

The Georgia Board of Nursing met April 12, 2018 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President
Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Brenda Rowe, RN, MN, JD, Immediate Past President
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
Blair Train, Consumer Member
Merry Fort, RN
Andrea Phipps, LPN
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Fredetena (Tina) Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Sr., Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN
Mary Brannen, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kim Gallogly, Education Consultant

Izlar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Phipps seconded and the Board 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 cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, April 12, 2018, Izlar 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.

CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

LPNI170438 – Floyd moved to refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, a fine of \$500 also for Unprofessional Conduct, and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180100 – Phipps moved to send an investigative letter requesting courses in Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and Ethics of Nursing Practice. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180094 – Bryant moved to send a Letter of Concern (Positive Pre-Employment Drug Screen). Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI170136 – Blalock moved to send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Burnout: Impact on Nursing. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180168 – Bryant moved to send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Patient Rights, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180305 – Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for reinstatement of license with a public consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180106 – Hooper moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly hair follicle test for one (1) year, random urine drug screens throughout the order, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and work setting restrictions. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180423 – Rowe moved to close the case. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180222 – Phipps moved to 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, psychotherapy, aftercare, quarterly hair follicle test for one (1) year, urine drug screen throughout the order), Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180276 – Rowe moved to refer for an Investigative Interview. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170969 – Floyd moved to refer to the Office of Inspector General. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI100884 – Hooper moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office to amend the consent order to lift narcotic restrictions, may petition to terminate order in one year. Suboxone use must be discontinued before order is terminated. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180747 – Phipps moved to send a Letter of Modification with a new sobriety date of January 23, 2018. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180934 – Hooper moved to deny the inactive application. Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried with Blalock and Thompson abstaining.

RNI170737 – Worthy moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years monitoring, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, quarterly hair follicle testing (include EtG and Ets) for 12 months, drug screens throughout the order), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Barton seconded the motion and it carried with Thompson abstaining.

RNI180531 – Train moved to include a fine of \$500 for a continuing education violation in the consent order. Fort seconded the motion and it carried with Thompson abstaining.

RNI180656 – Blalock moved to 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 not compliant, deny the renewal and refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical examination within 30 days of petition. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried with Floyd abstaining.

RNI180721 – Hooper moved to send an Investigative Letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and the Georgia Nurse Practice Act-RN. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130561 – Barton moved that prior to terminating the consent order, respondent must submit a hair follicle test within two (2) weeks of receipt of request and submit any drug screenings completed since July 31, 2013. If drug screens are negative, terminate the order. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

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LPNI180016 – Blalock moved to refer for a peer review. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170564 – Bryant moved to refer for an Investigative Interview. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170408 – Phipps moved to uphold the previous motion. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI171063 – Barton moved to table until May meeting. Rowe seconded the motion and it carried with Blalock abstaining.

RNI161048 – Hooper moved to rescind the previous motion and amend to private with same terms. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried with Barton opposing.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A 04/05/2018

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Train moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

RNI180774	RNI170821	LPNI170437	RNI180038	LPNI170179	RNI180018	RNI180037
LPNI180193	RNI170866	RNI170785	RNI180464	RNI180376	RNI180434	RNI180599
RNI180549	RNI180503	RNI160487	RNI180508	LPNI170363	RNI170701	LPNI180299
RNI170069	RNI180476	LPNI150510	RNI180652(ER)	RNI180652(AS)	RNI181112	RNI170674
LPNI170459	LPNI150221	RN151133	LPNI180072			

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B 03/29/2018

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Floyd moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

RNI180731	RNI181070	RNI170813	RNI170953	RNI180706	LPNI170113	RNI170338
LPNI170145	LPNI180275	RNI160486	RNI170968	RNI181069	RNI170250	LPNI180196
LPNI170265	RNI170740	RNI180748	RNI170469	LPNI170182	RNI180894	RNI180141
RNI171102	RNI180521	LPNI180188	RNI180295	RNI181036	LPNI170479	RNI180786
LPNI180146	RNI180655	LPNI180268	RNI170018	RNI110814		

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO CHANGE AFTERCARE GROUPS

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Blalock moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RN106392	Change aftercare group

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Phipps moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI150633	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI510108	Lift narcotics restriction
LPNI130155	Lift narcotics restriction
RNI150161	Lift narcotics restriction

Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROBATION TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number) (LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Barton moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings.

RNI120447 RNI120580 RNI140399 RNI140547

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Rowe moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for licensure with a fine for failure to disclose arrest(s)/disciplinary action on applications that were issued according to the Board's policies.

LPNI180330 RNI181209

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Blalock moved to ratify the Public and Private Consent Agreements for unlicensed/unauthorized practice that were issued according to the Board's policies.

RNI181115 RNI181122 RNI181159 RNI181202 LPNI180300 LPNI180314

Hooper seconded the motion and it carried with Rowe abstaining.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Rowe moved to accept the March 14-16, 2018 Board meeting minutes as presented. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rowe moved to accept the March 14-16, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Barton moved to accept the April 9, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Worthy moved to accept the March 28, 2018 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Hooper moved to accept the March 29, 2018 Investigative Committee B meeting minutes as presented. Bryant seconded the

motion and it carried unanimously.

Phipps moved to accept the April 9, 2018 Board meeting minutes as presented. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

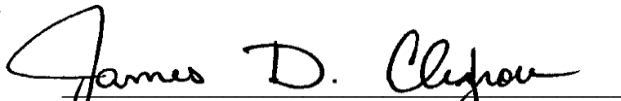
Bryant moved to accept the March 28, 2018 Board meeting minutes as presented. Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence from Gina Segars regarding her request that the Board require mandatory continuing education on Human Trafficking. Members discussed the July 2017 report reviewed by the Board regarding requiring specific content areas for continuing education. Members noted that registered nurses had five options to satisfy continuing competency requirements for licensure renewal and that not every licensee used option one to satisfy the requirements. It was the consensus of the Board that no changes would be made to the current continuing competency requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned April 12, 2018 at 5:07 p.m.


Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP **President**


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

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COUNTY OF BIBB

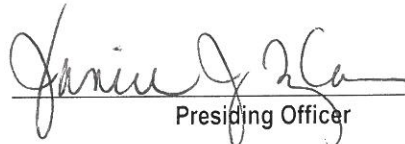
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 April 12, 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 12TH day of April 2018



Notary Public

