

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
Stephanie Renee Dickerson, RN

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 29, 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 29, 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.

RNI210250 – Send investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Ethics of Nursing Practice and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI210889 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with 12 months sobriety and compliance with aftercare program.

RNI201568 – Peer review.

LPNI210159 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI210330 – Table case until response from ticket received regarding renewal application.

RNI210338 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand for unprofessional conduct with fine \$500.00, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI210564 – Send Investigative Letter with Courses to include: Disciplinary Actions: What Ever Nurse Should Know, Jurisprudence Georgia RN, and Professional Boundaries in Nursing.

RNI211057 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for continuing education violation.

RNI210417 – Close pending receipt of additional information in this case.

LPNI210115 - Investigative Interview

LPNI210323 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for continuing education violation

RNI210433 - Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI210471– 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.

RNI210467 – 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.

RNI210300 – 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.

LPNI190289 – 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.

LPNI210252 – Send Investigative Letter with Courses to Include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

RNI210545 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private consent order, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, monthly PETH x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI210091 - 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.

RNI211092 – Table application and refer to Office of Investigations to obtain and letter of explanation from applicant and facility investigation related to suspicion of violation of Drug and Alcohol Policy at Northeast Georgia Health System.

RNI211078 – Table application for discussion @ Board Meeting.

RNI201444– Refer to Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension due to fraudulent prescribing. May petition to lift in 12 months.

RNI200551 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public consent order with two years probation, quarterly reports (self, psychotherapy), \$500 fine for failure to disclose action in another jurisdiction.

RNI210576 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public consent order, five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, monthly PETH x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

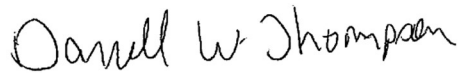
RNI201219 – Lift suspension with \$500 fine payment.

RNI200766– Refer to Attorney General's Office for a public consent order with two years probation, quarterly reports (psychotherapy) x 2 years, \$500.00 fine for failure to disclose action in another jurisdiction.

RNI210793 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to amend consent order to include stayed suspension language, Public consent order (superseding) five years probation with 2 years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions plus to work no more than 24 hours per week, quarterly hair reports x 24mos (Hairstat 10), quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Stayed suspension language, \$500 fine for violation of consent order.

Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.



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.

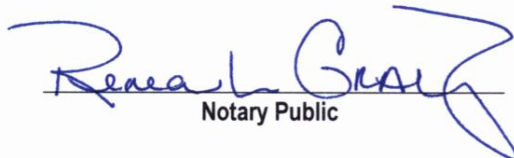
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 April 29, 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 29th day of April, 2021.


Notary Public

