

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, November 2, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC  
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

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Worthy moved, Thompson 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, November 2, 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)

Fletcher moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RNI170386** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include two (2) years monitoring, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**LPNI180081** – Close case with an investigative letter with courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients, and Communication with Cognitively Impaired Clients.

**RNI180187** – Close the case.

**LPNI170425** – 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 a mental physical examination.

**RNI170415** – Rescind previous motion. 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.

**RNI180262** – Send a letter of modification noting new sobriety date of August 24, 2017.

**RNI180108** – Refer to November 15-17 board meeting. Thompson abstained from the discussion.

**RNI180206** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180004** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent agreement to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180235** – Refer to Investigations. Barton abstained from the discussion.

**RNI170326** – Refer to Investigations. Upon receipt of documentation, refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand for violation of the Nurse Practice Act, a \$500 fine for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Thompson abstained from the discussion.

**RNI120216** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office to lift suspension with a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy) addictionologist every month, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Monthly drug screens for twelve months, quarterly thereafter.

**LPNI170371** – 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. Must enroll in recommended treatment for Alcohol Use Diagnosis within two (2) weeks of docket date of consent order and send documentation of completion of treatment.

**LPNI160343** – Close the case.

**RNI170821** - Refer to Investigations.

**RNI170200** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. Deny the renewal. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI180280** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**RNI170993** – Refer to Investigations

**RNI161049** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI170688** – 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 from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition. Deny the renewal.

**LPNI160312** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI180284** – License with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

**RNI170129** – Uphold previous motion. Deny the renewal.

**LPNI180138** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent agreement with five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations and NCSBN substance abuse course. Upon receipt of signed agreement and Board approved reentry plan, issue temporary permit for re-entry.

**RNI180342** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent agreement with one (1) year probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), courses in Nurse Practice Act @ NCSBN.com, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Critical Thinking and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

**LPNI180139** – Issue license.

**RNI170557** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination to include a PeTH test 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 from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI161124** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

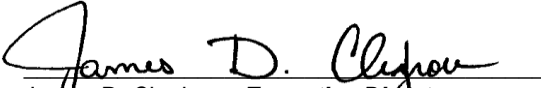
**LPNI170228** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

**RNI160035** – 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 from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition and six (6) months compliance with aftercare.

**RNI160194** – Approve the request. Must seek approval for any change or addition of employers.

Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 5:25 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

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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 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, November 2, 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 2<sup>ND</sup> day of November 2017

  
Notary Public

