

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 22, 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 22, 2018**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President  
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN  
Merry Fort, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-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 Nursing, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Mary Brannen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bryant moved, Hooper 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 22, 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)

Fort moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RNI180379** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Infection Control, Aging and Long Term Care and Effective Communication with Patients.

**RNI180840** – Close the case.

**RNI180413** – Close the case.

**RNI180333** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

**RNI170207** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and Jurisprudence – Georgia RN.

**RNI180838** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

**RNI180448** – Close the case.

**LPNI170153** – Send an investigative letter requesting 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.

**LPNI170466** – Close the case.

**RNI160102** – Close the case.

**RNI180620** – 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 deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI180359** – Close the case.

**RNI170392** – Close the case.

**RNI180014** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), hair follicle quarterly for 12 months, drugs screens quarterly throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Abuse Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180624** – Close the case.

**RNI170220** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

**RNI160857** – Refer the case to GDNA and DEA.

**RNI180347** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), monthly peth tests for 12 months, quarterly drug tests throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Abuse Disorder in Nursing. No overtime.

**LPNI170176** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Resident's Rights and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients.

**LPNI170146** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

**RNI170271** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Resident's Rights and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

**LPNI170245** – 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 deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**LPNI180237** – Table until review of mental physical examination.

**LPNI180180** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Resident's Rights, Ethics of Nursing Practice and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients.

**RNI180299** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**RNI180412** – 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 for \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

**RNI170063** – 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 deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI170031** – 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 deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI180728** – Request MPE as a condition of licensure.

**RNI150436** – Send correspondence to licensee noting new sobriety date of September 7, 2017.

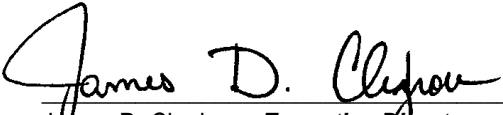
**RNI1180083** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction and a fine for \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

**RNI180389** – 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 for \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

**LPNI170346** – 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 deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 4:42 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.

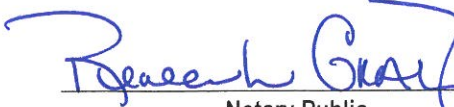
**Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.**

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 22, 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 22nd day of February 2018

  
Notary Public

