

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 7, 2022 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson NP-C
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC

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
Kirsten Daughdriil, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Batson moved, Summerlin 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 7, 2022, 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)

Thompson moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI220863 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office to Amend current Consent Order to include a stayed suspension (superseding order). Public Consent Order with five years’ probation and 1 year of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Start over all testing - Monthly PEth x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Standard work restrictions, Substance Abuse Stipulations, New sobriety date, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension.

RNI220636 – Close case.

LPNI220257 – Close case – no disciplinary action.

RNI210774 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine for positive drug test at work, two years’ probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), Monthly urine drug screens throughout the order and quarterly follow-up with addictionologist, Standard work restrictions, applicable Investigative Costs

RNI220779 – 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.

RNI220670 – 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.

LPNI220187– Refer to Attorney General's Office to Amend current Consent Order to include Stayed Suspension language (superseding order). Public Consent Order with five years' probation, Substance Abuse Stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Start over drug testing - quarterly Hair reports (Hairstat 7) x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Standard work restrictions, new sobriety date, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order.

RNI220335 – Investigative letter to include course in: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Ethics of Nursing Practice.

RNI220078 – Investigative letter to include course in: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Ethics of Nursing Practice.

LPNI220068 – Close case.

LPNI220285 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for Continuing Education violation.

RNI220012 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice, \$500.00 fine for Fraudulent Prescription, Quarterly Employer Reports x 24 months, Restrict Prescriptive Authority x 1 year to include no prescribing of Schedule III or IV drugs, courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Ethics of Nursing Practice, and Safe and Effective Prescribing of Controlled Substances for APRN's (nursingce.com).

RNI220316 – Close with case with a Letter of Concern- Unprofessional Conduct.

LPNI210563– Close case.

RNI220700 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for 6 months suspension. May petition to lift after 6 months and payment of \$2000 fine (4 patients x \$500).

LPNI190582 - Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for previous Continuing Education violation and no fine on failing to disclose the action with Georgia Board of Nursing.

RNI211131 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Consent Agreement for Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction with \$500.00 fine and Unlicensed Practice fine \$550.00 (10 months) Total fine is \$1050.00. Issue License with payment of fines.

RNI221071 – Issue license with a Letter of Concern – Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI211248

RNI220085 - 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.

LPNI210501 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI220126 – Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountable and Legal Liability for Nurses; Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

LPNI220145 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI220138 – Close complaint with no disciplinary action.

RNI220344 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for Unprofessional Conduct – fraudulent documentation. Courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Investigative costs as applicable.

RNI220342 – Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI221084 – Issue eNLC with Letter of Concern.

RNI211080 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Reprimand with \$ fine for substandard care. Courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Nurses, Negligence and Malpractice and 3- Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Peer review cost \$150.00 and investigative costs as applicable.

RNI221012– Refer to Attorney General’s Office for Public Consent Order mirroring AL Consent Order with quarterly reports self and employer), Substance Abuse Stipulations, medication management, random urine drug screens, standard work restrictions plus any additional work restrictions included in the AL Consent Order. Georgia Consent Order to run concurrent with the AL Consent Order.

RNI220448 - Refer to Attorney General’s Office for summary suspension of Georgia temporary license. Ok to accept voluntary surrender.

Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 7,2022 at 5:18 p.m.



Darrell Thompson, **Board Member**

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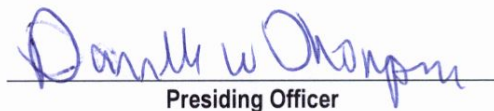
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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.

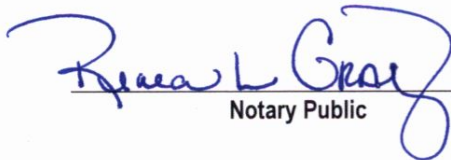
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 April 7, 2022 IC(A) Meeting 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 7th day of April, 2022.


Notary Public

