The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 23, 2021 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Maceo Tanner, LPN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA

STAFF PRESENT

Zelma Delgado, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Janet Freeman, 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tanner moved, Pierce 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, September 23, 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)

Tanner moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI210321 - Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI210264 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RN211114 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for Voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with a quarter of Consent Order compliance and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator.

RNI210783 - Investigative Letter with Courses to include: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Professional Boundaries in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and Patient Rights and Responsibilities.

LPNI220056 – Close case with no disciplinary action

RN190813 – Send Investigative Letter with course in Substance Use in Nursing, Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI220154 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI211284 – Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI220039 – Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI220043– Send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

RNI220059 – Close case with no disciplinary action

LPNI220021 – Send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Resident Rights.

RNI200171 – Send a Letter of concern for the use of "Dr." in a clinical setting and importance of keeping an updated collaborative agreement with the Composite Medical Board.

RNI210830 – Send Investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know and Risk Advisor for Advanced Practice Nurses: Know Your Risk for Legal Action.

RNI210848 – ED to phone hospital for records that Office of Investigations has already Subpoenaed, if records received refer for peer review - allow 60 days, if not received - Send investigative letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Jurisprudence – GA RN, and Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care

RNI191412 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for Voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with a quarter of Consent Order compliance. If respondent enrolls back into aftercare and psychotherapy before the Voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, place her on a stayed suspension order with same terms and conditions of current order.

RNI200476 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for Voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with submission of quarterly reports, payment of fines, and documentation of completed courses.

RNI220116 – If GBON receives safe statement from treating physician, Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), Monthly PEth x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, substance abuse stipulations, Standard work restrictions, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know. If safe statement is not received, Refer to the 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 non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny the renewal. May petition to lift with submission of mental physical and standard practice language.

RNI220292 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Agreement with five year's probation, Quarterly Reports (self, employer, after care, & medication management), monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout order, substance abuse stipulations, and standard work restrictions.

RNI220190
RNI220125 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to Amend Current Consent Order to include a stayed suspension (superseding order). Public Consent Order, five years' probation, $500 fine for violation of Consent Order, Stayed suspension language, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management), Monthly PEth x 24 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, substance abuse stipulations, Standard work restrictions, Start over all drug testing.

RNI220311 – License as a RN/APRN by Endorsement.

RNI220113 - Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI220189 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI220197– Refer to Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order five years' probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, Standard work restrictions, Monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, $500 fine for failure to disclose x 2 renewal periods = $1000, course in Professional Accountability and Ethics in Nursing.

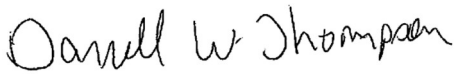
RNI220280 – Close complaint and issue license by exam.

LPNI200416 – Letter of Concern – for medication discrepancies

RNI140297 – Accept request to terminate Consent Order early.

Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:05 p.m.



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Darrell Thompson, **Board Member, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC**

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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 September 23, 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

Darcy W Thompson
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of September, 2021.

Renea L. Gray
Notary Public

RENEA L. GRAY
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 6/1/2023
HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA