

The Georgia Board of Nursing met October 17, 2019 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP, President
Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC
Tammy Bryant, RN, MSN
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
Merry Fort, RN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Blair Train, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Irene Cordell, RN
Fredetena (Tina) Fletcher, LPN
Andrea Phipps, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Edey Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Izlar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Train moved, Bryant seconded and the Board 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 cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, October 17, 2019, Izlar 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.

CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)

(**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, **LPNI**=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI200471 – Bryant moved to send the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator as a consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI200163 – Floyd moved to submit a reentry proposal for board review and approval. The applicant will be required to complete both the clinical and didactic components of a reentry program. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI200472 – Blalock moved to license by endorsement and refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand for LPN license with a \$3000 fine for Failure to Disclose. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI181248 – Train moved to close case with no disciplinary action. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190087 – Train moved to close case with no disciplinary action. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI190233 – Bryant moved to send a 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. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried the motion unanimously.

RNI200423 – Pipkin moved to issue a multistate license with a public consent order to include a fine of \$2000 for Failure to Disclose. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI190317 – Fort moved to 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 documentation of completion of the standard practice requirements as provided in Board Rule 410-4-.01(1)(d). Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI200425 – Pipkin moved to refer for an Investigative Interview and to request applicant to bring a copy of the court documentation. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI180338 – Bryant moved to obtain additional information and refer for a peer review. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI190130 – Floyd moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, two (2) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI190386 – Blalock moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy-addictionologist), quarterly hair follicle testing (Hairstat 5) for 24 months, monthly PEth for 24 months, quarterly urine drug screening 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. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI181313 – Pipkin moved to 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 documentation of completion of the standard practice requirements as provided in Board Rule 410-4-.01(1)(d). Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190338 - Pipkin moved to 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 documentation of completion of the standard practice requirements as provided in Board Rule 410-4-.01(1)(d). Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI181346 – Blalock moved to 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 documentation of completion of the standard practice requirements as provided in Board Rule 410-4-.01(1)(d). Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI190099 – Blalock moved to 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 documentation of completion of the standard practice requirements as provided in Board Rule 410-4-.01(1)(d). Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI191188 – Floyd moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a summary suspension. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI190111 – Pipkin moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, two (2) years probation, one (1) year narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer), courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: Accurate and Legal, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Narcotic Drug: Handling and Documentation and Medication Errors: Causes and Prevention. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI190446 – Blalock moved to send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs Handling and Documentation and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI200091 – Bryant moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$300 for Action in Another Jurisdiction, a fine of \$1000 for Failure to Disclose and a fine of \$500 for a CE violation. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190939 – Floyd moved to close the case with no disciplinary action. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI191306 – Floyd moved to 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 documentation of completion of the standard practice requirements as provided in Board Rule 410-4-.01(1)(d). Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI200352 – Train moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a summary suspension. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI150108 - Bryant moved to approve the request to terminate the consent order early. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180047 – Floyd moved to reinstate the license with Letter of Concern (Documentation). Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI160950 - Pipkin moved to deny the request to lift work restrictions. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI200016 - Bryant moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office to license with a public consent agreement to include three years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy-addictionologist), substance abuse stipulations, monthly PEth for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screenings throughout the order, standard work restrictions, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI190162 – Train moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI191433 – Train moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPN160285 – Bryant moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPN190285 – Bryant moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190706 – Blalock moved to accept the consent order as presented. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180198 – Floyd moved to accept the recommended terms. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180069 – Pipkin moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern (THC). Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180057/RNI190046 – Blalock moved to close the case. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI191188 – Blalock moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI181442 – Blalock moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190262 – Blalock moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI191481 - Bryant moved to rescind the previous motion and close the case with a Letter of Concern (Failure to Disclose). Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A 10/03/2019

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Train moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

