

The Georgia Board of Nursing met at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 on May 18, 2023.

Thursday, May 18, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tammy Bryant, MSN, BSN, RN, President
Merry Fort, BSN, RN, Vice President
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Ashlan Porter, RN, BSN
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Maceo Tanner, LPN
Brandy Hollins, LPN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN
Joshua Batson NP-C

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Lawanda Davis, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Trisha McNair, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Linda Morgan, PHD, MSN, RN, Nurse Education Consultant
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

OPEN SESSION

Bryant called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pierce moved, Tanner seconded, and the Board 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 the Agency Review. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session on Thursday, May 18, 2023, Bryant 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.

CASE REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

LPNI230165 Pipkin moved to table case until June meeting. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230166 Porter moved to close case – has never applied for RN license. Place hold on license since she was listed on FBI list. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230167 Summerlin moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230169 Pierce moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230483 Thompson moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230484 Fort moved to mirror Connecticut Board of Nursing discipline – revocation of license. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230485 Gresham moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230486 Tanner moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Hollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230487 Hollins moved to mirror Texas Board of Nursing discipline – revocation of license. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230488 Pipkin moved to table eNLC application. Send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230488 Porter moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230490 Summerlin moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230493 Pierce moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230494 Thompson moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI284391 Thompson moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230901 Fort moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230904 Gresham moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Thompson abstained.

RNI230908 Tanner moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Hollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230900 Hollins moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230903 Pipkin moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230907 Porter moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230898 Summerlin moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230902 Pierce moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230899 Thompson moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230909 Fort moved to send for peer review and upon receipt, refer to AG to revoke license. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230065 Gresham moved to table pending receipt of findings from second complaint in Investigations. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231114 Deny licensure. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Hollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Thompson abstained.

RNI230783 Hollins moved to refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231151 Pipkin moved to allow applicant to withdraw application until she completes preceptorship. LPN license – Refer to AG for Public FTD \$500 fine. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI220290 Porter moved to refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230348 Summerlin moved to issue eNLC with LOC-FTD. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231060 Pierce moved to deny licensure. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230945 Thompson moved to deny licensure. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231043 Fort moved to deny licensure. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231067 Gresham moved to deny licensure. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230314 Tanner moved to refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 24 months' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,psychotherapy), courses 1.) Upholding the Standards: Professional Accountability in Nursing, and 2.) Ethics of Nursing. Hollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230442 Hollins moved to send Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Patient Rights. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI221271 Pipkin moved to close the case. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231081 Porter moved to deny licensure. Education does not meet criteria established by the Board of nursing education programs. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230223 Summerlin moved to Issue License by exam. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI221318 Pierce moved to send investigative letter with courses to include Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, A Nurses Guide to the Use of Social Media (Article). Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230910 Thompson moved to approve to test for Licensure by Exam. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230196 Fort moved to send for peer review. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI200134 Gresham moved to approve to lift narcotic restrictions. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI191087 Hollins moved to rescind the previous motion of denying license and withdraw 2021 application. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI211180 Pipkin moved to send letter approving licensee to continue to use Dr. Darji for her aftercare and continue to see psychotherapist. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI221122 Porter moved to refer to AG for summary suspension. Believed to be an imminent threat to public safety. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230223 Summerlin moved to approve pediatric clinicals and issue license. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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RNI220973 Summerlin moved to refer to investigations to run TLO report. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230633 Pierce moved to rescind previous motion and amend terms of order – Private CO x 3yrs with QRx 3 (s,mm,psy), petition to lift in one year. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230832 Thompson moved to rescind previous motion. Send LOC for positive alcohol test. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI220321 Fort moved to refer to investigations to run TLO report. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230171, LPNI230381, LPNI230258, LPNI220305, LPNI220272 Gresham moved to rescind previous motion and close cases. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED RE-ENTRY PROPOSALS

Hollins moved to ratify the following reentry proposals that were approved by staff using Board guidelines. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICANT	METHOD LICENSE OBTAINED	LOCATION	TEMPORARY PERMIT ISSUE DATE
3076975	Endorsement	Foothills AHEC	4/5/2023
3074083	Endorsement	Three Rivers AHEC	4/12/2023
3075555	Endorsement	Southern Crescent Technical College	4/20/2023
3068277	Endorsement	PruittHealth of Blue Ridge	4/25/2023
3072840	Reinstatement	Blue Ridge AHEC	4/24/2023
3065530	Endorsement	Blue Ridge AHEC	4/24/2023
3058595	Reinstatement	Three Rivers AHEC	4/27/2023
3063782	Reinstatement	Southern Crescent Technical College	4/28/2023

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

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Tanner moved to ratify the following ADA testing accommodations approved by staff using Board guidelines. Hollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICANT	DIAGNOSIS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
3078017	Learning Disability/Cognitive Condition (ADD/ADHD)	Extended time (time and a half); Separate room
3090307	Processing Disorder and Learning Disability	Extended time (double time); Separate room
3087794	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder- Predominately Inattentive Presentation, Specific	Southern Crescent Technical College

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

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Pierce moved to accept the voluntary surrender of the licenses listed below. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230604

CHANGE AFTERCARE BETWEEN MEETINGS

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Fort moved to accept the following recommendations for the case listed below. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDED ACTION	
RNI122508	Change aftercare group - MARR

CE VIOLATIONS

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Thompson moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230469	LPNI230476	LPNI230477	LPNI230480	LPNI230482	LPNI230483	LPNI230485
LPNI230486	LPNI230487	LPNI230489	LPNI230496	LPNI230498	LPNI230499	LPNI230504
LPNI230506	LPNI230512	LPNI230514	LPNI230517	LPNI230518	LPNI230521	LPNI230522
LPNI230523	LPNI230526	LPNI230527	LPNI230535	LPNI230537	LPNI230538	LPNI230539
LPNI230540	LPNI230541	LPNI230542	LPNI230543	LPNI230544	LPNI230545	LPNI230546
LPNI230547	LPNI230548	LPNI230528	LPNI230529	LPNI230530	LPNI230531	LPNI230532
LPNI230533	LPNI230534	LPNI230536	LPNI230507	LPNI230505	LPNI230503	LPNI230502
LPNI230501	LPNI230500	LPNI230497	LPNI230495	LPNI230491	LPNI230478	LPNI230479
LPNI230481	LPNI230484	LPNI230488	LPNI230490	LPNI230492	LPNI230493	LPNI230494
LPNI230474	LPNI230508	LPNI230509	LPNI230510	LPNI230511	LPNI230513	LPNI230515
LPNI230516	LPNI230519	LPNI230520	LPNI230524	LPNI230525	LPNI230473	LPNI230472
LPNI230471	LPNI230470					

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A – 5/4/2023

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Porter moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231092	RNI230143	RNI221220	LPNI230160	RNI230335	RNI230404
LPNI230299	RNI230056	RNI111096	LPNI230086	RNI221290	LPNI170411
RNI230185	RNI200426	RNI210440	RNI231040	RNI170785	LPNI230426
LPNI230432	RNI231048	RNI220284	RNI230194	RNI230346	LPNI220268
LPNI220369	LPNI230409	RNI170688	LPNI230438	RNI170290	RNI221257
RNI221384					

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B – 4/27/2023

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Summerlin moved to ratify the following cases from the investigative committee meeting. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI220139	RNI231066	RNI170163	RNI220479	RNI181324	RNI230374
RNI231032	LPNI220308	RNI230525	LPNI230416	LPNI230417	RNI231080
LPNI230328	RNI230444	LPNI220213	LPNI230364	LPNI220336	LPNI230150
LPNI230215	LPNI230351	LPNI230355	RNI230931	RNI230932	RNI230820
RNI230811	LPNI150518	RNI220617	LPNI210210	RNI231034	RNI221367
RNI231056					

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Hollins moved to accept the Investigative Committee A May 4, 2023, meeting minutes. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Pipkin moved to accept the Investigative Committee B April 27, 2023, meeting minutes. Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Summerlin moved to accept the April 13, 2023, Teleconference meeting minutes as presented. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL STATUS REPORT

Report presented by Kimberly Emm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 3:50pm.

The Georgia Board of Nursing met May 19, 2023, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Friday, May 19, 2023

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Linda Morgan, PHD, MSN, RN, Nurse Education Consultant
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

OPEN SESSION

Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023. A quorum to vote on necessary agenda items was determined to exist.

PRESENTATION

01 – Richard Lampier and Barbara Austin from GNA PAP presented proposed Alternative to Discipline Program

CORRESPONDENCE

01 (A) – Request to add Provider to Acceptable Providers for Continuing Education – Must provide documents cited in O.C.G.A. 43-26-9(b.1)(2)

RULE WAIVER

01 – Thompson moved to approve petition. Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

01 – Board denied open record request from MARKS, BALETTE, GIESSEL & YOUNG, P.L.L.C.

