

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 31, 2018 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
Merry Fort, RN
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN

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

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bryant moved, Floyd 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, May 31, 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.

RNI181104 – Close the case.

RNI180913 – Close the case.

RNI180916 – Close the case.

RNI180854 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Ethics of Nursing Practice and a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

LPNI170066 – 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 mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

LPNI180276 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention, Residents Rights, and 8 Rights of Medication Administration.

RNI180343 – 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 mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

RNI181093 – Close the case.

LPNI170398 – 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 mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

RNI181068 – Close the case.

RNI170712 – Close the case.

RNI181078 – Send a Letter of Concern (Medical Malpractice). Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for a CE Violation. Floyd abstained.

LPNI180146 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Elder Abuse, Communication with Cognitively Impaired Patients, and Jurisprudence and Nursing Ethics.

RNI180082 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a \$500 fine for Action in Another Jurisdiction and also a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

LPNI170153 – Close the case.

LPNI1180362 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI181080(GO) – Close the case.

RNI181080(LH) – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), quarterly hair follicle tests for twelve (12) months with ETg and ETs, urine drug screen testing throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI180288 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), quarterly hair follicle tests for (12) twelve months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, courses in Substance use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI170977 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare) quarterly hair follicle tests for twelve (12) months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI180049 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a three (3) month suspension, two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, no unsupervised in home care and courses in Professional Boundaries in Nursing and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses. May petition to lift suspension with documentation of completion of formal seminar in documentation.

RNI180622 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), quarterly hair follicle testing for twelve (12) months and quarterly urine drug screens throughout, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Restrict authorization to practice as a CRNA for two (2) years.

RNI170469 – 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 mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within thirty (30) days of petition.

RNI180599 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills and the Nurse Practice Act.

RNI171076 – Table for the June 2018 teleconference.

LPNI180061 – Close the case.

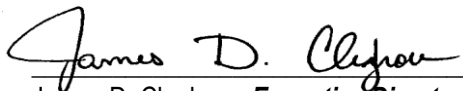
LPNI180178 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI160234 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy) with random urine drug screens, Substance Abuse Stipulations, work setting restrictions and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. May petition to terminate with five (5) years of documented sobriety....monitoring period started March 10, 2017.

RNI120112 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension.

Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 4:59 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

STATE OF GEORGIA

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 May 31, 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 31st day of May 2018


Notary Public

