

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 7, 2018 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tina Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Worthy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Blalock 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, June 7, 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.

RNI181088 – Close the case.

LPNI180285 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients, Stopping Abuse and Neglect in Nursing Homes and Improving Patient Safety.

LPNI180242 – Close the case.

RNI181071 – Close the case.

LPNI160397/LPNI180373 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction and a fine of \$500 for Continuing Education violation.

RNI180882/RNI181327 – 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. Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

LPNI180126 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI180507 – Table pending receipt of additional information.

RNI181090 – Close the case.

LPNI180066/LPNI180279 – Refer to the Office of Inspector General to obtain documents related to patient abandonment. Send for Peer Review.

LPNI180192 – Close the case. Send a Letter of Concern (Patient Abuse).

LPNI180296 – 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.

RNI180242 – Refer to the Office of Inspector General to obtain patient records. Send for a Peer Review.

RNI180970 – Close the case.

LPNI180364 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RNI170097 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for public reprimand with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Advance Directives and Do Not Resuscitate Orders, Ethics of Nursing Practice, and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct. Send for a Peer Review.

RNI181329 – Send a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI180374 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, PEth tests for 12 months, urine drug screens throughout, psychotherapy), and Substance Abuse Stipulations.

RNI181334 – Send a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI180366 – Send a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI181289/RNI181345 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) months probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, quarterly hair follicle testing with EtG and EtS for 24 months and urine drug screen throughout, psychotherapy, medication management) Substance Abuse Stipulations, no overtime or supervisory position, one (1) dentist, MD and pharmacy, and a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

RNI180620 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, monthly PEth for 12 months, urine drug screens with EtG and EtS throughout order, psychotherapy, medication management), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

LPNI170139 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May lift suspension with documentation of completion of 90 day Intensive Outpatient Program and a safe to practice statement from an addictionologist.

RNI181342 – Send a letter in consideration of reinstatement requesting 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. Mental physical examination by psychiatrist.

RNI160858 – 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, quarterly hair follicle testing for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout) a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 4:59 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 June 7, 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 7th day of June 2018


Notary Public