STRATEGIC PLAN

01 – September 2023 Board Meeting – Change meeting date from 9/13-15/2023 to 9/20-21/2023

02 – Education Committee Recommendations

1 – Amend Rule 410-8-.02 updating rule verbiage to passage rate requirements correlating with program's accrediting body requirements. Pierce/Fort

2 – Amend Rule 410-8-.05 updating verbiage to remove requirement of clinical part-time faculty needing an earned graduate degree in nursing. Summerlin/Porter

03 – Discussed COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Waivers (April 19, 2023)

04 – APRN Committee Recommendations –

Amend Position statement: Administration of Propofol, Etomidate, and Neuromuscular Blocking Agents – include NPs and CRNAs in the following statement: "RN can administer the above medications/agents to a non-intubated

patient in a hospital for the purpose of RSI if respiratory failure is imminent and will be done in the presence of, and under the direction of, a physician, certified nurse practitioner, and/or certified registered nurse anesthetist credentialed in emergency airway management.” State that one must always follow their hospital policies and procedures. Pipkin/Porter

05 – LPN Rule Revisions – Governor’s office made Board aware of upcoming veto of proposed rule revisions. Refer these rules to the Education Committee to propose new language.

EDUCATION REPORT – May 2023 Education Report – Dr Linda Morgan

Pierce moved to accept the Education Report as presented. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



**Georgia Board of Nursing
May 2023 Education Report**

NCLEX Reports

Programs With NCLEX Pass Rate Below 80% for 1-1-23– 5-16-23.			
Program Type	School	Pass Rate	Took Exam/ Number Passed
RN/ASN	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College(C) *	57.50%	40/23
RN/ASN	Albany State University (C)*	70.83%	24/17
RN/BSN	Brenau University	70.83%	43/30
RN/BSN	Chamberlain College of Nursing	72.78%	158/115
RN/BSN	Clayton State University	73.08%	26/19
RN/ADN	Dalton State College	77.42%	33/24
BSN	Georgia State University	75.44%	57/43
RN/ASN	Southern Regional Technical College (C)*	73.53%	34/25
PN	Southern Regional Technical College (C)*	77.78%	9/7
BSN	University of West Georgia	78.69%	61/48
PN	Wiregrass Technical College	73.17%	41/30

Nursing Education Programs Approval Status

	Nursing Education Programs Approval Status January 2023
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Program Type	Developmental	Initial/Provisional	Full	Conditional	Total
LPN	1	1	21	1	24
RN (ASN)	1	2	24	3	30
RN (BSN)	0	1	28	2	31
RN (MSN)	0	1	2	0	3
Total	2	5	75	6	88

Education Reports

May 2023 Education Report – on the bridge

Education Updates

Recent Site Visits

- 1) Kennesaw State University – BSN – CCNE visit at same time - March 20, 2023
- 2) Piedmont University – BSN – ACEN visit Fall 2023 – April 6, 2023
- 3) Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College – ASN – April 10, 2023
- 4) Georgia Gwinnett College – BSN – April 12, 2023
- 5) Albany State University – ASN – Conditional Approval – April 21, 2023
- 6) Southern Regional Technical College – PN – May 1, 2023
- 7) Southern Regional Technical College – ASN – May 2, 2023

Pending Site Visit for 2023

- 1) South College BSN and PN – New Program
- 2) Chamberlain College of Nursing – New Program
- 3) Mentee College – New Program
- 4) Dignity School of Nursing – New Program
- 5) Cambridge Institute of Allied Health and Technology – New Program
- 6) Georgia Highlands College – ACEN visit

Substantive Changes

EDUCATION – 01 – Augusta Technical College – SUB CHANGE – LPN to RN Bridge

Augusta Technical College (EDUCATION 01)

On April 24, 2023, Dr. Ebony Story, DNP, MSN, RN, Department Head of the ASN and PN Nursing Programs submitted a Substantive Change Notification with thorough documentation to develop an LPN Bridge to ASN program. Documentation can be found on the bridge.

According to Board Rule 410-8-.11(2) all programs must submit a report of all substantive changes. I recommend acceptance of this substantive change/notifications. See full report in board packet.

I recommend acceptance of this substantive change/notifications.

EDUCATION – 02 - Georgia Piedmont Technical College – ASN Program - SUB CHANGE - Administrator

Georgia Piedmont Technical College (EDUCATION 02)

On March 1, 2023, Ms. Theresa Snagg, MSN, RN, Dean of the Health, Education and Professional Services, at Georgia Piedmont Technical College notified the Georgia Board of Nursing that Georgia Piedmont Technical College has hired a new Program Director for the ASN program, Dr. Windia Wilbert, DNP, MSN, RN. Dr. Wilbert has three years of teaching experience in an undergraduate nursing program. **According to Board Rule 410-8-.05(4) The nurse administrator, who is appointed with the authority and responsibility for the development, administration, and evaluation of the nursing program(s) within the nursing unit, must have at least one (1) earned graduate degree in**

nursing and at least three (3) years of teaching experience in a nursing education program leading to initial registered nurse licensure or completion of a higher degree in nursing. According to Board Rule 410-8-.11(2) all programs must submit a report of all substantive changes. I recommend acceptance of this substantive change/notifications. See full report in board packet.

I recommend acceptance of this substantive change/notifications.

EDUCATION – 03 – Georgia Northwestern Technical College - SUB CHANGE - Change in Approval Status

Georgia Northwestern Technical College (EDUCATION 03)

On March 23, 2023, Ms. Michelle Spears-Sevy, MSN, RN, ASN Program Director/Instructor, wrote the Georgia Board of Nursing to request reinstatement of Full approval for the ASN program. In 2022, their ASN program graduates achieved an NCLEX pass rate of 86.36%, well above our benchmark of 80%. The ASN program also maintains a four-year average above 80%, Ms. Spears-Spivy respectfully requests that their approval status be changed from conditional to full approval. **According to Rule 410-8-.02 Nursing Education Program Approval (4)(b) The granting of Full Approval may be for any period of time up to ten (10) years as determined by the board. If Conditional Approval has been imposed for noncompliance with the identified four-year passing percentage on the licensing examination, the Board at its discretion may grant Full Approval for one (1) year. The one (1) year approval is based upon the program having documented evidence of at least two (2) most recent consecutive graduation cohorts of a passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent of its first-time writers in each calendar year even though the four-year average is not eighty (80) percent.**

See documentation in the board packet on the Bridge.

I recommend acceptance of this substantive change/notifications and granting Georgia Northwestern Technical College full approval for one year and at that time, if the Board passage scores remain above 80% a ten-year approval can be granted.

EDUCATION – 04 – Georgia Northwestern Technical College – SUB CHANGE – New Administrator

Georgia Northwestern Technical College (EDUCATION 04)

Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, President of Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC), notified the Board that Julie Pledger had resigned as Practical Nursing Director. GNTC selected Mrs. Brandi Thompson MSN, RN as the Program Director for the Practical Nursing Program offered at GNTC. She will have direct oversight of the Practical Nursing Program. Brandi Thompson has been a fulltime faculty member of GNTC and the Practical Nursing Program. She along with Kimberly Jones, Assistant Dean of Nursing, will be the direct points of contact for the GNTC Practical Nursing Program. According to Board Rule 410-9-.07(2)(b) **In addition to the qualifications set forth in subsection (a) above, the director of a nursing education program shall have at least a baccalaureate degree in nursing and one (1) year of teaching experience in a nursing education program, (included in the required three (3) years of nursing practice).** According to Board Rule 410-9-.12(2) (h) **Proposed Program Change Notifications are to be submitted to the board within thirty (30) days. See documentation in the board packet on the Bridge.**

I recommend acceptance of this substantive change.

EDUCATION – 05 - Savannah Technical College – SUB CHANGE – Resignation of Administration

Savannah Technical College (EDUCATION 05)

On May 1, 2023, Ms. Stephanie Derfus, MS, CDA, Academic Dean of the Health Sciences Division, notified the Board that Ms. Tara Stephen, MSN, RN has resigned as the program director of the ASN program at Savannah Technical College. Advertisement for the position has been approved and posted. Ms. Derfus stated that she understands the feasibility study for the ASN program cannot be submitted until an approved director is in place, as such they will not meet the May GBON meeting deadline. **According to Board Rule 410-8-.11(2) all programs must submit a report of all substantive changes. See documentation in the board packet on the Bridge. I recommend acceptance of this substantive change.**

I recommend acceptance of this substantive change/notifications.

