dr. Darden moved to order the nurse to have an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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RNI040320- Dr. Darden moved to proceed with Licensure by Examination. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040214- Mrs. Herren moved the nurse is to provide documentation to the Board that she is practicing nursing by performing for compensation as outlined in Article 1, 43-26-3 (6), (7), (8) of the Nurse Practice Act or is able to document three (3) months or 500 hours of licensed practice as a registered nurse during the four years immediately proceeding the date of application as outlined in 410-8-01 (2)(a) of the Georgia Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040077- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement for reinstatement of license to include Public Reprimand, a fine of \$500 for falsification of application, and a fine of \$500 for an undetermined period of unlicensed practice. In addition, Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the appropriate Office of Regulatory Services. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS- DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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RNI040354- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040355- - Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040356- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040357- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Enforcement to obtain certified copies of criminal records. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040358- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040359- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include obtaining treatment records from the treatment provider. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040360- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000296/RNI030254- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an amended Consent Order extending probation for one (1) year. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040361- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS- LEGAL SERVICES

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Dr. Darden moved to accept the Report and the Private Consent Orders/Agreements as prepared by Legal Services. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040205	RNI040293	RNI030208	RNI040156
RNI040290	RNI040292	RNI040321	3801990020/3801000061/3801010053

MISCELLANEOUS- REDACTING BOARD PACKETS

Mr. Thigpen Moved to accept the memorandum from Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, regarding the use of the Confidentiality statement as follows:

The documents found in this package contain confidential, privileged, and non-public information intended to be conveyed only to the designated recipient(s). Any unauthorized use, dissemination, distribution or reproduction of these documents, is prohibited and may be unlawful. If you are not an intended recipient, please destroy this package and notify the Georgia Board of Nursing immediately at (478) 207-1640.

In addition, Mr. Thigpen moved to cease redacting documents and implement use of the Confidentiality statement in the Board packages mail-outs. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

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3801010238- Dr. Darden moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020246- Dr. Darden moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030146- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030181- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030122- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020240- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020212- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020174- Dr. Darden moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020143- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010252- Dr. Darden moved to close the case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010206- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case and alert the system. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020234- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020209- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020072- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case and alert the system. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040008- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040006- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer for Expert Peer Review. In addition, Mr. Thigpen moved to refer the case to the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040005- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand to include a Board approved continuing education course on Medication Administration. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030357- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030196- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer for Cognizant review. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030189- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include voluntary surrender. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030186- Dr. Darden moved to refer for Expert Peer Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030172- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030109- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include voluntary surrender. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GRESHAM, Sybil Ann- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Cease and Desist Order and close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020263- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include three (3) months suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020260- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking consent order from remote state. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020259- Dr. Darden moved to refer for Cognizant Review. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010181- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020258- Dr. Darden moved to refer for Cognizant Review. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040025- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030003- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020248- Dr. Darden moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030361- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination to be completed 14 days upon receipt of order. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. In addition, Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for revocation of licensure if M/P/E is not completed within the required 14 days. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020178- Dr. Darden moved to close the case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030195- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030227- Mrs. Stegall moved to keep the case open in Investigation and request an interview with complainant. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040083- Dr. Darden moved to refer for Cognizant Review. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030170- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040088- Dr. Darden moved to close the case. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040175- Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020171- Dr. Darden moved to close the case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020310- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of license. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030354- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020146- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020211- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case and alert the system. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030308- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040090- Mrs. Stegall moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020320- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040301- Dr. Darden moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040019- Dr. Darden moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030289- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020083- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIONS/LEGAL SERVICES

Mrs. Stegall moved to commend the Investigations/Legal Services in their efforts in processing cases. There are currently 442 Health Unit cases in which 171 are active RN cases. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

LA- The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Dr. Darden moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant:

- 1.) The applicant must enroll in and pass a complete course (classroom and clinical components) in maternal/infant nursing. This course must occur at an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the educational institution must submit an official transcript documenting the passing of this course directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)(c)]
- 2.) The applicant must make a computer-based score of at least 207 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The Educational Testing Service must submit documentation of this result directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (2)(d)(2)]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

