

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, March 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, MARCH 1, 2018**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Tina Fletcher, LPN  
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-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, March 1, 2018.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Blalock moved, Fletcher 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, March 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)

Blalock moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**LPNI170082** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

**RNI180318** – 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 noncompliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**LPNI180182** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Resident’s Rights and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients.

**RNI180553** – Close the case.

**RNI180449** – Close case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**RNI180538** – Close the case.

**LPNI170111** – 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.

**RNI170733** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI180866** – 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 noncompliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI180900** – Authorize to practice as an APRN.

**RNI170168** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**LPNI170110** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

**RNI170795** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**RNI180436** – Close the case.

**RNI180278** – 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 noncompliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI180460** – Do not grant a multistate license. Refer to the Attorney General's Office for revocation. Refer to Florida Board of Nursing regarding enrollment in LPN-RN program without current LPN license.

**LPNI180063** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Patient Rights.

**RNI180718** – 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 noncompliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI170803** – 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), monthly PEth tests for 12 months and quarterly drug screens throughout order, naltrexone statement, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180671** – 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 noncompliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

**RNI170546** – 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, quarterly drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180514** – 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), monthly PEth tests for 12 months and quarterly drug screens throughout order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI180757** – Send modification letter with new sobriety date of February 5, 2018.

**RNI170467** – Close the case noting the new sobriety date.

**RNI170878** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Substandard Care).

**LPNI140057** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with one (1) quarter of compliance and a public reprimand of \$500. If compliant before voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension is issued, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500.

**LPNI140129/ LPNI180255** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. If compliant before voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension is issued, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for violation of a consent order and a fine of \$500 for CE violation.

**LPNI180248** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for revocation.

**LPNI150525** – Lift narcotic restriction. Deny the request to lift float pool restrictions.

Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 5:01 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 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, March 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

  
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Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 1st day of March 2018

  
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Notary Public

