

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 23, 2020 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tammy Bryant, RN, SN, MBA, NEA-BC
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN
Ashlan Porter, RN
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
Natará Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Mary Brannen, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Porter 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, April 23, 2020, 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)

Pipkin moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI200278 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI200650 – 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 and proof of standard practice requirements.

RNI180670 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose action in another jurisdiction.

RNI180805 - Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose action in another jurisdiction.

RNI190045 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPN200211 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

LPN200171 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

RNI200194 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Difficult or Challenging: Dealing with Patients.

RNI191202 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for impairment at

work, five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare and psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, Monthly Peth screens for twenty-four months, random quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Licensee may not dispense medications until documentation is received from physician.

RNI200492 – Send investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Medication Errors: Causes and Prevention, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, and Jurisprudence – Georgia RN.

RNI201207 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for continuing education violation.

RNI200612 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI200759 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI200146– Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and Medication Errors: Causes and Prevention.

RNI201125 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for violation of consent order.

RNI200405 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI201278 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI200751 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include five years probation, two years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer ,aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), quarterly hair follicle screens for twenty-four (24) months (Hairstat 14 with ketamine testing), monthly PEth screens for twelve (12) months, random quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, and courses in Understanding Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI200138 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI191343 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI191350 – Send an investigative letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and A Nurses Guide to the Use of Social Media.

RNI201277 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI180191 – Lift suspension of license with a public consent order to include five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer and aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, monthly Peth screens for twenty-four (24) months, random quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing

RNI201350 – License with public consent agreement to include a fine of \$7,900 for unlicensed practice.

RNI201348 – License upon successful completion of a course with clinical component (three credit hour minimum) from a Board approved nursing education program in maternity/infant.

LPNI200291 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with one quarter of compliance with consent order.

RNI150050 – Lift suspension of license with public consent order to include five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare and psychotherapy, medication management), substance abuse stipulations, monthly Peth screens for twenty-four (24) months, random quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI200101 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for public consent order to include five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, and psychotherapy, medication management), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair follicle screens (Hairstat 5) for twenty-four (24) months, random quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, and courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Licensee must submit final disposition of court case within ten days of adjudication.

LPNI190518 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, may petition to lift with payment of fine.

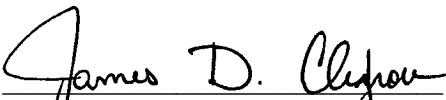
LPNI190526 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, may petition to lift with payment of fine.

LPNI170125 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for continuing education violation.

RNI200740 – Refer for peer review.

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, Executive Director

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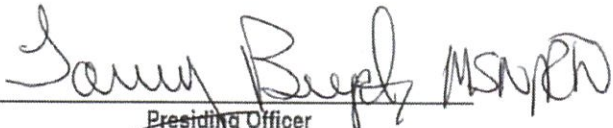
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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.

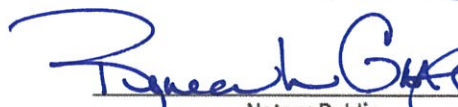
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On April 23, 2020 IC(B) 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 23rd day of April, 2020.



Notary Public

