

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 29, 2021 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President
Candice Broce, JD, Consumer Member
Merry Fort, RN, BS
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Joshua Batson NP-C
Stephanie Renee Dickerson, RN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA

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
Sandy Bailey, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fort moved, Broce 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 1, 2021, 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)

Broce moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI200405 – Table pending outcome of Felony charge. (Neglect of an Elder.)

RNI201480 – Peer Review.

RNI201564 – Refer to Office of Investigations to obtain the medical record of the patient’s visit to the ED on 06/04/2020. Refer for peer review. (The Board needs to compare what is written in the record to what transpired in the video in order to determine if Respondent falsified her documentation.)

RNI210520 – 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.

LPNI210095 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct – patient abandonment; quarterly reports (self, employer) x 12 months, investigative cost of \$138.35 and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI210103 – Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI210316 – Refer back to Office of Investigations to obtain respondent's ER records from 08/22/20 (to show she went and was ill) and obtain any witness statements from coworkers regarding the respondent being ill on 08/22/20.

LPNI210078 – Investigative Interview.

RNI210245 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to modify Consent Order to include narcotic restrictions for 2 years

LPNI210245 - License with Letter of Concern – Criminal.

LPNI190476 – Needs to continue with aftercare, start treatment with psychiatrist/addictionologist, as well as “able to dispense medications” (letter from Dr. Estroff) before lifting suspension.

LPNI210214 - Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI210215 – 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.

RNI210576 – 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.

LPNI210247 – Refer to Office of Investigations for evidence of arrest record. Table pending results.

LPNI210243 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for continuing education violation, \$500 fine.

LPNI210246 – License with a Letter of Concern – Criminal.

RNI210831 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Summary suspension, may request to lift with 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, standard practice language.

RNI210884 - Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for continuing education violation.

RNI210533 – 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.

RNI190813 – 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.

RNI201314 – Close case with no action.

RNI210885 – Approve Reentry Proposal.

LPNI210250 – Close with Letter of Concern – arrest and conviction.

RNI210887 – Issue License with Letter of Concern - Alcohol

RNI201256 – 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, may petition to lift by submitting \$500 payment.

RNI200964 – Request an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant prior to lifting suspension.

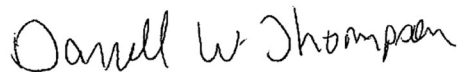
RNI210892 – Approve applicant's preceptorship.

RNI201107

RNI201085 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine for positive drug test at work, \$500 fine for narcotic discrepancies, five years probation with 2 years of narcotic restrictions (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, quarterly hair reports (Hairstat 10) x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling. Investigative Costs: \$36.09 + \$60.15 = \$96.24

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 2, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.



Darryl Thompson, **President**

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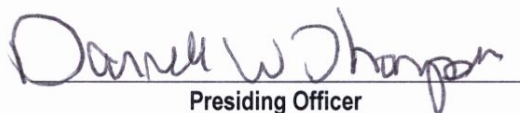
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 1 2021 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 1st day of April, 2021.


Notary Public

