

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 3, 2022 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Merry Fort, BS, RN – Vice President
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Joshua Batson NP-C

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
Alexis Cromartie, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Linda Morgan, PhD, MSN, RN - Education Consultant
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Fort called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thompson moved, Batson 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, February 3, 2022, Fort 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.

RNI210864 – 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 deny renewal, May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirements

RNI220336 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI220402 – Close with Letter of Concern - Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI220400 – Close with Letter of Concern - Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI220098 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI211211 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI220748 – Deny application for Licensure (temp permit previously revoked), turn Nurse Alert on due to fraudulent activity, (staff send correspondence to South College regarding need to educate students that pre-nursing degree does not qualify for licensure (Zelma or Linda).

LPNI220201 - Board to review failure to meet Continuing Education requirements when respondent requests to lift suspension (if the nurse does not agree to the Board's terms, she would be entitled to a hearing).

RNI170806 – Approve request to lift narcotic restrictions early.

RNI220370 - Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine- impairment at work, \$500 fine- drug diversion, five years' probation with 2 years of narcotic restrictions, two year CRNA suspension, stayed suspension language, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, quarterly reports Hair (Hairstat 14) x 24mos, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, courses to include Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Drug Diversion and the CRNA: Impact and Response Due to COVID-19 (American Assoc. Of Nurse Anesthetists), Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. Applicable Investigative Costs

RNI220747– Deny application for Licensure (temp permit previously revoked), turn Nurse Alert on due to fraudulent activity staff send correspondence to South College regarding need to educate students that pre-nursing degree does not qualify for licensure (Zelma or Linda).

RNI210772 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine for drug diversion (did not waste narcotics), three years' probation with 2 years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations (exclude alcohol), quarterly reports Hair (Hairstat 10) x 12mos, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses to include Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, \$500 fine Failure to Disclose arrest on 2021 renewal application. Applicable Investigative Costs.

RNI220315– Refer to Attorney General's Office to reinstate License with a Public Consent Agreement five years' probation with 2 years of narcotic restrictions, Reprimand \$500 fine for felony, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports Hair (Hairstat 5) x 24mos, Monthly PEth x 12mos, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, standard work restrictions, courses to include Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Stayed suspension.

RNI220651 – Letter of Concern – prohibited products.

RNI220658 – 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 deny renewal, May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirements.

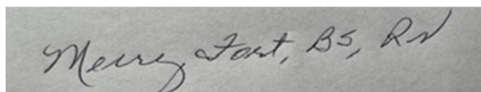
LPNI210325 – Close case.

RNI211170– Close case.

Linda Morgan – Education Consultant to contact South College – Pre-Nursing degree is not a Nursing degree

Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 4:58 p.m.



Merry Fort, **Vice 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 February 3, 2022 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 February, 2022.



Notary Public

