

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 6, 2019 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC
Blair Train, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tina Fletcher, LPN

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, June 6, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Train moved, Thompson 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 6, 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.

RNI190689 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 7) for 24 mos, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, Courses: Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, 2 – Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, 3 – Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Must submit documentation of final disposition of criminal case within 10 days of adjudication.

RNI181322 - 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), quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 7) for 12 months and quarterly urine drug screenings throughout order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI191229 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a continuing education Violation. I thought we did private for CE violations- I don’t see this case on our docket as the third case- am I overlooking something?

LPNI190099 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Difficult or Challenging? Dealing With Patients, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

LPNI190253 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

LPNI190197 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI180494 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction and a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI191292 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI181223 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI181224 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Ethics of Nursing Practice and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI181313/ RNI190338 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills.

RNI191168 – 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 a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), monthly PEth for 12 months and quarterly urine drug screenings throughout order, Substance Abuse Stipulations, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI190290 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office to license with a private consent agreement to include one (1) year monitoring, quarterly reports (self, aftercare), quarterly urine drug screenings and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI190914 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

RNI190658 – 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.

RNI190821 – Send a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct)(Drug Screen Refusal).

RNI190383 – Send an Investigative Letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Patients Rights and Responsibilities and Jurisprudence – Georgia RN

RNI191255 – Close the case (now compliant).

RNI190391 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Difficult or Challenging?, and Dealing with Patients, and Resident's Rights.

RNI191281 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a continuing education violation.

RNI191288 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

LPNI190429 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190219 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, must submit documentation of completed treatment within 90 days of docket date of consent order, monthly PEth for 12 months and quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder In Nursing, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI190374 – Send a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

LPNI190263 – Applicant withdrew application. Close the case. Blalock abstained.

RNI191287 – Deny the application.

RNI191082 - 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.

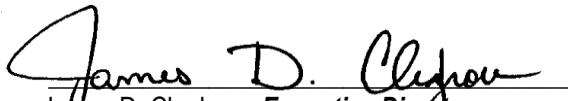
LPNI181381 - Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 7) for 24 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse should know.

RNI180288 – Send a Letter of Concern (Noncompliance of Consent Order). If fails to meet compliance of consent order for two quarters, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500.

RNI191304 - License by endorsement.

Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 4:30 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 June 6, 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 6th day of June, 2019



Notary Public

