

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 25, 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 25, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN
Merry Fort, RN
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
Kim Gallogly, Education Consultant

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Bryant 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 25, 2018, 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)

Bryant moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI171043 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI170966 – Close the case.

LPNI180137 – Close the case. Hooper abstained.

RNI180302 – Close the case.

LPNI180125 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

LPNI170242 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

RNI161014 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include one (1) year probation, quarterly reports (employer, aftercare) a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Ethics of Nursing Practice and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

RNI170643 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Personal Medication).

LPNI160360 – Close the case.

RNI170193 – 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. Deny the renewal.

RNI120766 – Lift narcotic restrictions. Send letter stating licensee must have narcotic restrictions lifted for at least one year before probation can be terminated.

LPNI170139 – 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.

RNI170069 – Refer to Investigations to obtain additional information.

RNI180309 – Refer to Investigations to obtain authenticated records. Refer for peer review.

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RNI180352 – Close the case.

LPNI170066 – Return to Investigations to obtain additional information listed in summary.

LPNI170058 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention and Documentation: a Critical Aspect of Client Care.

RNI160917 – Close the case.

LPNI170043 – Close the case.

LPNI170042 – Accept Inactive Status.

RNI170295 – 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.

RNI160850 – Close the case.

LPNI170247 – 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.

LPNI180212 – Table until resolution of mental physical examination case.

RNI150038 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, one (1) year narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), drugs screens, work setting restrictions, no more than forty hours per week. May petition to lift with five (5) years documented sobriety.

RNI170830 – Rescind previous motion. Request Investigative Interview.

RNI180183 – Investigative Interview. Request copies of drug screens.

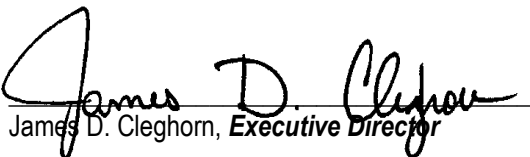
RNI130515 – Approve the request.

RNI171014 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI180597 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), monthly PEth tests for one (1) year, quarterly drug screens with EtG and EtS throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 4:34 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

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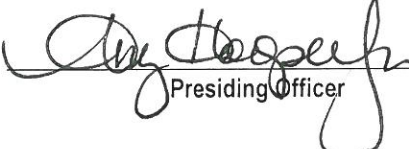
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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.

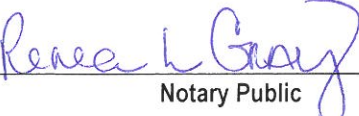
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 25, 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


Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 25th day of January 2018


Notary Public

