

The Georgia Board of Nursing met February 11, 2020, via teleconference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President
Tammy Bryant, MSN-RN, Vice President
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Merry Fort, RN, BS
Holly Free-Ollard, RN, MSN
Ashlan Porter, RN
Roger Pierce, RN
Stephanie Dickerson, RN
Maceo Tanner, LPN
Joshua Batson NP-C

MEMBERS ABSENT

K. Andrea Phipps, LPN
Candice Broce, JD, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT

Zelma Delgado, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
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
Cara Lugo, Assistant Attorney General
Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General
Sandy Bailey, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. on Thursday, February 11, 2020. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pierce moved, Pipkin 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 reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session on Thursday, February 11, 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.

CASE REVIEW

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

RNI210613 – Tanner moved to refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Consent Order, five years probation, include stayed suspension language (+drug screen, non-compliance with aftercare and/or information from a physician indicating she is not

safe to practice would impose suspension), quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, monthly PEth x 12 mos., quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210233 - Bryant moved to close case with no disciplinary action. Free-Ollard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210714 – Pipkin moved to deny application, the applicant did not graduate from an accredited program as stated in board rules. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210553 – Porter moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand and \$500. fine for action in another jurisdiction. Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI130174 – Dickerson moved to approve request to terminate consent order early. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210715 – Porter moved to License with a Letter of Concern for action in another jurisdictions. Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI201570 – Pipkin moved to refer to 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. Free-Ollard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190952 – Porter moved to refer to 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. Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI201020 – Bryant moved to close case with no disciplinary action. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

RNI210709 – Bryant moved to withdraw application, notify applicant's legal counsel once application has been withdrawn. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

RNI210514 - Pipkin moved to refer to 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. Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI201364 - Bryant moved to send investigative Letter with courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses. Free-Ollard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190763 – Porter moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for private consent order with \$500 fine for failure to disclose arrest on 01/11/20219 license renewal application. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210720 – Dickerson moved to deny application. May reapply with 24 months of documented continuous sobriety and 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. within 30 days of reapplication. Free-Ollard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

RNI201030 – Porter moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Consent Order with five years probation, \$500 fine failure to disclose treatment and arrest on renewal, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Deny Multistate Application. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI170301 – Pipkin moved to approve request to work as a travel nurse. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210312 – Table did not have quorum. Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Public Reprimand for positive alcohol test at work, two years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing Investigative Costs: \$72.18 - Tanner and Pipkin abstaining

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

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RNI201178 - Porter moved to deny request. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210598 – Tanner moved for respondent to remain on suspension until completion of IOP with ability to lift after completion of IOP with approval of Board. Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI171108 – Bryant moved for a Summary Suspension - may petition to lift with MPE (with 1 year sobriety in disposition). Free-Ollard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

RNI200731 – Porter moved to deactivate MSL – License converts to single state – refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Consent Order with \$500 fine action in another jurisdiction two years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer) courses in Documentation – Accurate and Legal, Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing , Nurse Practice Act. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI200372– Porter moved to refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Consent order – standard work restrictions for 1 year may petition to lift. Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210528 – Pipkin moved to send Letter of Concern for failure to disclose. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI210528 – Bryant moved to deny request. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI180594 – Pipkin moved to deny request. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI190948 - Tanner moved to deny inactive status application. Refer to Attorney General’s Office to amend previous Board decision to a 1 year probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), \$500 fine, Investigative Costs: \$438.46, courses in Substance Abuse in Nursing and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B

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

Pipkin moved to ratify the following cases from the January 28, 2021 Investigative Committee meeting:

RNI201285	RNI201506	RNI210114	RNI210599	RNI210195	RNI210649	RNI210208
RNI210330	RNI210342	RNI210346	LPNI210012	RNI210422	RNI210435	RNI210427
LPNI200419	RNI201448	RNI210356	RNI210430	RNI210648	RNI210104	RNI210630
RNI140472	RNI200346	LPNI210081	LPNI190249	LPNI200291	RNI210409	RNI210148

Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A

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

Free-Ollard moved to ratify the following cases from the February 4, 2021 Investigative Committee meeting:

LPNI200416	RNI210333	RNI210449	RNI210651	LPNI200399	LPNI210029	LPNI210030
RNI210237	RNI210238	RNI210239	RNI210240	RNI210535	LPN210149	LPNI210150
LPNI210146	RNI210279	RNI210685	LPNI210102	RNI210673	RNI201373	LPNI210090
RNI210438	RNI210299	RNI160031	RNI210684	RNI201037		

Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADA

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Pipkin moved moved to accept the following recommendations for the applicants listed below:

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Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

APPROVED RE-ENTRY PROPOSALS

Porter moved to accept the following recommendations for the applicants listed below:

2831632	2839564	2868197	2865016	2847779	2862678	2882693
2890360	2801624	2901290	2825150	2892592	2897190	28898337
RN185540	RN096593	LPN063752	LPN051262	2697578	2843786	2872380
2905271	RN197869					

Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION	
RNI170744	Public Consent Order
RNI181407	Public Consent Agreement
RNI170557	Public Consent Order

Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROBATION TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

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Free-Ollard moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings

RNI160968	RNI210202	RNI100262	RNI150415	RNI160735	RNI160445	RNI150688
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Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

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

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

RN210646

RN210657

RN210674

RN210712

RN210740

RN210741

RN210742

Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Porter moved to accept the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Free-Ollard moved to accept the January 20, 2021 Executive meeting minutes as presented. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Free-Ollard moved to accept the February 4, 2021 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Pipkin moved to accept the January 28, 2021 Investigative Committee B meeting grid as presented. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

Dickerson moved moved to approve Open records request from Legal approved. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POTENTIAL PEER REVIEWER

Bryant moved moved to approve new Peer Reviewer. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Porter moved to adopt new exemption language for consent order. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


EDUCATION

- Status of Schools
- Education Consultant has been hired
- Setting up school site visits
- Concerns about adhering to Rules for Education including conditional status issues

MISCELLANEOUS

- LPN rules
- MPE providers – multiple visits to same provider could be an issue
- Legislation

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6:30 pm



Darrell Thompson, **President**



Zelma Y Delgado, **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.

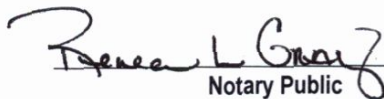
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 Feb 11, 2021 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 14th day of Feb, 2021.


Notary Public

