

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 28, 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 28, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Merry Fort, RN
Linda Floyd, RN
Andrea Phipps, 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, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, Assistant Attorney General

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Floyd 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 28, 2017, Hooper 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)

Floyd moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI171005 – Close the case. Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

RNI171015 – Close the case.

RNI171018 – Refer to Investigations to obtain patient records then refer for a Peer Review.

RNI171017 – Refer to Investigations to obtain patient records then refer for a Peer Review.

RNI171016 – Refer to Investigations to obtain patient records then refer for a Peer Review.

RNI180054 – Close the case.

RNI180050 – Close the case.

RNI180029 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

RNI170846 – Refer to Investigations.

LPNI170480 – Close the case.

RNI170272 – 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. Voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension if non-compliant with the mental physical examination. Deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination.

RNI140263 – Upon receipt of safe to practice statement from evaluating physician, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations, Naltrexone Statement and a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI130622 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), two (2) years narcotic restriction, Substance Abuse Stipulations, work restrictions and a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI171027 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI180135 – Deny due to recent relapse (4/17). May reapply with twelve months of documented continuous sobriety.

LPNI170175 – Send a Letter of Concern requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

LPN180065 – Write a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator for consideration of licensure. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI180217 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office to license by endorsement with a Public Consent agreement and a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose action in another jurisdiction.

RNI160526 – Write the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator for consideration of licensure. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI180226 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include two (2) years monitoring and quarterly reports (employer, personal).

RNI130156 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. With signed agreement, issue permit for reentry.

RNI180239 – License as a registered nurse upon receipt of documentation of successful completion of probation.

RNI151033 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose action in another jurisdiction.

RNI160337 – Refer to Investigations.

LPNI130055 – Refer to Investigations.

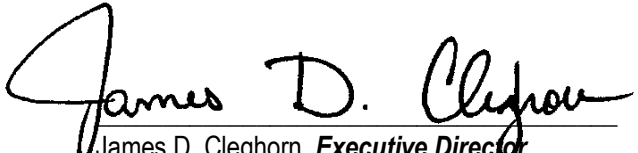
RNI160918 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order with five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), two (2) years narcotic restrictions, Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI170929 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension.

RNI120443 – Approve the request to terminate probation.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 5:07 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB


**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