EDUCATION – 06 – South College – SUB CHANGE – New Hybrid BSN Program

South College (EDUCATION 06)

On April 26, 2023, Dr. Pamela Wright, DNP, MSN, submitted to the Board a Substantive Change for a new

Hybrid BSN Program. The proposed delivery of the new track will allow all didactic course content to be completed through distance education delivery, including exams for which a lockdown browser and recorded student proctoring with faculty oversight and monitoring through HonorLock within the Canvas Learning Management System will be utilized. Courses are developed under the same consistent Blueprinting review policy. Exam integrity and statistical significance are ensured by a data review analysis both pre- and post-exam. Evidenced-based resources are used in exam creation for Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) principles based on ATI and NurseThink platforms. The ATI and NCLEX preparation exams will still be taken on site at the South College campus location. Students will complete all labs, simulations, and skills check-off activities throughout the curriculum at the campus location and attend clinical sites in rotation as currently offered. In addition, students will be encouraged to utilize the college resources available to all students and be required to complete all remediation processes as appropriate. Providing all approvals are received as expected, the Hybrid BSN students may begin the program as early as fall 2023. As you can see there is an email at the end of the proposal of questions, I thought the Board may want answers for. In addition, South College shared that South College has distance education approval from SACSCOC since 1911, and the BSN program was approved as hybrid delivery. They are sending a notification to CCNE of the additional pathway – CCNE does not require prior approval for program changes but will review and let us know if there are additional questions. **According to Board Rule 410-8-.11(2) all programs must submit a report of all substantive changes. See documentation in the board packet on the Bridge. I recommend acceptance of this substantive change.**

I recommend acceptance of this substantive change/notifications.

EDUCATION – 07 – Southern Regional Technical College PN – Administrative and Faculty Changes

Southern Regional Technical College (EDUCATION 07)

On March 16, 2023, Ms. Athalena Benton, MSN, RN, ASN Program Director at Southern Regional Technical College, Thomasville Campus, sent a letter to notify the Georgia Board of Nursing of administrative changes at Southern Regional Technical College. As of March 6, 2023, the position vacancies for Vice President of Academic Affairs or Dean of Nursing have not been filled. Dr. Ron O’Meara will continue to fulfill the role of VP of AA and Carla Barrow, VP of Institutional Effectiveness, has been named as the Interim Dean of Nursing.

On May 15, 2023, Ms. Athalena Benton, MSN, RN, ASN Program Director at Southern Regional Technical College, Thomasville Campus, sent a letter to notify the Georgia Board of Nursing of additional faculty and administrative updates.

- As of April 3, 2023, the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs was filled by Dr. Vic Burke.
- As of May 15, 2023, Ms. Bobbie Hester, MSN, RN was named the Dean for Nursing. Her promotion will create a vacancy in the ASN program on the Tifton campus.
- Mr. Jared Swift, MSN, MBA, RN had originally submitted his resignation effective May 19, 2023, but has extended his resignation until July 31, 2023.
- These two vacancies in the ASN program have been posted by the college and are awaiting qualified applicants.
- Ms. Meg Long, MSN, RN, ASN faculty member will be assuming the responsibility of the RN/LPN Re-entry program at Southern Regional Technical College. This role was previously filled by Ms. Athalena Benton, MSN, RNC.

According to Board Rule 410-8-.11(2) all programs must submit a report of all substantive changes. See documentation in the board packet on the Bridge.

I recommend acceptance of these substantive changes.

EDUCATION – 8 – WITHDRAWN at this time.

EDUCATION – 09 – WITHDRAWN and moved to discipline.

Correspondence

EDUCATION – 10 – Correspondence – Albany Technical College

Albany Technical College (Education 10)

On May 8, 2023, Dr. Latrona Lanier, PhD, RN, CNE notified the Board that they have four (4) full-time faculty members, three (3) part-time teaching faculty members, one (1) part-time clinical faculty member, and one (1) full-time faculty member who has a tentative start date for July 1, 2023. Albany Technical College (ATC) was approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing (GBON) in November 2020 to implement a traditional/day hour program. Please note the implementation of this cohort began in January 2023, Spring semester 2023. They anticipate this implementation will increase their program numbers by greater than 25%. Additionally, ATC and its community partner, Phoebe Putney, are currently collaborating on a project known as the Living and Learning Center. The goal for this 45-million-dollar project is to substantively increase the number of ASN nurses in southwest Georgia. One of the main goals for this state-of-the-art center is to house our ASN program allowing for a further increase in student numbers. They anticipate this project will come to realization in August of 2024. As the number of students has increased, they have increased the number of nursing faculty to remain in compliance with Rule 410-8-.03(7)(11). These programmatic changes will not interfere with their ongoing program assessments. Their assessments will remain ongoing with Expected Levels of Achievement (ELA) being noted. Data obtained through the evaluation plan is utilized for the maintenance, review, and revision of the nursing program.