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| RNI191114 | RNI190998 | RNI200408 | RNI190040 | RNI200409 | LPNI180393 | RNI181300 |
| RNI200139 | LPNI190583 | RNI190248 | RNI200272 | LPNI190441 | RNI200047 | LPNI190162 |
| LPNI190221 | RNI190347 | RNI190991 | RNI181200 | RNI190353 | RNI191498 | RNI191038 |
| RNI200412 | LPNI190062 | LPNI200157 | RNI200445 | RNI200366 | RNI181109 | RNI191455 |
| RNI200036 | RNI190593 | RNI160898 | RNI200339 | RNI181292 | RNI200016 | |

Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A 09/12/2019

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Blalock moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

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| RNI191424 | RNI200070 | RNI191455 | LPNI170457 | RNI200140 | LPNI190151 | RNI180196 |
| RNI190198 | LPNI190232 | RNI190964 | RNI180676 | RNI170949 | RNI200263 | RNI190658 |
| RNI200157 | RNI191083 | RNI200152 | RNI190695 | RNI190231 | RNI190484 | RNI190216 |
| RNI190962 | LPNI190072 | RNI190286 | RNI200250 | LPNI180036 | LPNI200053 | RNI200244 |
| RNI200080 | RNI181441 | LPNI190272 | | | | |

Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B 09/26/2019

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Fort moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting:

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| LPNI190307 | LPNI190308 | LPNI190274 | RNI181374 | LPNI190022 | LPNI180288 | LPNI180097 |
| LPNI170417 | RNI190982 | RNI200224 | LPNI190052 | LPNI200125 | LPNI190195 | LPNI190035 |
| RNI200149 | LPNI190597 | LPNI180084 | LPNI190179 | RNI190202 | RNI200274 | RNI190770 |
| LPNI180183 | LPNI200136 | RNI200372 | LPNI180279 | RNI200238 | RNI200254 | LPNI200103 |

LPNI170398 RNI200050 RNI170835 RNI190168 RNI180594

Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROBATION TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number) (LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Fort moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings.

RNI160314 RN162463 RN208643 RN106392 RN227453 RN089588

Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO CHANGE AFTERCARE GROUPS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Bryant moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

| RECOMMENDED ACTION | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| RN072921 | Change aftercare group |

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Fort moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

| CASE NUMBER | RECOMMENDED ACTION |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| RN225373 | Lift narcotics restriction |
| RN215379 | Lift narcotics restriction |
| RN251285 | Lift narcotics restriction |

Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Fort moved to accept the voluntary surrender of the licenses listed below:

RN173669 RN282727 LPN087717 RN265115

Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Bryant moved to ratify the Private Consent Agreements for licensure with a fine for failure to disclose arrest(s)/disciplinary action on applications that were issued according to the Board's policies.

RNI200464

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Floyd moved to ratify the Public and Private Consent Agreements for unlicensed/unauthorized practice that were issued according to the Board's policies.

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| RNI200357 | RNI200359 | RNI200369 | RNI200370 | RNI200145 | RNI20413 |
| RNI200441 | RNI200461 | RNI200488 | RNI200509 | | |

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Train moved to accept the September 4-6, 2019 Open Session meeting minutes as presented. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Floyd moved to accept the September 4-6, 2019 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bryant moved to accept the October 3, 2019 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Blalock moved to accept the September 12, 2019 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Fort moved to accept the September 26, 2019 Investigative Committee B meeting minutes as presented. Train seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

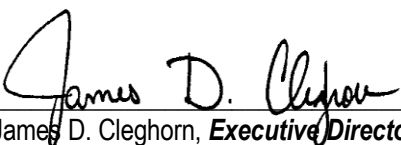
Blalock moved to accept the September 30, 2019 Teleconference meeting minutes as presented. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Pipkin moved to accept the September 30, 2019 Executive Session Teleconference meeting minutes as presented. Blalock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned October 17, 2019 at 5:07 p.m.



Janice Izlar, RN, CRNA, DNAP **President**



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.

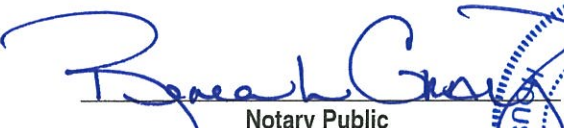
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On Oct 17, 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 17th day of October, 2019



Notary Public

