

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 1, 2018 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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, RN, BSN
Kirsten Daughdril JD, Assistant Attorney General

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 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, February 1, 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)

Worthy moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI180133 – Close the case.

RNI180435 – Close the case.

RNI180415 – Close the case.

RNI180451 – Close the case.

LPNI180046 – Close case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

RNI170770 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI170197 – 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.

LPNI170064 – 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.

LPNI180069 – 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. Fletcher abstained.

RNI170641 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI180270 – Close the case.

RNI180311/RNI180694 – Table until receipt of documentation from Tennessee Board of Nursing.

RNI180068 – Close the case.

LPNI180128 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order for one (1) year probation, quarterly reports (self, employer) Substance Abuse Stipulations, work restrictions, must be supervised by a registered nurse, no supervisory or admin roles, random quarterly drug screens through Affinity, may not petition for lifting until met work hour requirement or completion of Minnesota Board of Nursing order whichever is later, courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation and Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention.

RNI180545 – 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.

RNI170272 – 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 tests for 12 months, drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct. Must submit documentation of enrollment of Intensive Outpatient Program within 30 days of docket date.

RNI180298 – Close the case.

RNI180344 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

RNI170739 – 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.

RNI170127 – Add to Imposter Alert site and notify the CNA registry. Fletcher abstained.

RNI180288 – 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.

RNI170751/RNI180170/RNI180704 – 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. Hold RNI180704 pending results of mental physical examination. Blalock abstained.

RNI110746 – Reinstate license and APRN authorization with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

RNI180695 – Refer to the staff for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

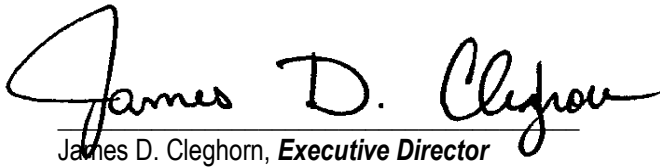
RNI180696 – License by endorsement and authorize as APRN.

RNI170485 – Obtain additional records and refer for a peer review.

RNI151120 – Table – obtain additional information from evaluating physician.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 4:48 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.

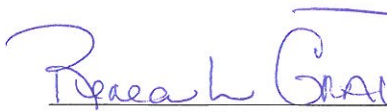
1. I am the presiding officer of the RN Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, February 1, 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 1st day of February 2018



Notary Public

