

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 4, 2021 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President  
Holly Free-Ollard, RN, MSN  
Stephanie Renee Dickerson, RN  
Merry Fort, RN, BS

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Zelma Delgado, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing, MSHS  
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  
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Sandy Bailey, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Fort moved, Dickerson 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, February 4, 2021, 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)

Free-Ollard moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**LPNI200416** – Investigative Interview

**RNI210333** – Close case with no disciplinary action

**RNI210449** – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for unprofessional conduct (forgery), quarterly reports x 1 year (employer, self), courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Investigative Costs: \$48.12.

**RNI210651**– Close case – now compliant.

**LPNI200399** – Send investigative letter with courses in Disciplinary Action: What Every Nurse Should Know, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

**LPNI210029** – Peer review.

**LPNI210030** – Peer review.

**RNI210237** – Peer review.

**RNI210238** – Peer review.

**RNI210239** – Peer review.

**RNI210240** – Peer review.

**RNI210535** - Refer to Office of investigations to obtain patient medical records from ABC Pediatric from 2017 – 2019. Upon receipt, refer for peer review.

**LPN210149** – Issue License by Exam with letter of concern (arrests).

**LPN210150** – Send letter of concern (failure to disclose).

**LPN210146** – Refer to Attorney General's Office for private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for continuing education violation.

**RNI210279** – Close case.

**RNI210685** – Request applicant complete 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

**LPN210102** – Refer to Attorney General's Office for public Consent Agreement with two years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), \$500.00 fine for unprofessional conduct, work place restrictions – plus correctional facility, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions What Every Nurse Should Know, Jurisprudence-Georgia LPN, and Professional Boundaries in Nursing.

**RNI210673** – Accept Delaware reentry and issue license by endorsement

**RNI201373** - Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public consent order , five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), monthly PEth x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

**LPN210090** – Refer to Attorney General's office for 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 and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with mental physical examination and standard practice requirements. Safe to practice statement.

**RNI210438** – Refer to Attorney General's Office for public reprimand for impairment and diversion, five years probation with 2 years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), quarterly hair reports (Hairstat 14) x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order to include EtG and EtS, substance abuse stipulations standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Inactivate Multistate License. Investigative Costs: \$36.09

**RNI210299** – Refer to Attorney Generals Office for public reprimand for impairment and positive alcohol at work, five years probation, needs to enroll in Level 1 Treatment (ASAM) within 30 days of docket date of order and send in discharge summary after treatment is completed, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), monthly PEth x 1 year, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Inactivate Multistate License. Investigative Costs: \$228.57

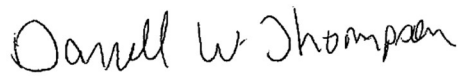
**RNI160031** – Approve request to terminate consent order early.

**RNI210684** - Issue authorization to practice as APRN. Continue under same terms as current consent order.

**RNI201037** – Table until we receive drug tests.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 4:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darryl W. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Darryl Thompson, **President**

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 February 4, 2021 ICA 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

Donnell W. Thompson  
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me

This 4th day of February, 2021.

Reneal H. Gray  
Notary Public

