

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 21, 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 21, 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
Betsy Cohen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, 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, June 21, 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)

Floyd moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI181207 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI180322 – Refer to Investigations.

LPNI180349 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI180983 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI181105 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI181225 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Professional Boundaries).

RNI181147 – 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 Accurate and Legal Documentation, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI180110 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI180265 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

LPNI180280 – Refer to Investigations.

RNI180758 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Failure to Disclose).

LPNI170386 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Documentation: Accurate and Legal Documentation.

RNI181156 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand order to include Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI180652 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), monthly PEth screening for twelve (12) months, urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI140206/RN181278 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with documentation of completed treatment and safe to practice statement.

LPNI180378 – Send a Letter of Concern (Arrest) and issue a temporary permit for reentry. Must submit documentation of successful completion of probation.

RNI181347 – Deny the application.

RNI180199 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include three (3) years probation, three (3) years quarterly reports (self, employer, supervising physician), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, a fine of \$500 for Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice, courses in APRN Ethics and Decision Making and Risk Advisor for Advanced Practice Nurses: How to Protect Your License.

RNI180976 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI170641 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), quarterly hair follicle tests for twenty-four (24) months, urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. Must submit final disposition of criminal case within ten (10) days of adjudication.

RNI181149 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for reinstatement with a public consent agreement for a fine of \$50 for Unlicensed Practice from February 01, 2018 through March 07, 2018 and a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose 2012 arrest.

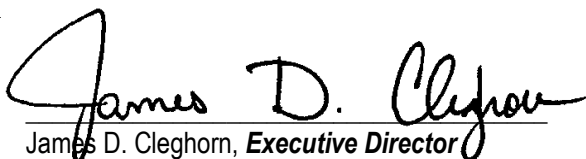
RNI180076 – Upon approval of reentry proposal, refer to the Attorney General's Office to license with a public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), monthly PEth testing for twelve (12) months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Disorder in Nursing. Temporary permit for reentry to be issued after consent agreement is signed.

LPNI160325 – Refer to Investigations.

LPNI180062 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients and Resident's Rights.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 4:55 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 21, 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 21st day of June 2018



Notary Public

