

The Georgia Board of Nursing met May 5-6, 2021, via teleconference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**WEDNESDAY MAY 5, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President  
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA  
Merry Fort, RN, BS  
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  
Tammy Bryant, MSN-RN, Vice President

**STAFF PRESENT**

Zelma Delgado, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing  
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  
Linda Morgan, PhD, MSN, RN - Education Consultant  
Renea /Gray, Board Support- Discipline  
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
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 11:00 am. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Porter moved, Tanner 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 Wednesday, May 5, 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)

**LPNI200046** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General’s Office for revocation.

**RNI210863** - The Board recommended to table pending outcome of criminal charges

**RNI210824** – Dickerson moved to close case with no disciplinary action. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI211107** – The Board recommended to request applicant 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 not completed in 30 days an refer to Attorney General's Office for outpatient mental physical examination order

**RNI210281** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct, investigative cost of \$60.15 and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients.

**RNI211108** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand with \$2050.00 fine for Unlicensed Practice.

**RNI210819** – The Board recommended to deactivate multistate license and refer to Attorney General's Office for for a Public Reprimand, fine \$500 for action in another jurisdiction.

**RNI211109** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Agreement and \$50.00 fine, based on the emergency rule, she is not required to provide proof of continuing education fine for unlicensed practice.

**RNI210464** – The Board recommended to request a copy of valid prescription for Adderall for Oct 2020 – must respond within 10 days –if requested prescription is provided close case with Letter of concern handling of narcotics, if prescription not provided 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.

**RNI210823** – The Board recommended to send Investigative Letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Ethics in Nursing Practice.

**RNI210665** - The Board recommended to send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know

**RNI210513** - The Board recommended 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 noncompliant voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements.

**RNI201480** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order with a \$500 fine for practicing outside the scope of practice and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Jurisprudence - GA RN Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Peer Review cost \$150 – Investigative Costs \$445.11.

**RNI210522** – The Board recommended for an Investigative Interview. Merry Fort abstained.

**LPNI210340** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for a private consent agreement with \$500 fine for failure to disclose arrest on NLC application.

**LPNI210343** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for private consent order with \$500 fine for continuing education violation.

**RNI211106** – The Board recommended to Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private consent order with a \$500 fine for failing to disclose a 2019 arrest on her MSL application. May issue MSL upon receipt of signed order and payment of \$500 fine. Order to also include a \$500 fine for failing to disclose an arrest on a renewal application.

**RNI160358** – The Board recommended to issue License by Reinstatement and approve Initial Authorization as an APRN.

**RNI210757** - The Board recommended to Close case with Letter of Concern -Positive Drug Screen.

**RNI211105** - The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for or Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for continuing education violation.

**RNI201480** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order with a \$500 fine for practicing outside the scope of practice and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Jurisprudence - GA RN Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Peer Review cost \$150 – Investigative Costs \$445.11.

**RNI210473** – The Board recommended to close case with no disciplinary action, insufficient evidence, may reopen if receive evidence from facility.

**RNI211111** – The Board recommended to issue eNLC.

**RNI210794** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Five years probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, reprimand, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), quarterly Hair x 24 months (Hairstat 14), quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, stayed suspension language.

**RNI210820** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Five years probation, reprimand, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care) Monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language.

**RNI210838** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Five years probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), quarterly Hair (Hairstat 7) x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, course in Substance Use in Nursing, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, stayed suspension language.

**RNI190822** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, may petition to lift with drug tests and updated outpatient mental physical examination from a Board from Dr. Bedder.

**RNI210859** - The Board recommended to send refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Five years probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), Monthly PEth x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses (did not complete in current order) Substance Use in Nursing, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language.

**LPNI210342** - The Board recommended to deny eNLC license – does not meet Georgia minimum qualifications of licensure. refer to Attorney General's office along with case LPN190008 for revocation of licensure.

**RNI170290** – The Board recommended to deny the request to lift narcotic restrictions. May petition to lift x 1 year of compliance with new aftercare group.

**RNI210909** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Three years probation with 1 year of narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarter reports (self, employer, after care), quarterly Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language.