See email in the board packet on the Bridge.

EDUCATION – 11 – Correspondence – DEA SAMSHA

DEA SAMSHA (Education 11)

On May 8, 2023, the DEA SAMSHA issued a press release that stated- Today, ahead of the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) issued the “Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications” – a temporary rule that extends telemedicine flexibilities adopted during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). The temporary rule will take effect on May 11, 2023, and extends the full set of telemedicine flexibilities adopted during the COVID-19 public health emergency for six months – through November 11, 2023. For any practitioner-patient telemedicine relationships that have been or will be established up to November 11, 2023, the full set of telemedicine flexibilities regarding prescription of controlled medications established during the COVID-19 PHE will be extended for one year – through November 11, 2024.

See email in the board packet on the Bridge.

EDUCATION – 12 – Correspondence – NCSBN 2022 Licensure Survey

NCSBN 2022 Licensure Survey (Education 12)

On March 10, 2023, NCSBN shared the NCSBN Licensure Survey. It looked at different rules and regulations across the NCSBN Member Boards. Items that piqued my interest included the number of states that do not do site visits, 15 Member Boards allow ASN students to be eligible for the PN NCLEX, 75% AR, CA-RN, CO, IL, MN, NJ, OR, SD 8 20% 80% AK, AL, AZ, CT, DC, DE, GA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA-PN, LA-RN, MA, ME, MI, MO, ND, NM, NV, PA, RI, TX, VA, WA, WI, WV-RN, WY 28 85% TN 1 2% 90% MD, MS 2 5% 95% NC

See email in the board packet on the Bridge.

EDUCATION – 13 – Correspondence – Allegany College of Maryland – Notification to GBON

Allegany College of Maryland – Notification to GBON (Education 13)

On March 22, 2023, Mr. Rick Cooper, MSN, RN notified the Board by email that Allegany College of Maryland will be offering clinical experiences within the state of Georgia for their online LPN-RN program. They are accredited by ACEN and the Maryland Board of Nursing and the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing. We have two campuses, one located in Maryland and a satellite campus in Bedford, PA. They are requesting clinical experiences for the LPN’s wishing to complete their education to be able to sit for the NCLEXRN. We understand clinical contracts will have to be completed. Their online program closely mirrors their face-to-face program. Their on-campus program has been in existence since 1971. The last several NCLEX scores have been 93-100% for our

online program. We currently operate in twelve states: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, New Hampshire, Ohio, Kentucky, and Texas. The students who enter our online program have multiple criteria they must meet to gain entrance. They must have graduated from an approved LPN/LVN program of study, have an active, unencumbered license, and have worked a minimum of 2,000 hours as a Licensed Practical Nurse. They must pass the entrance exam with a minimum score of 700 to enter at the 2nd semester of the program, which is basic Medical Surgical Nursing, if they score 900 or higher, they enter the last year of the program to complete Mental Health Nursing, Maternal Child Nursing, Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing and Nursing in Society. Our program is a member of the NC SARA agreement and has the approval of the Georgia Commission on Higher Education. I'm hoping to gain your approval and add Georgia as the 13th state to offer our LPN-RN Online program. We were recently rated the number 1 LPN-RN program in the nation by Registered Nursing.org. Two years in a row. He would be more than happy to answer any questions or supply you with additional information. We meet all criteria set forth in the Georgia Nurse Practice Act. All full-time online faculty have a minimum of an MSN. We are accredited by the Middle State Commission on Accreditation.
See email and verification of accreditation in the board packet on the Bridge.

EDUCATION – 14 – Correspondence – Chattahoochee Technical College

Chattahoochee Technical College (Education 14)

On February 9, 2023, Dr, Kimberli Roberts, PhD©, RN, PMC-NE, ASN Program Director and Course Coordinator informed the board that they have five FTE Faculty members and four PT Faculty on staff to teach in the classroom and they will be going to resume admitting 70 students a year to our programs. In the Fall we plan to admit 50-53 traditional students. We currently have 18 Bridge students.

See email in the board packet on the Bridge.

