

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 6, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tina Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daugdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Worthy moved, Shilling seconded and the Committee 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.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, April 6, 2017 Barton **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.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

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

Worthy moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI130472 – **Refer to the Attorney General’s Office** for a summary suspension.

RNI160191 – Accept the Inactive Status request. Refer to Georgia Composite Medical Board.

RNI170759 – **Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent agreement to include a \$500 fine for Failure to Disclose arrest and Action in Another Jurisdiction.**

RNI160286 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Failure to Disclose/Action in Another Jurisdiction). Barton abstained.

RNI080677– Clarify the positive drug screen report. If no prescription, **refer to the Attorney General’s Office** requesting 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.

RNI140574/RNI161199 – **Refer to the Attorney General’s Office** for an expedited inpatient evaluation from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI120055 – **Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a voluntary surrender or** indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with documentation of compliance with current order and physician documentation of weaning off suboxone and a \$500 fine for continuing education violation.

RNI170438 – Refer to Investigations.

RNI151176 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or Indefinite Suspension. May petition to lift with documentation of compliance.

RNI170269 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, Understanding Substance Abuse in Nursing. May petition for lifting with five (5) years of documented sobriety and compliance. Worthy abstained.

RNI161224 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include one (1) year probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), courses in Professional Accountability; Ethics; Nurse Practice Act, a fine of \$500 for Fraud, and a fine of \$500 for Scope of Practice.

LPNI170170 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI170755 – License by endorsement.

RNI160895– Refer to the Attorney General's Office for public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare) Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

LPNI170267 – Upon receipt of documentation from psychiatrist stating licensee is safe to practice, close with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

RNI170660 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a suspension to be stayed with an agreement not to practice. May petition to lift with mental physical examination and documentation of completion of Alabama Board of Nursing order.

RNI170771 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to a fine of \$500 for previous Unlicense to Practice, \$700 for current Unlicensed Practice and \$500 for Failure to Disclose. Fines must be paid prior to reinstatement.

Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 5:09 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, Executive Director