

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 25, 2019 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

Bryant called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Floyd 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, July 25, 2019 Bryant 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)

Phipps moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI191254 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190982 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI191290 – Close case with no disciplinary action. Bryant abstained.

RNI191322 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$100 for Unlicensed Practice.

LPNI190013 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI190829 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

RNI181348 – Send an investigative Letter with Courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Action: What Every Nurse Should Know, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

RNI191432 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI160277 – Upon completion of board approved reentry program, license with Public Consent Agreement with \$500.00 fine for Failure to Disclose.

RNI190792 – 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 and evidence of completion of standard practice requirements.

RNI191434 - Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

RNI191189 – 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 and evidence of completion of standard practice requirements.

LPNI100271 – License with a Letter of Concern (Arrest).

LPNI180338 – Refer for a peer review.

RNI180959 – Lift suspension of license and authorization of APRN and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer) and standard work restrictions.

RNI181280 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI180309/PW – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI180309/AC – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Documentation).

RNI180309/CJ – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI200021 - Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190461 – 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 and evidence of completion of standard practice requirements.

RNI191094 – Obtain medical records and send out for a peer review.

LPNI160218 – Reinstate the license with a public consent agreement to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, psychotherapy), standard work restrictions, no overtime work, courses in Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI190196 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190055 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI190166 – 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), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 10) for twelve months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI181127 – 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), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 10) for twenty four months, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work

restrictions, courses in Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI191412 – Table for full board review.

RNI200060 – Close the case with no disciplinary action. Issue multistate license.

RNI191307 – 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 and evidence of completion of standard practice requirements.

LPNI140057 – 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 and evidence of completion of standard practice requirements. Must also pay outstanding fine of \$500.

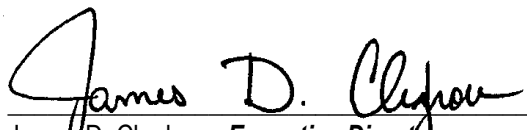
RNI191112 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a reprimand and a public consent order to include (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, monthly PEth x twenty-four months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order (include Ketamine testing), standard work restrictions, courses in Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI181251 – 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 and evidence of completion of standard practice requirements.

RNI180874 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office to reinstate the RN license with a public consent agreement to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, addictionologist or addiction psychiatrist (if available) for medication supervision issues), quarterly random urine drug screenings substance abuse stipulations, standard work setting restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 10:40 a.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 July 25, 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

Sammy Bryant
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 25 day of July, 2019

Reneal L. Gray
Notary Public

