

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 5, 2018 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tina Fletcher, LPN
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Nellie Daley, Compliance Analyst
Kirsten Daughdril JD, Assistant Attorney General

Worthy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barton 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, April 5, 2018 Worthy 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)

Thompson moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI180774 – Refer to Investigations.

RNI170821 – Close the case.

LPNI170437 – 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 non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

RNI180038 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order (direct patient care) to include one (1) year probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI170179 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI180018 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI180037 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

LPNI180193 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI170866 – Close the case.

RNI170785 – 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 non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

RNI180464 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills.

RNI180376 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RNI180434 – Close the case.

RNI180599 – Refer the case for a peer review.

RNI180549 – Close the case.

RNI180503 – Close the case.

RNI160487/ RNI180508 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with documentation of one quarter of compliance and a fine of \$500.

LPNI170363 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Substandard Care).

RNI170701 – Close the case.

LPNI180299 – License by exam.

RNI170069/RNI180476 – 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 non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination. No inactive status.

LPNI150510 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension for noncompliance.

RNI180652 (EEHR) – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension for noncompliance.

RNI180652 (ADS) – 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 non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

RNI181112 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited inpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination.

RNI170674 – 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 (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), quarterly hair follicle tests for twelve (12) months (include EtG and EtS), urine drug screen throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Naltrexone statement.

LPNI170459 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand consent order to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, quarterly urine drug screens), one (1) year narcotic restriction, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Must submit final disposition of criminal case within ten (10) days of adjudication.

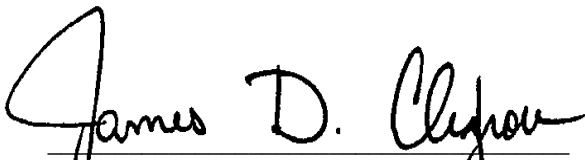
LPNI150221 – Continue with reports from supervisor.

RNI151133 – 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 (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), include naltrexone statement if still on Naltrexone, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500. Consent order time will only be counted for nursing practice.

LPNI180072 – If documentation is received from facility that reveals investigation was unfounded then close the case.

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 5:08 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

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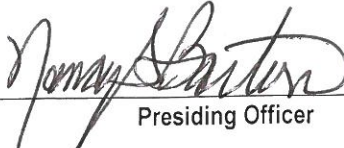
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 April 5, 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 5TH day of April 2018



Notary Public

