

The Georgia Board of Nursing met June 10, 2021, via teleconference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY JUNE 10, 2021**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President  
Tammy Bryant, MSN, BSN, RN, Vice President  
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA  
Merry Fort, BS, RN  
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN  
Maceo Tanner, LPN  
Joshua Batson NP-C

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

K. Andrea Phipps, LPN  
Candice Broce, JD, Consumer Member  
Ashlan Porter, RN  
Stephanie Dickerson, RN, BSN

### **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  
Linda Morgan, PhD, MSN, RN - Education Consultant  
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Cara Lugo, Assistant Attorney General  
Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General  
Sandy Bailey, Assistant Attorney General  
Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathy Winstead, Board Support

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. on Wednesday, June 10, 2021. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bryant moved, Fort 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 Thursday, June 10, 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)

**RNI201489**– Fort moved to refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for substandard care. Courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care. Peer review cost: \$300 and Investigative costs: \$72.18. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI210096**- Refer to Attorney General's Office for a Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC (falsified documentation). Courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Investigative costs of \$354.98. (Pierce abstaining) Did not have quorum – needs to be brought back to the Board

**RNI211266** – Bryant moved to deny application. Refer to the Attorney General's Prosecution Division to evaluate for potential prosecution. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI210166** – Pipkin moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct (falsified documentation). Courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Investigative costs of \$168.42. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI210743** – Tanner moved 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. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI211270** – Tanner moved to close case. Continuing Education documents have been received Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI210356**– Bryant moved 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. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI211279** – Pipkin moved to request applicant have 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 for consideration of application. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI211275** – Pipkin moved to deny preceptorship application, she needs to do an approved program on the board's website. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

**RNI211289** – Pipkin moved to Issue Multistate License. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

**RNI200964** - Bryant moved to lift suspension of license with Public Reprimand for fraudulent prescribing \$500 fine, 5 years probation (not sobriety time) two years of narcotic restrictions (access, administration, and calling in), quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psy-addictionologist, medication management), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly Hair (Hairstat 12) x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, along with no more than 50 hours per work week and no work in a medical practice (office), courses: Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, GA RN Jurisprudence, Investigative Costs: \$276.69. Include stayed suspension language. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI190220** - Pipkin moved for staff to send MPE Letter for consideration of lifting suspension. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI211086**– Pipkin moved to close case with letter of concern for criminal. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI210776** – Batson moved to close case with letter of concern, unprofessional conduct. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

**RNI210427** – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine for drug diversion, three year probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, weekly urine drug screens for 1 year, monthly urine drug screens for remainder of order, courses: Righting a Wrong:

Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, GA RN Jurisprudence, Deactivate Multistate License. Investigative Costs: \$96.24 (Fort abstaining). Did not have quorum – needs to be brought back to the Board

**RNI210685** – Pierce moved to license with a Public Consent Agreement two years probation with 1 year of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly Hair (Hairstat 10) 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. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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**RNI210533** - Bryant moved to rescind previous Board motion, Public consent order with five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout order, stayed suspension language, courses in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI210109** – Pierce moved to rescind previous Board motion, notify respondent that the Board will consider a petition to lift consent order after 3 years from effective date of the 2020 consent Order (2023). Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI210894** – Bryant moved to rescind previous consent order & close case. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

**RNI210338** – Bryant moved to send for peer review. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI201163** – Fort moved to rescind previous motion, send Investigative for positive drug screen @ work with courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI210031**– Refer to Attorney General's Office Public Reprimand and Fine \$500 for unprofessional conduct, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing, 2) Documentation a Critical aspect of patient care Practice. Fort abstained – Did not have quorum – needs to be brought back to the Board

**RNI180829** – Pipkin moved to deny. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI211057** – Tanner moved rescind previous consent order & close case. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **RNI200798**

**RNI201472**– Batson moved to amend referral to extend the fine payment from 90 days to pay fine within 120 days. Allow respondent to petition to lift narcotic restrictions after a year. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI2100125** – Deny request, Thompson abstained - Did not have quorum – needs to be brought back to the Board.

**RNI210208** – Pipkin moved to Post on Imposter page on website. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI200300** – Pierce moved amend referral Public reprimand order may petition to lift probation after 1 year \$500 fine quarterly reports (self, employer) course to include those in original consent order courses investigative costs 407.71. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RN CE Violations 2021-2023 Renewals** – Pipkin moved to rescind previous Consent Orders & close cases. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RN Lapsed/Revoked License from CE Violations 2021-2023** – Licenses have lapsed. Pipkin moved to closed cases. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**HEARING**

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**LPNI190436** – Pipkin moved adopt the Judges findings of fact and Judges conclusions of law. Amend Judges order to be inline with other drug diversion cases to include everything that is in current order, Board approved monitoring program, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care ), quarterly random urine drug screens throughout the order , abstain from alcohol, controlled substances & mood altering substances, monthly PETH- 12 months. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A**

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

Tanner moved to ratify the following cases from the June 3, 2021 Investigative Committee meeting:

RNI210813	RNI211054	RNI190685	RNI211252	RNI211229	LPNI210318	LPNI210327
LPNI200243	RNI211060	RNI211226	LPNI210292	RNI210761	RNI211230	RNI210858
LPNI200315	LPNI210224	LPNI210426	RNI210818	RNI201092	RNI211091	RNI210496
LPNI210247	LPNI210243	RNI201451	LPNI210455	RNI201153	LPNI210425	

Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B**

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

Tanner moved to ratify the following cases from the May 25, 2021 Investigative Committee meeting:

RNI210509	LPNI210099	LPNI210376	LPNI210126	RNI211049	RNI210008	RNI211166
RNI210290	RNI210177	LPNI210303	RNI210779	LPNI210370	LPNI210242	RNI211173
RNI211162	RNI211174	LPNI210194	RNI210860	RNI211052	RNI211072	RNI210648
RNI211113	RNI210412	RNI210733	RNI200270	RNI200460	LPNI210190	RNI210596
RNI210557	Anglea Queen Roberts – approved Peer Reviewer					

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS**

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Fort moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

RECOMMENDED ACTION	
RNI191028	Public Consent Order
LPNI200184	Consent Agreement for Licensure
RNI181373	Public Consent Order
RNI190467	Public Consent Order

Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PROBATION TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS**

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Pipkin moved to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings

**RNI160270      LPNI170292      RNI180381      RNI200241      RNI150106      RNI160122      RNI190735**

Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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

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

**RN211163      RN211205      RN211218      RN211287      LPN210600**

Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE**

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Pierce moved to accept the following recommendations for the applicant cases listed below:

**RN211260      RN211262      RN211273      LPN210384**

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Fort moved to accept the following recommendations for the applicant cases listed below:

**29139201**

Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

**REENTRY**

Tanner moved to ratify the following reentry proposals that were approved by staff using Board guidelines:

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>METHOD LICENSE OBTAINED</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TEMPORARY PERMIT ISSUE DATE</b>
<b>2895386</b>	Reinstatement	Foothills AHEC	2/15/2021
<b>2890166</b>	Endorsement	Blue Ridge AHEC	2/15/2021
<b>2831972</b>	Reinstatement	Ycarte' Health CC	2/19/2021
<b>2909779</b>	Reinstatement	Foothills AHEC	02/24/2021
<b>2920523</b>	Endorsement	Blue Ridge AHEC	03/29/2019
<b>2919061</b>	Reinstatement	Blue Ridge AHEC	04/07/2019
<b>2928524</b>	Reinstatement	Blue Ridge AHEC	04/07/2019
<b>2915164</b>	Reinstatement	Foothills AHEC	04/16/2019
<b>2909374</b>	Reinstatement	Cartersville Medical Center	4/13/2021
<b>2877221</b>	Reinstatement	Southern Reginal Tech. College	4/20/2021
<b>2890177</b>	Endorsement	Foothills AHEC	4/26/2021
<b>2930347</b>	Reinstatement	Blue Ridge AHEC	4/9/2021
<b>2901665</b>	Reinstatement	Ycarte' Health CC	3/9/2021

