

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 4, 2018 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC  
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Tina Fletcher, LPN  
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

### STAFF PRESENT

Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Alex Randall, Complaint-Compliance Analyst  
Maximillian Changus, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

### 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, January 4, 2018 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)

Blalock moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RNI180236** – Close the case.

**RNI180532** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

**RNI170721-RNI180534** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction and a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

**RNI180250** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Documentation).

**RNI161171** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI180533** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

**LPNI180120** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**LPNI170167** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or challenging? Dealing with Patients, Aging and Long-Term Care.

**RNI170673** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hand served 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.

**RNI170464** – Refer case for review by full board at January 2018 meeting.

**RNI180038** – Refer to Investigations.

**RNI170737** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hand served 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.

**RNI180531** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

**RNI180146** – Close with a Letter of Concern (Malpractice Payout).

**RNI170413** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**LPNI170449** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**LPNI170134** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI180144** – Close the case.

**RNI170713** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hand served 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.

**LPNI180060** – Send an Investigative letter requesting courses in Documentation, Professional Accountability and Ethics.

**LPNI180165** – Request a mental physical examination for consideration of licensure. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI180316** – Close the case.

**RNI160694** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hand served 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.

**RNI170408** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order with reprimand to include a fine of \$500, five (5) years probation with quarterly reports (self, employer, drug screens: quarterly hair follicle for one year, drug screens throughout order), Substance Abuse Stipulations, courses in Ethics and Professional Conduct and Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing @ NCSBN and narcotic restrictions for two (2) years.

**RNI180330** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include four (4) years probation with quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy – monthly PEth screenings for one (1) year and drug screens throughout the order. Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Substance Use.

**RNI171093** – **RNI180510** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Substance Use and a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

**RNI180487** – License as a RN with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

**RNI171063** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order with five (5) years monitoring with quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), two (2) years narcotic restrictions, drug screenings: quarterly hair follicle screenings for one (1) year, quarterly drug screens through the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Substance Use. Blalock abstained.

**LPNI150442** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with 72 hour evaluation.

**RNI180490** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hand served 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.

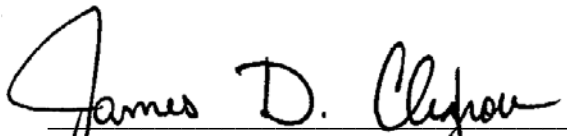
**RNI180161** – If receives safe to practice statement within two (2) weeks, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), quarterly hair follicle testing for one (1) year and drug screen throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Substance Use. 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.

**RNI170949** – Deny the renewal.

**RNI150833**– Deny the request.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 4:57 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 NANCY BARTON 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, January 4, 2018 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

Nancy S. Barton  
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

Renee L. Gray  
Notary Public

