

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 3, 2019 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC
Debra Amick, RN, MSN, CJCP, CPHQ, NE-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Tina Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edey Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Mary Brennen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Blalock called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Izlar moved, Amick 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, January 3, 2019 Blalock 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)

Izlar moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI90165 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190097 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

LPNI180410 – Request letter of explanation if licensee attempts to renew.

LPNI180371 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI190615 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Falsification of Renewal Application; approve initial authorization as an APRN.

RNI180023 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI190470 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order with a fine of \$500 for Continuing Education violation.

RNI190616/RNI190488 – Reinstate license as a RN and allow authorization as an APRN.

LPNI180142 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Accurate and Legal Documentation and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI181041 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with 12 months of documented sobriety, a fine of \$500 for Violation of Consent Order, courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI190031 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern.

RNI180027 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI190481 - Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a CE violation.

RNI190251/RNI190482 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$1000 for Action in Another Jurisdiction and a CE Violation.

RNI150926 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with a full quarter of compliance with terms of consent order (including payment of fine and coursework), a letter from employer stating they are aware of the consent order and a fine of \$500 for violation of consent order.

RNI190389 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Geriatric Prescribing: Special Considerations and Issues of Safety and Efficacy, Psychiatric Medications: Update on Newer Agents, Controlled Substances: A Focus on Safe and Effective Prescribing.

RNI190311 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, standard work restrictions plus no ICU/Critical Care Nursing x 6-12 months, quarterly hair follicle testing for 24 months (Hairstat 5 plus Fentanyl), quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order. Must submit final disposition of criminal case within 10 days of adjudication, courses Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI170935 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI180705 – Refer to the Office of Inspector General for documentation.

RNI190609 – License by Endorsement.

RNI190611 – Send the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator as a consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI190632 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office. License by endorsement with a public reprimand.

RNI160745 – Reinstate with a public consent agreement to include quarterly reports (self, employer) for 24 months, a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI180433 – 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 a mental physical examination.

RNI180265 – Close the case with no action.

RNI180841 – 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 a qualified mental physical examination with safe to practice statement.

RNI190465 – Add to the Imposter Alerts page on the Board’s website.

LPNI180263 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI170777 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, psychotherapy, medication management along with PDMP reports), standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI170346 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, three (3) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management-addictionologist), Substance Abuse Stipulations, standard work restrictions, monthly PEth for 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI180658 – License by endorsement upon receipt of signed public consent order with five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, medication management), two (2) years narcotic restrictions, standard work restrictions and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

Amick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 4:50 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

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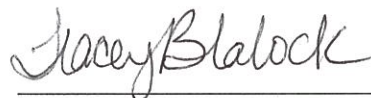
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 January 3, 2019 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 3rd day of January 2019



Notary Public