2915765	Reinstatement	Ycarte' Health CC	3/9/2021
2881116	Reinstatement	Blue Ridge AHEC	2/18/2021
2918915	Reinstatement	Blue Ridge AHEC	5/4/2021
2857830	Reinstatement	Blue Ridge AHEC	5/4/2021
2920654	Endorsement	Blue Ridge AHEC	5/07/2021
2924977	Initial Authority	Med-South Associates PC Adolescent & Adult In	4/15/2021
2927094	Initial Authority	Dr. James Gleason, MD, Family Practice	4/15/2021
2882873	Initial Authority	Truth's Community Clinic/Grady Hospital	2/01/2021
2887476	Initial Authority	Colquitt Regional Medical Center	9/18/2020

Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

### **LPN CE VIOLATIONS**

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Bryant moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

LPNI210413	LPNI210414	LPNI210415	LPNI210416	LPNI210417	LPNI210418	LPNI210419
LPNI210420	LPNI210421	LPNI210422	LPNI210423	LPNI210440	LPNI210442	LPNI210443
LPNI210444	LPNI210445	LPNI210446	LPNI210447	LPNI210448	LPNI210449	LPNI210450
LPNI210451	LPNI210452	LPNI210453	LPNI210479	LPNI210497	LPNI210498	LPNI210499
LPNI210500	LPNI210502	LPNI210503	LPNI210504	LPNI210507	LPNI210508	LPNI210509
LPNI210511	LPNI210512	LPNI210513	LPNI210514	LPNI210515	LPNI210516	LPNI210517
LPNI210518	LPNI210519	LPNI210520	LPNI210529	LPNI210540	LPNI210541	LPNI210542
LPNI210543	LPNI210544	LPNI210545	LPNI210546	LPNI210547	LPNI210548	LPNI210549

Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **RN CE VIOLATIONS**

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Bryant moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

**RNI211217      RNI211219      RNI211220**

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Pipkin moved to accept the May 5-6, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Pipkin moved to accept the May 5-6, 2021 Executive meeting minutes as presented. Bryant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tanner moved to accept the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Fort moved to accept the May 13, 2021 Executive meeting minutes as presented. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Fort moved to accept the May 25, 2021 Investigative Committee B meeting minutes as presented. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Fort moved to accept the June 3, 2021 Investigative Committee a meeting minutes as presented. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING GRIDS**

Pipkin moved to accept the May 5-6, 2021 meeting grid as presented. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tanner moved to accept the May 13, 2021 meeting grid as presented. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tanner moved to accept the May 25, 2021 Investigative Committee B meeting grid as presented. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tanner moved to accept the June 3, 2021 Investigative Committee A meeting grid as presented. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **PETITION FOR RULE VARIANCE OR WAIVER – ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE – 410-8-.05 (6)**

Bryant abstained - Did not have quorum – to be brought back to the Board – resubmit with time period needed within the waiver.

#### **PETITION FOR RULE VARIANCE OR WAIVER – 2907466 HOBBS – 410-2-.02**

Tanner moved to deny petition, not an applicant that is subject to a rule waiver.

Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **OPEN RECORDS REQUEST - RN221540 ORR Robert Gutierrez**

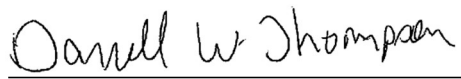
Tanner moved to approve open records request.

Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **ELECTION OF NEW NURSING BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT – TERM TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2021**

Tammy Bryant nominated for President – Pipkin/Tanner – Approved  
Merry Fort nominated for Vice President – Pipkin/Tanner – Approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 7:47 pm



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Darrell Thompson, **President**



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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.

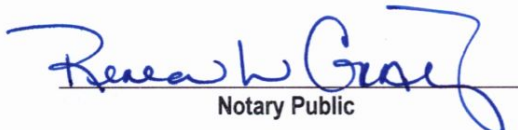
**Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.**

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 June 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
Notary Public

