

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 4, 2019 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 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, April 4, 2019.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Fletcher moved, Blalock 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, April 4, 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.

**RNI190949** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, standard work restrictions, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**RNI190247**– Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for violating a state controlled substance law and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct (Impairment at Work), five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, standard work restrictions, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 10) for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout order, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Jurisprudence- GA RN.

**RNI190599** – Post on Imposter Alert website.

**RNI180205** – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Ethics of Nursing Practice and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

**RNI180092/RNI190291** – Request a safe to practice statement with recommendations for monitoring to be submitted within 14 days. If statement is not received, 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.

**LPNI170202** – 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.

**RNI181186** – Refer back to the Office of Inspector General to obtain a copy of the medical record then send out for a peer review.

**LPNI180327** – 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.

**RNI181442** – 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.

**RNI181260** – Refer for an investigative interview.

**RNI191023** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**RNI181309 – (BCH)** - 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.

**RNI181309 – (TLJ)** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI191024** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**RNI190649** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI191025** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**RNI190439** – 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.

**RNI191032** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

**LPNI180333** – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI170376** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension for violation of consent order.

**LPNI180341** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**RNI171054** – Deny the request to work in home health.

**RNI150115** – Approve the request to terminate the consent order early.

**RNI180141** – Subpoena HR records.

**LPNI180212/ LPNI190069** - Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with two (2) full quarters of consent order compliance and payment of fines along with investigative costs.

**LPNI190298** – Issue license with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

**RNI190674** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Substandard Practice).

**RNI190686/RNI190701** – 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.

**RNI191092** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order for a CE violation and a fine of \$500.

**RNI170744** – Deny the request to work in home health.

**LPNI170292** – 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.

**LPNI190334** – Deny the application for licensure. May reapply with 24 months of documented continuous sobriety and 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.

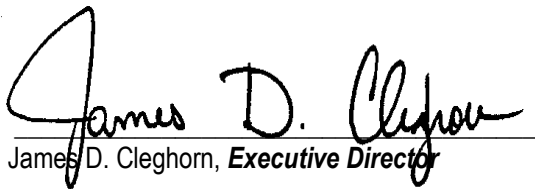
**RNI180071** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**RNI191087** – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

**LPNI170457** – Refer to the Office of Inspector General to obtain patient medical records from the Children's Hospital of Atlanta.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 4:56 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 April 4, 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

Danley Thompson  
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 4th day of April, 2019

Reneah Gray  
Notary Public

