

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 26, 2018 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

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, July 26, 2018.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Floyd moved, Hooper 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, July 26, 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.

**RNI181131** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Patient Assessment and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

**RNI190056** - Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**RNI181187** – Send an investigate letter requesting courses in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

**RNI181195** – Send an investigate letter requesting courses in Ethics of Nursing Practice and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

**RNI190068** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**RNI181150** - Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI180278** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI180262** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI180328** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$300 for (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

**RNI181072** – Refer to Investigations to request additional information regarding dosage and protocol agreement.

**RNI171108** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for 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. 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. Refer for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**LPNI180131** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for 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. 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.

**LPNI180201** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI180082** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, quarterly reports (personal, employer), courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Documentation What is Right and Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN.

**RNI181350** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI180429** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an 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.

**RNI181275** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI170426** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Handling and Documentation of Narcotic Drugs, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability.

**RNI181081** – Table pending receipt of records.

**RNI180016** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Risk Advisor for APRNS: How to Protect your license and Cancer and Chemotherapy.

**RNI181118** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI160735** – Approve the request to lift narcotic restrictions.

**RNI181361** – Table pending receipt of additional information.

**RNI150871** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with one full quarter of compliance of consent order.

**RNI190033** – Issue temporary permit for completion of re-entry program. Upon successful completion of approved re-entry program, reinstate with a Letter of Concern (Substance Abuse).

**RNI190039** – Upon receipt of approval to work in GA from OH and SC boards, reinstate with a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare), quarterly hair follicle testing for twelve (12) months and random urine drug screens throughout entire order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, and a NCSBN course on Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI190042** – Upon receipt of documentation of successful completion of Diversion Program, license by endorsement.

**RNI180111** – Refer to Investigations.

**RNI170806** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for 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. 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.

**RNI180296** – Add Felicia Rashell Buckhanan to the imposter list on the board's website. No disciplinary action taken against the respondent.

**RNI140232** – Deny request until documentation of five (5) years of continuous sobriety is completed.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 4:36 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.

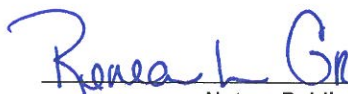
**Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.**

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 July 26, 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

  
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Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 26th day of July 2018

  
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Notary Public

