

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 14, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Tina Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller Nursing, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Fletcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Worthy moved, Fletcher 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, September 14, 2017 Fletcher 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.

RNI160274 – Close the case upon receipt of national certification.

RNI170949 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If not compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination.

LPNI170173 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$1000 for Failure to Disclose, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI170674 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for 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. If not compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with a mental physical examination.

RNI170259 – Send a Letter of Concern requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI170754 – Send a Letter of Concern requesting courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

LPNI170180 – Send a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

RNI170996 – Send a Letter of Concern (Communication).

RNI171000/RNI180208 – Send a Letter of Concern requesting courses in Professional Boundaries in Nursing, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, and Georgia Nurse Practice Act. Must submit final disposition of criminal case within ten days of adjudication. Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for CE violation.

LPNI170197 – Close the case.

LPNI170363/LPNI180084 – Send a Letter of Concern requesting courses in Elder Abuse (Patient Abuse), Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for CE violation.

LPNI170402 – Send a Letter of Concern requesting courses in HIPPA and Confidentiality; Ethical Decision Making and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

LPNI170425 – Table pending receipt of letter of explanation regarding positive drug screens.

RNI171074 – Close the case.

RNI180038 – Refer to Investigations.

RNI180038 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include a fine of \$2500 for Unlicensed Practice. Fine must be paid prior to reinstatement of license.

RNI170373 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If not compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with mental physical examination.

RNI161067 – Close the case.

LPNI170067 – Send a strong Letter of Concern (Positive Drug Screen).

LPNI180022 – Send a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

LPNI170212 – Close the case.

RNI180042 – Close the case.

RNI180119 – License by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

RNI130388 – Approve the request to terminate the consent agreement.

LPNI170411 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI180014 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If not compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with mental physical examination.

RNI150543/RNI160374 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with 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.

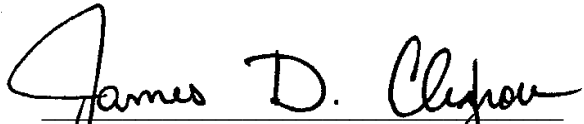
RNI160752 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI161159 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Principles of Safe Prescribing: Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics, Pharmacogenomics & Drug Interactions and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

RNI160043 – Refer to the Full Board. Fletcher abstaining.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 5:08 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

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**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 Amy Hooper 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 28, 2017 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 28th day of September 2017


Notary Public

