

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 15, 2019 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 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, August 15, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Phipps 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, August 15, 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.

LPNI190018 – Send an investigative letter to include courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Medication Errors: Causes and Prevention.

RNI191365 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190171 – Send an investigative letter to include courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Medication Errors: Causes and Prevention, and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI191352 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI181416 – Close case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

RNI170932 – 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.

RNI190110 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI191239 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI190474 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI200028 – Send a Letter of Concern (Noncompliance).

LPNI190426 - Close the case with no disciplinary action.

RNI200072 – 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, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI191168 – 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, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions along with no night shift, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI191191 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 14) for 24 months, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions along with no more than 40 hours per week, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing

RNI181166 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI180405 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 5) for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing

RNI191477 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 7) for 12 months, monthly PEth 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.

RNI190701/RNI190686 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Must submit documentation of completed treatment within 30 to 60 days of docket date of order, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly urine drug screenings, standard work 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.

RNI190268 – Refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with submission of 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. Standard practice language.

RNI181229 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct (Substandard Care), courses in Risk Advisor for Advanced Practice Nurses: Know Your Risk for Legal Action, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI200176 – License with a Letter of Concern (Drugs).

RNI191115 – Must complete MPE within thirty days after completion of treatment program on 09/19/2019.

RNI200187 – Table application pending adjudication of felony drug charge.

RNI200193 – Issue RN license and authorization to practice as APRN with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

LPNI200081 – Table application pending adjudication of felony charges.

RNI2000198 – Deny the license.

RNI181295 – 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.

RNI200205 – Send a letter requesting documentation of proof of attendance at Med-Life Institute.

2805737 – Issue authorization to test.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 10:21 a.m.


James D. Cleghorn, ***Executive Director***

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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.

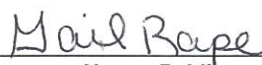
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On August 15, 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 15th day of August, 2019



Notary Public

**Gail Rape
NOTARY PUBLIC
Houston County, Georgia
My Commission Expires 5/20/2023**