

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Tuesday, May 25, 2021 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tammy Bryant, MSN-RN, Vice President
Ashlan Porter, RN
Maceo Tanner, LPN
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN
Roger Pierce, RN

STAFF PRESENT

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

Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Porter moved, Tanner 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, May 25, 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)

Porter moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI210509 – 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.

LPNI210099 – 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.

LPNI210376– Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for Continuing Education violation.

LPNI210126 – Send Investigative Letter with courses to include: Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Residents Rights, Dependent Adult Abuse (ceufast.com)

RNI211049 – Refer to Office of Investigations to obtain medical records for the patient identified in the complaint and obtain termination documentation showing the reason Respondent was terminated from the facility.

RNI210008 – Table complaint pending outcome of the felony drug charges. Instruct Respondent to submit final court disposition.

RNI211166 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for Continuing Education violation.

RNI210290 – Send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Acct. and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI210177 – Peer review.

RNI210303 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for three-month mandatory suspension, may request to lift suspension with outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant and payment of \$500.00 fine for Failing to Disclose a felony conviction within 10 days of adjudication.

RNI210779 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI210370 – Issue Multistate License.

LPNI210242 – Send Investigative Letter with Courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Resident's Rights or LOC-Substandard Care.

RNI211173 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for Falsification of Renewal Application.

RNI211162 - Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for Continuing Education violation.

RNI211174 – Applicant MPE letter for consideration of Licensure

LPNI210194 – Send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know

RNI210860 – Close complaint with no action since the nurse listed as Respondent was not involved. Have ED add photo/info to the Imposter Alerts on the Board's website

RNI211052 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI211072 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current CO (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Public Consent Order 3yr, reprimand, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, 2 years of narcotic restriction, Standard work restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language.

RNI210648 – Reinstatement of License with Public Consent Agreement 3 years probation, reprimand and \$500 fine for drug diversion in 2016, quarterly reports (self, employer), standard work restrictions, two years of narcotic restrictions, Courses in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Substance Use in Nursing, Investigative Costs: \$292.70.

RNI211113 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order (superseding order) to include a stayed suspension. Public Consent Order, five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), Monthly PEth x 2 years, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language.

RNI210412 – Send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care

RNI210733 – Refer to Attorney General’s for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, may petition to lift with a quarter of compliance with Consent Order and a 72-96 hour reassessment at treatment center

RNI200270

RNI200460 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, may petition to lift in 24 months

LPNI210190 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Consent Order with 5 year probation with quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, monthly PETH x 24 months, quarterly hair reports Hair (Hairstat 5) 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. Deactivate multistate license.

RNI210596 – Deny licensure, may reapply after 12 months of documented sobriety, 12 months of treatment with psychiatrist, and 12 months of compliance with aftercare, along with a safe to practice statement from psychiatrist and addictionologist.

RNI210557 – Deny licensure and schedule personal appearance before the Board at July 2021 meeting.

Roberts, Angela Queen – Approve as a peer reviewer.

Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4:20 p.m.



Tammy Bryant, **Vice 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 May 25, 2021 IC (B) 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 25th day of May, 2021.


Notary Public