Site Visits

Education – 15 – Kennesaw State University – Site Visit

Kennesaw State University (EDUCATION 15)

On Thursday, March 20, 2023, Dr. Linda Morgan, Nurse Education Consultant for the Georgia Board of Nursing, made a site visit to Kennesaw State University. Met with the Dean Susan MacLeod Dyess, PhD, RN, AHN-BC©, NE-BC and her administrative team All rules and regulations 410-8 were reviewed. Only one item was noted in relationship to faculty having current GA nursing licenses. This was discussed with the Dean as the faculty member resides in GA and has retained her FL Compact License for the last three years. This was shared with the faculty member and subsequently that faculty member obtained a GA RN multistate license. Kennesaw State University has a large, beautiful building that houses only nursing. Ms. Natara Taylor attended the exit conference. The students love the program and are very driven. They plan to increase their yearly enrollment to 1050 students. They have 92 faculty members and openings for seven more. No recommendations at this time as the one item noted during the visit was immediately resolved.

I recommend acceptance of this report.

Education – 16 – Piedmont University – Site Visit

Piedmont University (EDUCATION 16)

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Dr. Linda Morgan, Nurse Education Consultant, made a site visit to Piedmont University in Demorest, GA. I met with the President, the VPAA, Faculty, Students, Program Director, and the Interim Dean. I was given an extensive tour of the campus. The students were very pleased with their classes, faculty, clinical placements, curriculum, and staff. They shared that Piedmont is like a small family and the professors are only a phone call away. They felt the nursing family was a tight knit community.

Concerns include 1) The Interim Dean (just appointed as the Dean) teaches a full load of courses with no administrative release time and is Dean over two other programs plus nursing 2) Up until Spring 2023 they had always had an Associate Dean to help with the workload 3) Resources – only one mannequin for 153 students and the one mannequin that they have is also shared with health

sciences which has additional 50 students. The Simulation area is the smallest I have ever seen. Concerned about the number of students they are servicing, and the lab experiences offered based on the lack of equipment.

Recommendations include:

- Administrative release time for the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences
- Appoint an Associate Dean for Nursing
- Resources needed for the nursing department.
 - The International Nursing Association of Clinical and **Simulation Learning (INACSL)** recommends at least one mannequin for every three students. They have one mannequin for 203 students. This impacts skills lab too.

I recommend acceptance of this report.

Education – 17 – Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College – Site Visit

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (EDUCATION 17)

On Monday, April 10, 2023, Dr. Linda Morgan, Nurse Education Consultant, and Dr. Cindy Summerlin, DNP, MSN, RN, made a site visit to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA. We met with the President, the VPAA, Faculty, Students, Program Director, and the Dean. We were given a tour of the campus. Spoke to Dean and Faculty about why the prior recommendations were not addressed. Faculty voiced continued issues with consolidation. The students were concerned about not having enough practice on taking longer tests like the NCLEX. Students who failed the NCLEX stated they were just too tired to take that many questions. Recommendations include:

- 1) Decreasing the Dean's workload. The Dean teaches full time with no release time for administrative duties. In addition, the program director teaches six hours and has six hours release time for administrative duties.
- 2) To reflect NCLEX-RN testing procedures and complaints by students on not being prepared for the number of test questions on the NCLEX, discuss implementation of a plan to have a minimum of 75 questions on all medical-surgical exams.
- 3) Consider combining the nursing fundamentals and physical assessment course. This will help avoid identified clinical safety issues, i.e., students not being able to perform a head-to-toe assessment if they drop the assessment course but remain in the fundamentals course.
- 4) Ensure your program offerings/tracks are clear. It is unclear to students if they are required to attend summer or not. (Reported to reviewers that Bainbridge students must attend summer, but Tifton students are discouraged from attending summer).

I recommend acceptance of this report.

Education – 18 – Georgia Gwinnett College – Site Visit

Georgia Gwinnett College (EDUCATION 18)

On Wednesday, April 12, 2023, Dr. Linda Morgan, Nurse Education Consultant, made a site visit to Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, GA. I met with the President, the VPAA, Faculty, Students, Program Director, and the Dean. I was given an extensive tour of the campus. The students were very pleased with their classes, faculty, clinical placements, curriculum, and staff. CCNE was there while I was there. It was enlightening. GGC has a huge simulation lab and skills lab. Senior students help junior students to practice skills. GGC met every rule in 410-8. There are currently no recommendations.

I recommend acceptance of this report.

