

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, November 19, 2020 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
Holly Free-Ollard, RN, MSN
Stephanie Dickerson, RN

STAFF PRESENT

La Trenda Tyler-Jones, Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division
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
Betsy Cohen, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Floyd moved, Free-Ollard 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, November 19, 2020, Thompson 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)

Floyd moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI210022 – Send Investigative Letter with Courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Jurisprudence GA-LPN

LPNI200365 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Private Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for unprofessional (inappropriately restraining a resident) investigative cost of \$298.34 and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Ethics of Nursing Practice

RNI201178 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for public consent order for unprofessional conduct (mishandling of narcotics) with \$500 fine, quarterly reports (self and employer) for 24 months and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation; Inv. cost \$540.80. Peer review cost: \$200.00. Deactivate Multi State License.

LPNI200379– Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI210093– Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a private consent order with \$500.00 fine for continuing education violation.

LPNI200380– Close case with no disciplinary Action.

RNI200111 – Send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI201315 – Refer to Attorney General's Office Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for unprofessional conduct. Investigative cost of \$307.97. Requesting courses to include Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients.

RNI201156 - Refer to Office of Investigations to obtain additional documentation to include APRN's mental evaluation of the patient, statement from APRN as to why 1013 was not ordered, nurses notes to include, copy of the facility policy the respondent violated.

RNI200642– Investigative Interview with Office of Investigations in attendance of interview.

RNI210200 –Send Investigative Letter with courses to include Professional Liability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Medication Errors: Causes and Prevention, and Diabetic Medications (CEU fast)

RNI210373– Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI210199– Close with Letter of Concern-Unprofessional Conduct.

LPNI210102 – Refer to Office of Investigations to obtain the incident report and certified copy of indictment from Douglas County Sheriff's Department– expedite this request, bring back for review

LPNI210031 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to restrict the privilege to practice in GA – share with the Florida Board of Nursing any disciplinary actions taken by GBON.

RNI210482 – Request applicant complete clinical components in Peds and Mental Health and upon completion sit for NCLEX

RNI201314 – Peer review (CNRA)

RNI210080 – Refer to Attorney General's office to amend superseding consent order to include stayed suspension language. Terms of consent order – five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapist), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair reports (Hairstat 5) for 24 months quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions.

RNI210284 – Send applicant letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant for consideration of licensure with a safe to practice statement.

RNI210432 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift suspension with mental physical examination and standard practice requirements. Safe to practice statement.

RNI200549 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand, Five years probation with two years of narcotic restrictions. A fine of \$500 for drug diversion and \$500 fine for positive urine drug screen at work, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair reports (Hairstat 5) for 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, requesting courses to include Substance Use in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Investigative Costs: \$276.69. Inactivate Multistate license

RNI201511 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for drug diversion and \$500 fine for positive UDS at work, five years probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapists-addictionologist), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly hair reports (Hairstat 10) for 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions plus no more than 40 hours per work week, courses to include Substance Use in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know Investigative Costs: \$134.24

RNI200307 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public consent order two years of probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapists psychiatrist), quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, Courses to include Ethics of Nursing Practice, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know Investigative Costs: \$257.10

RNI200328 - Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public consent order, to include two years probation, quarterly reports (self and employer), quarterly hair reports for 12 months., quarterly urine drug screen throughout the order, standard work restrictions, Courses to include Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know Investigative Costs: \$60.15 Inactivate Multistate License.

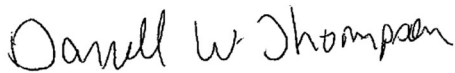
RNI181126 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office to reinstate license with Public Reprimand consent agreement, with five years probation and 2 years of narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapists-addictionologist) quarterly hair reports (Hairstat 5) for 12 months., monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions along with work weeks 40 hours or less, Courses to include Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Substance Use in Nursing.

RNI210468 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for private consent agreement with \$500 fine for failure to disclose arrest three times, 2018-20 renewal, 2020-22 renewal and application for multistate license conversion (total \$1500.00 fine). Issue multistate license upon receipt of fines.

RNI130568 – Approve request to terminate consent order early

Free-Ollard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:03 p.m.



Darryl Thompson, **President**

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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.

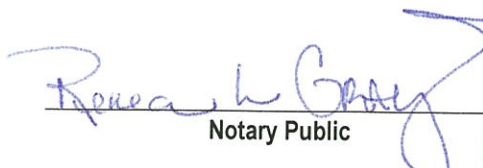
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 November 19, 2020 IC (A) 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 19th day of November, 2020.


Notary Public

