

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 1, 2022, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Merry Fort, RN, BS, Vice President
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Joshua Batson, NP-C

STAFF PRESENT

Wanda Jaffe, Interim 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
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General

Fort called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 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, September 1, 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)

Summerlin moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI230044 – Issue temporary license to complete reentry upon receipt of an approved reentry program.

RNI230051 – Issue License by Endorsement.

RNI230158 – Request applicant complete an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant, for consideration of licensure.

LPNI230045 – Issue single state and multistate license by endorsement.

RNI230171– Issue single state license. Not eligible for multistate.

LPNI230047 – Refer to board staff for a private consent agreement with \$500 fine for Failure to Disclose arrests on application. Issue single state license upon receipt of signed consent agreement and payment of fine. Allow to withdraw application.

LPNI210541– Lift suspension.

RNI210396 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office Public reprimand \$500 fine for drug diversion, two years’ probation with two years of narcotic restrictions, quarter reports (self, employer), Standard work restrictions, courses in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling.

LPNI200114 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with full

payment of \$500.

RNI230073– Refer to Attorney General's Office to Amend current Consent Order to include a stayed suspension (superseding order). Public Consent Order, five years' probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations, Standard work restrictions, quarterly hair reports Hair (Hairstat 10) x 12 months, quarter urine drug screens throughout order, Stayed suspension, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, continue Consent Order with 2019 sobriety date.

LPNI230024 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with payment of fines listed in Consent Order and \$500 for violation of Consent Order (employment termination).

LPNI230031 – Refer to Attorney General's Office to Amend current Consent Order to include stayed suspension (superseding order). Public Consent Order, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, 2 years of sobriety, quarterly reports (self, employer, psychotherapy), quarterly hair reports (Hairstat 5) x 12months, Monthly urine drug screens throughout the order, Standard work restrictions, Substance Abuse Stipulations, Start over drug testing, start over sobriety date, Stayed suspension language.

RNI221353 – Close complaint with no disciplinary action

RNI230049 – Close complaint with no disciplinary action

RNI230157 – Refer to Staff for Private Consent Agreement and \$550.00 fine for 10 months Unlicensed Practice, after receipt of fine issue License with Letter of Concern – Alcohol.

RNI230176 – Allow applicant to withdraw APRN Initial Authorization application may reapply after narcotic restrictions have been lifted for 24 months.

RNI220399 – Close case no action.

RNI220565 – Close case with Letter of Concern (alcohol).

LPNI220279 - Close case with Letter of Concern – Unlicensed Practice.

LPNI220246 - Table until receipt of second complaint that is currently in Investigations.

RNI220579 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Jurisprudence Georgia – RN.

RNI221149– Close case with no disciplinary action

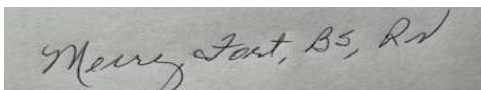
RNI220875 – Close case with Letter of Concern – Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI221083 – Close with Letter of Concern -Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction

RNI221353 – Refer to board staff for a public consent agreement with \$500 fine for Failure to Disclose disciplinary action taken by Georgia Board of Nursing in 2011, and \$500 fine Failure to Disclose arrest. fine.

Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 4:29 p.m.



Merry Fort, **Vice President**

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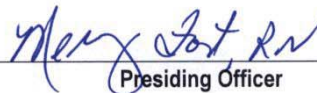
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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.

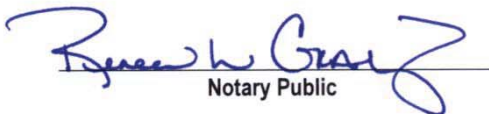
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On September 1, 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 1st day of September, 2022.



Notary Public