AD- The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Herren moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant:

- 1.) The applicant must provide evidence of a high school diploma or equivalent to the Board of Nursing and the admissions office of the college or university at which the remedial course will be taken. [410-3-.07 (2)]
- 2.) The applicant must enroll in and pass a complete course (classroom and clinical components) in mental health/psychiatric nursing. This course must occur at an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the educational institution must submit an official transcript documenting the passing of this course directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)(c)]
- 3.) The applicant must make a computer-based score of at least 207 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The Educational Testing Service must submit documentation of this result directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (2)(d)(2)]

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PH- The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Dr. Darden moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified candidate, the applicant must apply for and complete the application for Licensure by Examination for International Graduates. [410-6-.01, 410-6-.02] Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

The Status and Activity Report was reviewed.

Dr. Darden moved to accept Ms. Jackson's report and her recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030192	3801020228	3801010141	RNI030127
RNI040192	3801980045/3801020215	RNI030037	RNI030274
RNI020317/3801000139/3801000160		RNI030096	RNI020255
RNI030017	RNI020267	3801970146	3801020009
3801990113	38001990020	3801000295	RNI030163
RNI040193	RNI030026	RNI040274	3801960105
3801010033	RNI030078	RNI030026	

MEMORANDUM FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801020196- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010113- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case and alert the system. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020144- Mrs. Stegall moved to dose the case. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040175- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Order to include Public Reprimand and five (5) years probation. The nurse may petition for termination of probation after five (5) years. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030103- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen opposed.

3801010062- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LICENSURE APPROVAL

Mr. Thigpen moved, Dr. Darden seconded and the Board voted to **Approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of January 2004 and February 2004 who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS, Vice President
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Wessinger, BSHE

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education

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

Candeka Bennett	Valdosta State University	Pat Hannon	West Central Technical College
Katrina Horne	Valdosta State University	Victoria Brown	Macon State College
Simone Clement	Valdosta State University	Pamela O'Neal	Macon State College
Annie McElroy	Southwest Georgia College	Barbara Frizzell	Macon State College
Sherei Dickenson	Southwest Georgia College	Rebecca Corvey	Macon State College
Joy Conger	Southwest Georgia College	Alice Demi	Georgia State University
Linda L. Lott	Southwest Georgia College	JoAnn Bacon	Georgia State University
Michelle B. Rich	Southwest Georgia College	Karen Hill	Bainbridge College
Jamie Holland	Southwest Georgia College	Shelia Ramer	Bainbridge College
Lorette Hoover	Southwest Georgia College	Dee Mintz	Macon State College
Denise M. Grant	Northwestern Technical College	Sheryl Winn	Macon State College
Karen W. Spivey	Northwestern Technical College	Christine Hunt	West Central Technical College
Cheryl S. Miller	Northwestern Technical College	Randa Smith	West Central Technical College
Melinda McCannon	Northwestern Technical College	Ken Smith	West Central Technical College

Dr. Roberts-Betsch opened the meeting at 9:12 a.m., welcomed all members, and proceeded with public voting.

Dr. Darden was recused at this time, 10:00 a.m., and exited for the remainder of the meeting.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

The sub-committee of the Board reviewed the following reports with recommendations to be presented to the Full Board for approval. The Reports/ Recommendations are as followed:

Bainbridge College- 22 Months Report

The Board reviewed the 22-month report submitted by Bainbridge College for a proposed AD nursing Program. The sub-committee's recommendations were:

1. Based upon compliance with 410-4-.01 (1)(a), (1)(b), (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c), and (2)(d). Developmental **Approval** is granted to Bainbridge College for the development and implementation of an associate degree in nursing program to be initiated in January 2006. [410-3-.02 (1)(a)]
2. The director and at least two faculty members, with graduate nursing education and expertise necessary to develop, implement, and evaluate the nursing education program, must be appointed to write Report I.
3. Twenty (20) copies of Report I must be received in the Board office no later than October 6, 2004 for review by the Board of Nursing at its November 910, 2004 meeting. [410-4-.01 (3)(a)]

West Central Technical College- Responses to Report I Recommendations

The subcommittee reviewed responses to Report I recommendations. The sub-committee's recommendations were:

1. Accept the responses to the Board of Nursing November 20-21, 2003 Report I recommendations submitted by West Central Technical College. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]
2. The director and at least two (2) faculty members, with graduate nursing education and expertise necessary to develop, implement, and evaluate the nursing education program, must be appointed to write Report II. [410-4-.01 (3)]
3. Fifteen (15) copies of Report II must be received in the Board office no later than June 9, 2004, for review by the Board of Nursing at its July 14-16, 2004 meeting. [410-4-.01 (3)(b)]

Macon State College- Report II

The sub-committee reviewed documents, Report II and III. The sub-committee's recommendations were:

1. Based upon compliance with 410-4-.01 (3)(b) [Report II], and 410-4-.01 (3)(c) [Report III], **Initial Approval** is granted to Macon State College for its RN/BSN Completion Program. [410-3-.02 (a)]
2. A site visit will be conducted during the 2004-05 academic year. [410-4-.01 (4)]

SITE VISIT REPORT

Southwest Georgia Technical College

The sub-committee of the Board reviewed the site visit report and recommendations/commendations to be presented to the Full Board for approval as follows:

To accept the six (6) commendations and nine (9) recommendations from Southwest Georgia Technical College's January 26-27, 2004 Site Visit Report. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

The sub-committee of the Board reviewed the following Site Visit Responses and recommendations to be presented to the Full Board for approval. The Responses/ Recommendations are as followed:

Coastal Georgia Community College

Based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an average passing percentage of at least 80 percent (127/143, 88.8%) of all first-time writers of the NCLEX-RN over the last four years (2000-03), **Full Approval** is extended through December 31, 2007. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)]. Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2006-07 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)]

LaGrange College

1. Accept the responses submitted by LaGrange College to the Board of Nursing April 17-18, 2003 site visit report. [410-3-.10 (2) (b)]
2. Based upon a four-year (2000-03) average passing percentage of first-time NCLEX-RN writers of less than 80%, **Conditional Approval** of the program is continued. [420-3-.02 (4)]

Georgia State University

1. Accept the responses to the recommendations of the April 24-25, 2003 site visit report submitted by Georgia State University with commendations for the thoroughness of the report. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]
2. Based upon compliance with 410-3.08 in 2002 and 2003, **Full Approval** is granted to the baccalaureate nursing program at Georgia State University through March 31, 2005. [410-3-.02 (3)(c)]

Northwestern Technical College

1. Acknowledge the responses submitted by Northwestern Technical College to the Board of Nursing May 5-6, 2003 site visit report. [410-3.10 (2)(b)]
2. Submit a current vita for Karen Spivey with clarification about her experience in mental health/psychiatric nursing. [410-3.05 (9)]

PROGRAM APPROVALS

Armstrong Atlantic State University

The approval status for Armstrong Atlantic State University was reviewed. Full Approval could be extended through December 31, 2006 with a site visit conducted during the 2005-2006 academic year. Recommendation of the subcommittee:

Based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and response, and an average passing percentage of at least 80% (170/205, 82.9) of all first-time writers of the NCLEX-RN over the last four years (2000-2003), **Full Approval** is extended from December 31, 2004 to December 31, 2006 [410-3.02 (3)(a)]. Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2005-2006 academic year [410-.01 (d)].

Brenau University

For the last three years (2001, 2002, 2003), Brenau University has met the requirements that at least 80% of its first-time writers pass the NCLEX-RN. It would seem reasonable to grant **Full Approval** to Brenau University through March 31, 2005 [410-3.02 (3)(c)]. This would allow review in another year. If the overall four-year passing percentage is at least 80% the Board could consider extending the Full Approval. Recommendation of the subcommittee:

Based upon compliance with 410-3.08 in 2001, 2002, and 2003, **Full Approval** is granted to the baccalaureate-nursing program at Brenau University through March 31, 2005 [410-3-.02 (3)(c)].

