

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, October 26, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC, CNL

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

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hooper 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, October 26, 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.

RNI170812 – Close the case.

RNI170919/ RNI180354 – Table the cases until the November 15-17, 2017 Board Meeting.

RNI180107– Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

RNI170916 – Close the case.

LPNI160068 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

RNI170018 – Refer for a peer review.

RNI170609 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with the submission of 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.

RNI180143 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand.

RNI171069 – Close the case.

RNI170220 – Refer to Investigations.

LPNI160337 - Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention.

LPNI180099 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a continuing education violation.

RNI161137 – Close the case.

RNI170782 – 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. Hand serve. Refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension if non-compliant with the mental physical examination. May petition to lift with completion of mental physical examination.

RNI170671 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, personal), Substance Abuse Stipulations, quarterly hair follicle testing, Naltrexone statement and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI161069 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order with reprimand to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Righting A Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, and Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI100262 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy) , Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI160869 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order with reprimand, a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and drug screens for one (1) year.

RNI170677 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, addictionologist), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Must submit final disposition of DUI charge within ten (10) days of adjudication.

RNI150479 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office to lift suspension and for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions (access, administer and prescribe), quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy from a certified addiction counselor) Substance Abuse Stipulations, Quarterly hair follicle testing for one (1) year with drug screen throughout order and courses in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Controlled Substances: A focus on Safe and Effective Prescribing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

RNI180267 – License.

RNI180287 – License with a Letter of Concern (Arrests).

RNI170066 – Maintain hold. Keep case open pending final court adjudication, refer back to board as needed based on outcome.

RNI180289 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a continuing education violation.

RNI170469 – Refer to Investigations.

LPNI160234 – Close the case.

RNI170466/RNI180109/RNI180141 – 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. Hand Serve. Refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension if not compliant with the mental physical examination. May petition to lift with successful completion of mental physical examination.

LPNI170122 – 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. Refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension if non-compliant with the mental physical examination. May petition to lift with completion of mental physical examination.

LPNI170147 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

LPNI130187– Table until November 15-17, 2017 Board meeting.

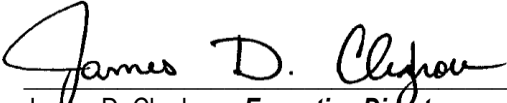
RNI170546 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Hand serve. Refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension if non-compliant with the mental physical examination. May petition to lift with completion of mental physical examination.

LPNI160309 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension.

RNI180315 – Grant exam eligibility.

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 5:03 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.

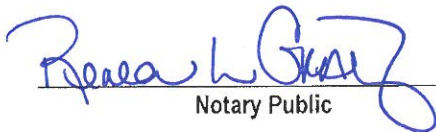
1. I am the presiding officer of the RN Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, October 26, 2017, 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 26th day of October 2017



Notary Public

