

The Georgia Board of Nursing met October 19, 2017 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President  
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President  
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC  
Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, Immediate Past President  
Merry Fort, RN  
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC  
Andrea Phipps, LPN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Blair Train, Consumer Member  
Fredettina (Tina) Fletcher, LPN  
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
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

Izlar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Barton moved, Rowe 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 cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, October 19, 2017, Izlar 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.

**CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)**

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

**RNI180034** – Barton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, Naltrexone statement, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI170375** – Worthy moved to close the case. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI180117** – Worthy moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Continuing Education Violation. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI170014** – Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client. Bryant seconded the motion with Fort abstaining.

**RNI180182** – Floyd moved that, upon receipt of safe to practice statement from Ridgeview, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, aftercare, employer, psychotherapy, medication management) Substance Abuse Stipulations, Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and must submit criminal probation completion. May petition to lift with five (5) years of documented sobriety. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI170159** – Barton moved to close the case if courses are completed by October 27, 2017. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI140353** – Bryant moved to uphold the previous motion for public order. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI170358** – Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI160904/RNI161203** – Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), reprimand for Unprofessional Conduct (Substandard Documentation), a fine of \$500, and courses in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Nurse Practice Act, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation and Patient Rights. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI180030** – Floyd moved to close the case. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI180228** – Floyd moved to refer for an Investigative Interview. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170641** – Worthy moved to refer to Investigations. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI180028** – Fort moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern (Patient Neglect) and include courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Patient Rights and Responsibilities, Ethics of Nursing Practice. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170987** – Floyd moved to license by endorsement with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction). Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170809** – Rowe moved that the mental physical examination results must be received by November 6, 2017. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI180294** – Rowe moved to table until November 6, 2017. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI160043** – Bryant moved to refer to Investigations. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI170091** – Rowe moved if unable to serve via certified mail, refer to Investigations to hand serve a Letter of Concern requesting same courses as in mitigating letter in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients, Patients Rights and Aging and Long Term Care. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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**RNI140619** – Barton moved to uphold the previous motion. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI160964** – Rowe moved to uphold the previous motion. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI170413** – Floyd moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170742** – Phipps moved to rescind the previous motion and close the case. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI150257** – Rowe moved to rescind the previous motion and close the case with a Letter of Concern requesting courses in Age Specific Practice Course Summary, and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170005** – Bryant moved to rescind the previous motion and close the case. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170481** – Barton moved to rescind the previous motion and close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct). Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI170409** – Rowe moved to rescind the previous motion and to accept the consent order as presented. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI150575** – Floyd moved to rescind the previous motion and refer to the Attorney General's Office to include a public consent order to include two (2) years probation. May petition to lift restrictions after one (1) year. All other terms remain the same. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI160006** – Bryant moved to accept the order as presented. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI150727** – Floyd moved to uphold the previous motion. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **BOARD RULE 410-15**

Phipps moved to post proposed Rule 410-15-.01. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **410-15-.01 Definitions**

(1) The Board has examined the licensure requirements of the party states to the Nurse Licensure Compact and, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-26-65, has determined them to be substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those of this state.

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

#### **PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE**

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

Rowe moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for licensure with a fine for failure to disclose arrest(s)/disciplinary action on applications that were issued according to the Board's policies.

RNI180234      RNI180249      RNI180307      RNI180327      LPNI180090      LPNI180093      LPNI180123  
LPNI180136

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE**

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

Rowe moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for unlicensed/unauthorized practice that were issued according to the Board's policies.

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| RNI180210 | RNI180214  | RNI180224  | RNI180225  | RNI180231  | RNI180297  | 2681707    |
| RNI180239 | LPNI180085 | LPNI180086 | LPNI180091 | LPNI180098 | LPNI180112 | LPNI180113 |
| 2695287   |            |            |            |            |            |            |

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A 10/05//2017**

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Phipps moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

|            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| RNI171035  | LPNI170471 | LPNI170467 | RNI170978  | RNI180033  | RNI170635  | RNI180103  |
| RNI180089  | RNI170646  | RNI170893  | RNI180248  | RNI170965  | RNI170756  | RNI180195  |
| RNI170931  | RNI180243  | LPNI180101 | LPNI180102 | LPNI160370 | LPNI180079 | LPNI160333 |
| LPNI170321 | LPNI170140 | LPNI180119 | RNI170024  | RNI150716  | RNI180203  | RNI170044  |
| RNI180274  |            |            |            |            |            |            |

Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A 09/14/2017**

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Phipps moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

|            |           |            |            |            |            |            |
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| RNI160274  | RNI170949 | LPNI170173 | RNI170674  | RNI170259  | RNI170754  | RNI170180  |
| RNI170996  | RNI171000 | RNI180208  | LPNI170197 | LPNI170363 | LPNI180084 | LPNI170402 |
| LPNI170425 | RNI171074 | RNI180038  | RNI170373  | RNI161067  | LPNI170067 | LPNI180022 |
| LPNI170212 | RNI180119 | RNI130388  | LPNI170411 | RNI180014  | RNI180136  | RNI150543  |
| RNI160374  | RNI160752 | RNI161159  | RNI160043  |            |            |            |

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B 09/28/2017**

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Rowe moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

|           |            |            |            |           |           |           |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| RNI171005 | RNI171015  | RNI171018  | RNI171017  | RNI171016 | RNI180054 | RNI180050 |
| RNI180029 | RNI170846  | LPNI170480 | RNI170272  | RNI140263 | RNI130622 | RNI171027 |
| RNI180135 | LPNI170175 | LPNI180065 | RNI180217  | RNI160526 | RNI180226 | RNI130156 |
| RNI180239 | RNI151033  | RNI160337  | LPNI130055 | RNI160918 | RNI170929 | RNI120443 |

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS**

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

Barton moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

|          | RECOMMENDED ACTION         |
|----------|----------------------------|
| RN081967 | Lift narcotics restriction |

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|----------|----------------------------|
| RN081296 | Lift narcotics restriction |
| RN188507 | Lift narcotics restriction |
| RN199621 | Lift narcotics restriction |

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REQUEST TO CHANGE AFTERCARE GROUPS**

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

Rowe moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

|          | RECOMMENDED ACTION     |
|----------|------------------------|
| RN095890 | Change aftercare group |

Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ORDER TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS**

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Rowe moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings:

RNI110404    RNI130581    RNI130578    RN198996    RN060184    RNI150992    RN221627  
RN212747    RN153964

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Barton moved to accept the September 6-8, 2017 Board meeting minutes as presented. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rowe moved to accept the September 6-8, 2017 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rowe moved to accept the October 12, 2017 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bryant moved to accept the October 16, 2017 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rowe moved to accept the October 5, 2017 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Barton moved to accept the September 14, 2017 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Phipps moved to accept the September 28, 2017 Investigative Committee B meeting minutes as presented. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Floyd moved to accept the October 12, 2017 Teleconference meeting minutes as presented. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bryant moved to accept the October 16, 2017 Teleconference meeting minutes as presented. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION VIOLATION**

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Floyd moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

|           | <b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>  |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| RN170598  | Deny renewal for 2018-2020 |
| RNI170351 | Deny renewal for 2018-2020 |
| RN170140  | Deny renewal for 2018-2020 |
| RN170078  | Deny renewal for 2018-2020 |
| RN160972  | Deny renewal for 2018-2020 |
| RN151112  | Deny renewal for 2018-2020 |

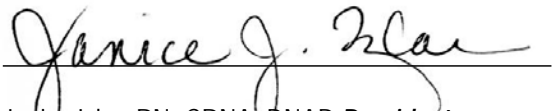
Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**OPEN RECORDS REQUEST**

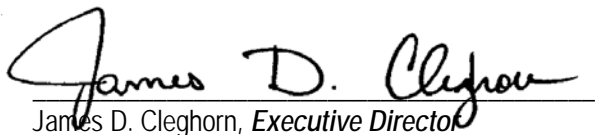
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**RNI180308** – Rowe moved to deny the request. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned October 19, 2017 at 6:42 p.m.



Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP *President*



James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

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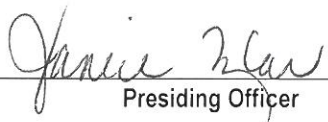
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF  
PUBLIC MEETING**

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.

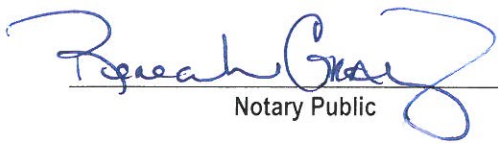
Comes now Janice Izlar the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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, October 19, 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

  
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Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017

  
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Notary Public