Georgia Perimeter College

At its March 14-16, 2001 meeting the Board imposed Conditional Approval on the program due to noncompliance with 410-3-.02 (3). The last site visit was conducted on March 25-26, 2002. The program is eligible for Full Approval through December 31, 2006, which will maintain its four-year site visit schedule. Recommendation of the subcommittee:

Based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and response, and an average passing percentage of at least 80% (277/330, 83.9) of all first-time writers of the NCLEX-RN over the last four years (2000-2003), **Full Approval** is extended through December 31, 2006 [410-3-.02 (3)(a)]. If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2005-2006 academic year [410-.01 (d)].

Georgia Southern University

At its March 27-28, 2003 Board meeting, the Board of Nursing reviewed the approval status of the baccalaureate nursing program. In 2003, 78.6% (48/61) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers had passed. The four-year average is 81.4% (193/237). In January and February 2004, 35/37 first-time writers passed. A routine site visit has been scheduled for September 15-16, 2004. Recommendation of the subcommittee:

Based upon a passing percentage of first-time NCLEX-RN writers of less than 80% in 2003 [78.6% (48/61)], but with a four-year average (2000-2003) of at least 80% (81.4%), the baccalaureate nursing program at Georgia Southern University must submit a written evaluation of the 2003 plan of action for review by the Board of Nursing at its May 19-21, 2004 meeting [410-3-.02 (3)(a)(2)].

Middle Georgia College

At its March 27-28, 2004 Board meeting, the Board reviewed the January 21-22, 2003 site visit report. In 2003, 74.0% (40/54) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers had passed. The four-year average is 80.6% (100/124). Recommendation of the subcommittee:

Based upon a passing percentage of first-time NCLEX-RN writers of less than 80% in 2003 [74.0% (40/54)], but with a four-year average (2000-2003) of at least 80% (80.6%), the associate degree nursing program at Middle Georgia College must submit a written evaluation of the 2003 plan of action for review by the Board of Nursing at its May 19-21, 2004 meeting [410-3-.02 (3)(a)(2)].

Valdosta State University

This program has Full Approval through December 31, 2004. A regular four-year visit is scheduled for April 26-27, 2004. Recommendation of the subcommittee:

Based upon a passing percentage of first-time NCLEX-RN writers of less than 80% in 2003 [67.3% (35/52)], but with a four-year average (2000-2003) of at least 80% (80.4%), the baccalaureate program at Valdosta State University must submit a written assessment, plan of action, and progress report for review by the Board of Nursing at its May 19-21, 2004 meeting [410-3-.02 (3)(a)(1)].

INTERNATIONAL LICENSURE ISSUES

The Board of Nursing reviewed the NCSBN News Release dated January 12, 2004: NCLEX for VISA Screen.

Mr. Thigpen moved that the Board of Nursing not support NCLEX-VISA Screen proposed by the NCSBN. Applicants must meet the requirements for licensure by Examination as outlined in the Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations 410-6-.02. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Comparison study of the NCLEX-RN and the Puerto Rican Exam:

NCSBN: Comparison study of the NCLEX-RN and the Spanish Language Puerto Rican Nurse Licensure Examinations. The Board discussed and supports the conclusion as founded by the NCSBN study as follows:

Because of the cited open issues and lack of data, NCSBN cannot provide currently a definitive assessment of whether the Puerto Rico examinations are substantially equivalent to the NCLEX-RN examination. However, information collected to date does not support a determination of equivalency between the NCLEX-RN and the Puerto Rico Board of Nursing Registered Nurse Licensure Examinations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

FYI: Handouts

- o Article on CA BON-RN (e-mail)
- o Gallup: Nurses again Top List of Most Ethical Professions
- o NCSBN: Keeping Patients Safe: Transforming the Work Environment of Nurses (2004)- Executive Summary
- o Mrs. Herren discussed information with the Board: Anesthesia Assistance (AA).
- o Tachunta Thomas, Assistant Division Director, will attend the May 19-21, 2004 Board meeting.
- o Reviewed Proposed Renewal Newsletter. (For licenses expiring January 31, 2005).

MISCELLANEOUS

Rule 410-10: Fees (Amended)

Mrs. Herren move to approve the proposed amendment to the Georgia Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, Chapter 410-10-.01 Fees. Amended. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Friday, March 12, 2004 at 1:25 p.m.

Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on May 20, 2004.