

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 23, 2020 by teleconference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President
Tammy Bryant, RN, SN, MBA, NEA-BC, Vice President
Holly Free, RN, MSN
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN
Merry Fort, RN, BS
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Ashlan Porter, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC
Candice Broce, Consumer Member
Irene (Renie) Cordell, RN
Fredettina (Tina) Fletcher, LPN
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Mary Brannen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

CASE REVIEW (Legal and Discipline cases)

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

RN200986 – Bryant moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a summary suspension. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Cleghorn provided an update regarding operations related to COVID-19.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8:42 a.m.



Darrell Thompson, **President**



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 March 23rd, 2020 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

Dan W Johnson
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 23rd day of March, 2020.

Reneal L Gray
Notary Public

