

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 5, 2023 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, January 5, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Merry Fort, RN, BS, Vice President
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Joshua Batson, NP-C
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN,CCRN

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Miller, 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
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General

Fort called the meeting to order at 16:04. on Thursday, January 5, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gresham moved, Thompson seconded, and the Committee voted to enter 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, January 5, 2023, 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)

Batson moved to present the following recommendations to the Board Gresham abstained from case RNI220973

RNI230478– Applicant MPE with safe to practice statement. Has not worked since 2011 as a nurse. Will need reentry as well.

LPNI230191- Issue single state License by Exam with LOC-Criminal

RNI230416- Table and Refer to January Full Board Meeting

RNI220973-Refer to AG – Voluntary Cease and Desist Order, Post C&D on the BON C&D Page, post a picture on the Imposter Alert Page, Notify Adrienne Dean that someone is using her license number to obtain nursing employment and that she may want to file an identity theft case with her local law enforcement agency. Turn on the BON NOTE in NURSUS on Adrienne Dean’s license to alert people that there is someone using Adrienne Dean’s nursing license- Alert Adrienne Dean that BON Alert is on in NURSUS prior to turning on. (Gresham abstained)

RNI230612- Applicant will need a 320-hour preceptorship

RNI230618- Reinstate License

RNI221366-Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard

practice requirements.

RNI221233- Close Case with LOC.

RNI221234- Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI221290- Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records and obtain a statement from the facility.

RNI230613- Issue Multistate License with LOC-Criminal

LPNI230194- Table and Refer to January Full Board Meeting

RNI221427- Close case

RNI220967 Close case

LPNI220283- Refer to AG to offer Voluntary Surrender. If doesn't sign surrender proceed with Consent Order Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC, QTR Employee/Personal Reports x 24 months. Courses: 1-Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, 2- Engaging in the Nursing Scope and Standards,3-Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 4- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI230056- Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal and deny MSL application. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice language.

LPNI210381- Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with one quarter's compliance with consent order.

RNI220619- Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with completion of a 72 -hour inpatient evaluation as recommended by Dr. Craig and a safe to practice statement

RNI220340- Refer to AG for public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,and aftercare with Dr. Darji), narcotic restrictions X1 year, random quarterly UDS throughout entire probationary period, quarterly HairStat5 X 12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions.

RNI230468- Table until January full board meeting...pending evaluation by Dr. Craig.

RNI220990- Close case with LOC-Unethical Conduct

RNI230028- Close- LOC Positive Marijuana Metabolites

LPNI210308- Refer to AG for 3-month suspension, may petition to lift with MPE and safe to practice statement, standard practice requirements (discuss lifting conditions) and \$500.00 fine FTD disclose felony within 10 days of adjudication

LPNI230108- Close Case with no Disciplinary Action

RNI230298- Upon approval of a reentry program by Board staff, issue temporary permit to complete RN reentry program. Allow to withdraw application.

LPNI230091- Upon approval of a reentry program by Board staff, issue temporary permit to complete LPN reentry program.

LPNI230171- Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift suspension with one quarter compliance with Order and safe to practice statement. Allow to withdraw application.


RNI230128- Refer to AG for public consent agreement with 5 years monitoring, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a and addiction medicine specialist). Random quarterly urine drug screens for duration of agreement, quarterly PEth testing for 12 months. May petition to lift after 3 years documented continuous sobriety. \$500 fine for FTD disciplinary action taken by GA on his application. Issue temporary permit for reentry, upon receipt of signed consent agreement, payment of fine and after board staff has approved a reentry program.

RNI230569- Refer to Emergency Full Board Meeting 01/10/2023

RNI181373- Approve request to restore prescriptive authority

Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:18 p.m.

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

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.

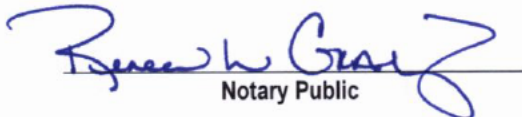
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On January 5, 2023 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 5th day of January, 2023.



Notary Public

