

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 02, 2023 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, February 02, 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
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Andrea Phipps, LPN

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 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 02, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Summerlin moved, Gresham 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 02, 2023, Batson 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.

RNI230043– Table- For Full Board Review at March Meeting

RNI221359- Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI230072- Investigative Letter with Courses to include Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia RN and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI230012- Table, pending resolution of criminal charges

LPNI230023- LOC-Medication Discrepancies

RNI230001- Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, 3- Professional and Legal Liability for Nurses

RNI223003-Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2- Narcotic Drugs- Handling and Documentation, 3- Upholding the Standards: Professional Accountability in Nursing

RNI221431-Close Case with no Disciplinary Action.

RNI221369-Close Case with no Disciplinary Action.

RNI230220-Close Case with no Disciplinary Action.

RNI220815 Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2- Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, 3- Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing

RNI221280- Close Case with No Disciplinary Action

RNI230342- Close case with LOC-Substandard Care

RNI230015-Close case. Continue terms and conditions of current consent order.

RNI230251-Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI221126- Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2- Narcotic Drugs- Handling and Documentation, 3- Upholding the Standards: Professional Accountability in Nursing

RNI230614- Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE Violation

RNI230782-Will need to complete a 320-hour preceptorship.

RNI221110- Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Documentation: Accurate and Legal, 2-Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing.

RNI210596- Deny early termination.

RNI200886-Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), must submit proof of completion of alcohol treatment program and safe to practice statement within 10 days of completion, Monthly PEth testing X24 months, monthly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, and may request to terminate Order after three years with documented continuous sobriety

RNI221378- Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), monthly PEth testing X12 months, random quarterly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. May request to terminate after three years of documented, continuous sobriety.

RNI230600- Refer to AG for 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), monthly PEth testing X24 months, monthly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May request to terminate after three years of documented, continuous sobriety.

LPNI230195- Letter of Modification – new sobriety date .

RNI230593-LOC for removing medication from the facility.

RNI210897- Deny Request. Gresham abstains.

RNI230775- Issue License by Exam with LOC-Criminal

RNI220863- Approve request to float between DaVita clinics only


RNI220265- Issue License and Close Complaint with LOC- UPC

LPNI220351-Close Case with No Disciplinary Action

RNI220454- Refer to AG for Summary Suspension, Imminent threat to public safety.

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 02, 2023, at 4:56 pm..

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

Merry Fort, **Vice President**