

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, November 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, November 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Merry Fort, RN, BSN, Vice President
Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Brandy Hollins, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Lawanda Davis, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Alexis Cromartie, Assistant Attorney General

Fort called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, November 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, November 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.

RNI220984 Lift suspension of license with Public Consent Order

RNI221342 Allow to withdraw application. May reapply upon successful completion of IOP and safe to practice statement

RNI230124 Issue license

RNI230288 Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirements

RNI230209 Refer to AG to amend current CO to include stayed suspension language (superseding order). Public CO with \$500 fine for violation of CO, 5 years' probation, add 2 years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports X5 (s,e,a,psy,med mgmt.), restart drug testing date with random quarterly alcohol and drug screens, SAS, work setting restrictions. Must submit final court disposition for 2022 criminal charges of Child Abuse and Elder Abuse upon final court disposition.

LPNI230119 Refer to AG for amended consent order to include a stayed suspension. Public CO with \$500 fine for violation of CO (positive alcohol screen), 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X 4 (s,e,a, psych), SAS, standard work restrictions, random drug screens for the entire probationary period, continue monthly PEth testing for 24 months, and include stayed suspension language, may petition to lift after three years of documented sobriety. Sobriety date to restart with new order.

RNI230329 Refer to AG for an amended consent order to include a stayed suspension, \$500 fine for violation of consent order and sobriety and drug screen restart dates. Public CO 5/2, quarterly reports X 3 (s,e,a), SAS, standard work restrictions, quarterly hair follicle test (HairStat 5) for first 24 months, random alcohol/drug screens for entire probationary period.

RNI230415 Deny MSL

RNI230416 Table application pending proof of employment (ask the respondent to provide a copy of her business license, LLC documentation, or tax return) within in 30 days or application will expire.

RNI221350 Table pending final court deposition. Respondent must disclose arrest on license renewal and submit final court deposition. Bring back to Board when disposition is received.

RNI221223 Close Case

RNI221261 Close Case

RNI221213 Close Case

RNI221307 Close Case

RNI230425 Issue License with LOC (inform applicant that further action could be pending the final court disposition of charges)

RNI230427 Must complete 10 theoretical hours in pediatrics

RNI221294 Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records. Upon receipt of records send out for peer review

RNI210382 Refer to AG Public Reprimand \$500.00 fine for FTD AAJ.

RNI220908 Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records. Upon receipt of records send out for peer review.

RNI221177 Investigative Letter with Courses: Disciplinary Action: What Every Nurse Should Know; Documentation: Accurate and Legal; Foundations of Nursing; Accept Inactive Status

RNI221426 Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500.00 fine for UPC, Quarterly Employer Reports x 1 year, and course: Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Investigative Costs: \$48.12 (if applicable)

RNI220861 Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500.00 fine for UPC, Quarterly Employer Reports x 1 year, and courses: Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Professional Boundaries in Nursing and refer complaint to Office of Civil Rights for HIPAA violation, Investigative Costs: \$223.76 (if applicable)

RNI230403 Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE Violation

RNI230080 Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI221348 Close case with LOC – Unprofessional Conduct

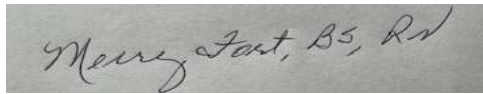
LPNI230132 Refer to AG for Private Agreement with \$500.00 fine for FTD Arrest. Issue license after payment of fine

LPNI230138 Issue License with LOC – Arrests

RNI230155 Board staff to obtain a certified copy of court documents for felony conviction then refer to AG for indefinite suspension. May petition to lift after 3 months with MPE and safe to practice statement

Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 4:50 p.m.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Merry Fort, BS, RD".

Merry Fort, **Vice President**

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COUNTY OF BIBB

**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 November 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 November, 2022.



Notary Public