**RNI211005** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination with addictionologist. If non-compliant, voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

**RNI210943** – The Board recommended to Refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Five years probation, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), Monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order standard work restrictions, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language.

**RNI211070** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Five years probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language.

**RNI211078** - The Board recommended to Refer to Office of Investigations for additional background check and verify she did not receive an agreed disposition and board to review.

**RNI210512** – The Board recommended to allow to withdraw RN application. May reapply after the 24th month LPN suspension.

**LPNI210354** – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for revocation.

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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**LPNI210051**- The Board recommended to rescind previous Board motion, close case.

**RNI210884** – The Board recommended to rescind previous Board motion, close case.

**RNI201107**

**RNI201085**– The Board recommended to rescind previous Board motion, close case.

**RNI210563** – The Board recommended to rescind previous Board motion

**RNI210760** – The Board recommended to rescind previous motion and refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order to include a stayed suspension. Five years probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, Monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly Hair (Hairstat 7) x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens through out the order, standard work restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), stayed suspension language, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order.

**RN Lapsed-Revoked** – The Board recommended to accept that the Matter(s), are currently in Attorney General's office for disciplinary action, involve respondents who have opted to allow their license to lapse and, as a result, are now administratively revoked by operation of law. Board staff has since confirmed the status of their license as (LAPED). Accordingly, Closing the following case in our office.

**RN Ce Violations** – The Board recommended to accept that the Matter(s) are currently pending in Attorney Generals for disciplinary action based on failure to complete the CE requirements for the 2021-2023 renewal. The respondent has provided documentation demonstrating full compliance, confirmed with Board staff. Accordingly, closing the following case in our office.

**RNI200025** –Respondent failed to renew; The Board recommended close case

#### **INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW**

**RNI210236** – Darrell Thompson, Kirsten Daughdril attended the interview. The Board recommended to send Letter of Concern for unprofessional conduct.

**LPNI210078** – Respondent did not show for interview. The Board recommended to send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Ethics of Nursing Practice, and Jurisprudence - Georgia LPN.

**RNI210059** – Respondent cancelled interview. The Board recommended for Staff reach out to Colorado Nursing Board – bring back to GBON.

**RNI210450** – Respondent did not show for interview. The Board recommended to send Letter of Concern for refusing drug screen.

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A**

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

The Board recommended to ratify the following cases from the April 29, 2021 Investigative Committee meeting:

<b>RNI210250</b>	<b>RNI210889</b>	<b>RNI201568</b>	<b>LPNI210159</b>	<b>LPNI210330</b>	<b>RNI210338</b>	<b>RNI210564</b>
<b>RNI211057</b>	<b>RNI210417</b>	<b>LPNI210115</b>	<b>LPNI210323</b>	<b>RNI210433</b>	<b>RNI210471</b>	<b>RNI210467</b>
<b>RNI210300</b>	<b>LPNI190289</b>	<b>LPNI210252</b>	<b>RNI210545</b>	<b>RNI210091</b>	<b>RNI211092</b>	<b>RNI211078</b>
<b>RNI201444</b>	<b>RNI200551</b>	<b>RNI210576</b>	<b>RNI201219</b>	<b>RNI200766</b>	<b>RNI210793</b>	

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B**

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The Board recommended to ratify the following cases from the April 22, 2021 Investigative Committee meeting:

<b>RNI210762</b>	<b>RNI210442</b>	<b>LPNI210216</b>	<b>RNI210414</b>	<b>RNI210763</b>	<b>RNI210554</b>	<b>RNI211059</b>
<b>RNI171108</b>	<b>RNI210007</b>	<b>LPNI200396</b>	<b>LPNI210085</b>	<b>LPNI210090</b>	<b>RNI210906</b>	<b>RNI210911</b>
<b>RNI210768</b>	<b>LPNI200367</b>	<b>LPNI210054</b>	<b>LPNI210291</b>	<b>RNI210232</b>	<b>LPNI200240</b>	<b>RNI210476</b>
<b>RNI211058</b>	<b>RNI210641</b>	<b>RNI210942</b>	<b>RNI210397</b>			

**REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS**

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The Board recommended to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>	
<b>RNI170673</b>	<b>Public Consent Order</b>
<b>LPNI170139</b>	<b>Public Consent Order</b>
<b>RNI190206</b>	<b>Consent Agreement for Reinstatement</b>

**PROBATION TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS**

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The Board recommended to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings

**RNI180199      RNI150094      RNI180726      RNI120159**

**PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE**

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

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

**RN211093**

**PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE**

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

The Board recommended to accept the following recommendations for the applicant cases listed below:

**RN211095**

**RN211151**

**CHANGE AFTERCARE BETWEEN MEETINGS**

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The Board recommended to accept the following recommendations for the case listed below:

**RNI180786**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

The Board recommended to accept the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes as presented

The Board recommended to accept the April 15, 2021 Executive meeting minutes as presented.

The Board recommended to accept the April 29, 2021 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented.

The Board recommended to accept the April 22, 2021 Investigative Committee B meeting grid as presented

**PETITION FOR RULE VARIANCE OR WAIVER – COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE – 410-2-.03(4)(d)**

The Board recommended to approve petition for the cohort graduating August 3, 2020

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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Ashlan Porter, RN  
Merry Fort, RN, BS  
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Cara Lugo, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathy Winstead, Board Support

Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Tanner moved, Porter 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.

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

**RNI201046** – The Board recommended to approve - once Board staff receives safe statement and CRNA certification from NBCRNA, amend current Consent Order to lift the CRNA authorization suspension and to include a stayed suspension. Five years of sobriety, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly Hair (Hairstat 14) and quarterly urine drug screens throughout period of probation, standard work restrictions, narcotic restrictions x 6 months, stayed suspension language. Deny request to access/administer Propofol, Ketamine, and Etomidate. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session on Thursday, May 6, 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.

## **OPEN SESSION**

RULE WAIVER – PW- 01 – APPLICANT - 2930773 - Approved Porter / Fort

EDUCATION REPORT – Approved – Porter/Pipkin

Education – 04 – Dalton College – LPN-Paramedic Bridge to ASN Program – Recommended

Education – 10 -Brewton-Parker College – Program Approval – Recommended

Education -01- Columbus State University – Action Plan – Need more information

Education -02- Columbus Technical – Action Plan – Recommended

Education -03- Dalton State College – Assessment Plan of Action – Recommended

Education -06- Southern Regional Technical College – Self Evaluation – Recommended

Education -07- CoastalPines Technical College – Action Plan – Recommended

Education -08- Savannah Technical College – Substantive Change – Recommended

Education -09- Oconee Fall Line Technical College – Action Plan – Recommended

Education -05- B- Georgia Northwestern Technical School – Substantive Change – Recommended

Education -08- Savannah Technical College – Substantive Change – Recommended

Education -12- NLN CNEA Accreditation – Andrew College – Recommended

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Education -11- Excelsior College – Discussion – at this time Excelsior has 190 students from GA, 72 of these students are graduating in December 2021.

Education -12- NLN CNEA Accreditation – Andrew College – Recommended

Education -13- Ayo Akinduro – applicant Education Deficiency – meets GA requirements

Education -14- Hosanna College – Applicant Joan Marie Grant-Robinson

Education -15- Hosanna College – Syllabi 1-5 – School has provided what was requested

Correspondence

Correspondence – 01 – CE Broker – GBON Logo Request – Refer to AG's Office for advisement

Correspondence – 02 – CE Waiver Clarification

Governance

Governance – MPE Provider - Kirsten & Tara to compile a letter of clarification for MPE reports for all MPE providers. Porter/Fort

Governance – Certification of Active Supervision – LPN Rule

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 3:30 pm



Darrell Thompson, **President**



Zelma Y Delgado, **Executive Director**



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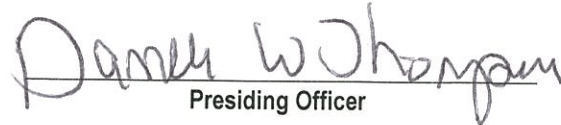
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF  
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 May 5-6, 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 6th day of May, 2021.

  
Notary Public

