

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 20, 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 20, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
Merry Fort, RN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN

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
Mary Brannen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Floyd called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Pipkin 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 20, 2019 Floyd 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.

RNI190018 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190008 – 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 within 30 days of petition.

RNI190635 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public consent order to include 18 months probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction, courses in Jurisprudence – GA RN, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI190233 – Send an Investigative Letter with Courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Resident’s Rights, and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

RNI190233 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI190240 – Send an investigative Letter with Courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Action: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

LPNI180322 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI180772 – 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 within 30 days of petition.

RN190002 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190856 – 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 within 30 days of petition.

LPNI190243 – 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 within 30 days of petition.

RNI191222 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, addictionologist), Substance Abuse Stipulations, quarterly hair (Hairstat 7) for 12 months, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions, narcotic restrictions for three (3) years, and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI190706 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for positive drug screen at work, one (1) year probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, quarterly urine drug screenings, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI180153/RNI180979 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation with quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, quarterly urine drug screenings courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling.

RNI190144 – Table until 7/10-12/19 full board for discussion regarding Care Fusion.

RNI181446 – Close case and send correspondence citing statutory protection of the title nurse and other nursing designations.

RNI191309 – Issue the license with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

RNI181308 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190835 – 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 within 30 days of petition.

LPNI190489 – Issue the license as a LPN.

RNI171098 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a five (5) years probation (may count two (2) years of Dr. Blank's monitoring as sobriety), quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 5) for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings, Substance Abuse Stipulations, standard work restrictions, two (2) years narcotic restrictions courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI191323 – If no response from respondent regarding treatment status, 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 within 30 days of petition.

RNI100537 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 7) for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Applicant will also need Reentry

RNI190449 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI191384 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Continuing Education violation.

RNI190393 – Obtain a certified copy of the patient's medical record for December 14, 2014 through December 15, 2014 (return visit) from Gwinnett Medical Center ER and send out for peer review.

RNI191422 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

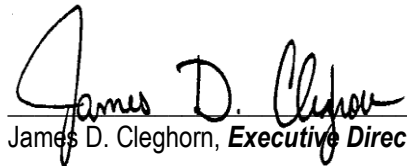
RNI160071 - Approve the request.

RNI190001 – Hold until final court disposition received then seek revocation.

LPNI190258 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, must submit documentation of completed intensive outpatient program treatment within 90 days of docket date of order, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy-addictionologist) Substance Abuse Stipulations, monthly PEth for 24 months, quarterly drug screenings, courses in Substance Use Disorder In Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 4:38 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*

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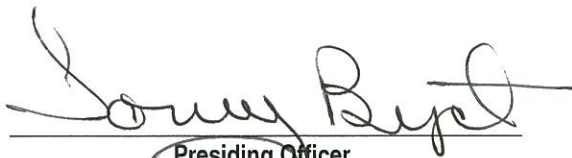
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 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 20, 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 20th day of June, 2019



Notary Public

