

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 3, 2021 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Broce moved, Fort 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, June 3, 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.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

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

Fort moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI210813 – Refer back to the Office of Investigations to obtain Pyxis reports showing the dates and times Respondent allegedly removed the medications in question along with MARs for the patients she allegedly pulled the meds for.

RNI211054 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI190685 – License by Endorsement with Letter of Concern for action in another jurisdiction – Eligible for multistate.

RNI211252 – Deny reinstatement. May reapply with proof of 12 months of documented sobriety and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI211229– Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Private Consent Agreement with \$50.00 fine for ULP (2 months)

LPNI210318 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI210327 – Table pending action from Ohio BON. MPE results

LPNI200243– Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order with a \$500 fine for failure to disclose action in another jurisdiction.

RNI211060– Refer to Attorney General's office for hearing to revoke temporary permit since her license is now encumbered

RNI211226 – RNI211226 – Refer to Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order with a \$2,000 fine for failure to disclose arrests on 2016-18, 2018-20, and 2020-22 renewal applications and eNLC application.

LPNI210292 – No action. Continue to monitor on current Consent Order.

RNI210761 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current order (superseding order) to include stayed suspension: Public Consent Order with 5 years probation and two years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, monthly Peth x 24 months, quarterly Hair (Hairstat 14) x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout, standard work restrictions, Reprimand with \$500.00 fine (positive drug screen).

RNI211230 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for failure to disclose arrest on eNLC application and \$500.00; 2020-2022 renewal application, total \$1,000.00

RNI210858 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Consent Order with five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, Monthly PEth x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses in Understanding Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI200315 – Approve request to work at Aspire Behavioral Health through Asa Healthcare

LPNI210224 – 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.

LPNI210426– Request applicant to provide course descriptions of the theory skills lab and clinical components from College of Southern Nevada.

RNI210818 – 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.

RNI201092 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine for narcotic discrepancies/drug diversion, three years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), Courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Inv. cost: \$240.60

RNI211091

RNI210496 - Refer to Attorney General's Office for voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, may petition to lift suspension with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant, a full quarter of compliance with current order and standard practice requirements
Investigative Costs: \$190.07

LPNI210247 – Refer to Attorney General's Office Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for failure to disclose on 2017, 2019 renewals and failure to disclose on eNLC application (\$1,500.00)

LPNI210243 – Has already been referred to Attorney General's office for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for Continuing Education violation. Investigative Costs: \$168.42

RNI201451– Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine for impairment/positive drug test at work, five years probation with two years narcotic restrictions, must submit documentation of enrollment in Level II/IOP treatment within 30 days of docket date of order, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, Courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know
Inv. cost: \$312.78

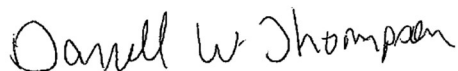
LPNI210455 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Consent Agreement with \$1,900.00 fine for unlicensed practice (24 months).

RNI201153– No action. Continue to monitor with current consent order.

LPNI210425 – Issue License with Letter of concern- Criminal

Dickerson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 4:21 p.m.



Darrell 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 June 3, 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 3rd day of June, 2021.


Notary Public

