

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 28, 2019 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC  
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC  
Tina Fletcher, LPN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Debra Amick, RN, MSN, CJCP, CPHQ, NE-BC

### **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, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Mary Brannen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Blalock moved, Fletcher 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, February 28, 2019 Thompson 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)

Blalock moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**RN181136** – Refer to Investigations.

**RNI190447**– Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI180356** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI190676** – 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 a mental physical examination.

**RNI190757** – 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 a mental physical examination.

**RNI190706** – 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 a mental physical examination.

**RNI190589** – 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 a mental physical examination.

**RNI190954** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**RNI181298** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

**RNI180822** – Refer for an investigative interview.

**RNI190268** – 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 a mental physical examination.

**LPNI180290** - Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Communication with Cognitively Impaired Clients, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients

**LPNI190210** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**RNI190798** – 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 a mental physical examination.

**RNI190757** – Table until respondent completes treatment.

**LPNI190202** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a three (3) month suspension. May petition to lift with submission of a mental physical examination.

**RNI170197** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Ethics of Nursing Practice and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct. Must submit documentation of completed outpatient treatment for substance abuse within two (2) months of docket date of the consent order.

**RNI170820** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, three (3) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy (addiction counselor), medication management (addictionologist), quarterly hair follicle testing for 24 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

**LPNI180089** – Refer for an investigative interview.

**RNI190393** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI190906** – 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.

**LPNI190235** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office to reinstate the license with a public consent agreement to include one (1) year probation and quarterly reports (personal, employer).

**LPNI160218** – 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.

**LPNI190236** – License with a Letter of Concern (Arrest).

**LPNI170219** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

**LPNI190148** – Refer for an investigative interview.

**LPNI190937** – Refer for an investigative interview.

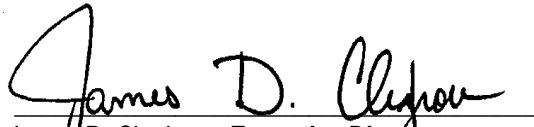
**RNI181218** – Close the case with no disciplinary actions.

**LPNI190102** – Send a letter to the respondent requiring her to submit final court documents within ten (10) days of adjudication.

**RNI180564** – Forward complaint to Drug Enforcement Agency, Medicaid Fraud Unit (Attorney General's Office) and Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 4:25 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 Georgia Board of Nursing.
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 February 28, 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

Daniel Thompson  
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 28~~th~~ day of February, 2019

Renee L Gray  
Notary Public