Education – 19 – Albany State University – Site Visit

Albany State University (EDUCATION 19)

On Friday, April 21, 2023, Dr. Linda Morgan, Nurse Education Consultant, and Mr. Joshua Batson made a site visit to Albany State University, ASN program, in Albany, GA. We met with the President, the VPAA, Dean, Faculty, Students, Program Directors, and Administrative Assistant. While meeting with the President, VPAA, and Dean it was understood that nursing is a vital part of the university. We were given an extensive tour of the campus. The students were pleased with

their classes, faculty, clinical placements, and curriculum. Discussion with the admin team started with discussing the GBON recommendations from 2022 which included hiring an associate chair. The Chair teaches half time along with admin duties. Mr. Batson reiterated the importance of the school of nursing for ASU. At the exit conference, it was reiterated the Board's recommendation at the 2022 site visit of an associate chair. They were agreeable. On 5/17/2023, I received an email from the Dean stating they were moving forward hiring. Secondary to ACEN's most recent report that stated that Albany State University's ASN program was in non-compliance with Standard 6 Outcomes, Criterion 6.2-There is a lack of evidence that the expected level of achievement for first-time test-takers during the same 12-month period on the licensure examination has been met and Follow-up report due Spring 2024, recommendations include:

- Decrease the Chair of Nursing's workload for Summer and Fall 2023
- Hire an Assistant Chair of Nursing to assist the Chair.

I recommend acceptance of this report.

Education – 20 –Southern Regional Technical College – PN - Site Visit

Southern Regional Technical College (EDUCATION 20)

On Monday, May 1, 2023, Dr. Linda Morgan, Nurse Education Consultant, made a site visit to Southern Regional Technical College PN Program in Thomasville, GA. I met with the President, the VPAA, Interim Dean, Program Director of the PN program, one Faculty, Students, Program Director, and the Interim Dean. I was given an extensive tour of the campus. The students were very pleased with their classes, they spoke very highly of the faculty, they stated that they were stressed going to nursing school, they felt clinical placements were adequate, they enjoyed the curriculum, and that staff was very helpful to students. I had one concern after reviewing workload, the PN Program Director teaches full time, four days a week, this does not provide for time for administration. I recommend that they give the PN Program Director at least one day of administrative time. There were no other recommendations, the PN program was prepared for my visit and had provided me with all the resources that I asked for electronically and they were available hard copy when I got there. The program met all the rules and regulations of 410-9. Recommendation-

- Decrease PN Program Director's workload by 25% to provide time for administration of the program and faculty located at multiple school sites including Bainbridge, Moultrie, Tifton, Blakely, and Thomasville.

I recommend acceptance of this report.

Education – 21 – Southern Regional Technical College – ASN - Site Visit

Southern Regional Technical College (EDUCATION 21)

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Dr. Linda Morgan, Nurse Education Consultant, made a site visit to Southern Regional Technical College's ASN program in Thomasville, GA. I had met with the President, the VPAA, and the Interim Dean on Monday and as they are all busy people, we decided to discuss both programs at that time. It was apparent that the administrative team was very supportive of nursing. I was given an extensive tour of the campus. Their simulation lab was cutting edge. While talking with the students it was obvious that they were very pleased with their classes, faculty, clinical placements, and curriculum. Athalena Benton, MSN, RN, has a wonderful faculty. I observed the faculty going above and beyond to engage students. The student exemplars were astonishing. I even commented to one male faculty member that he should publish his teaching engagement concepts. There are currently no recommendations as all rules and regulations for 410-8 were met at 100%.

I recommend acceptance of this report.

May 2023 Executive Director's Report

March 2023

Applications Received			
Application Type	Obtained By	Current Month	Fiscal YTD
APRN - CNM	Initial Authority	4	45
APRN – CNM	Reinstatement	1	1
APRN – CNS	Initial Authority	0	8
APRN – CNS	Reinstatement	0	0
APRN – CNS/PMH	Initial Authority	3	8
APRN – CNS/PMH	Reinstatement	0	0
APRN – CRNA	Initial Authority	9	85
APRN – CRNA	Reinstatement	0	2
APRN – CRNA	Endorsement	1	1
APRN – NP	Initial Authority	131	1246
APRN – NP	Reinstatement	4	8
APRN - NP	Endorsement	0	1
APRN GAA - CNM	Initial Authority	2	10
APRN GAA - CNS	Initial Authority	0	2
APRN GAA - CNS/PMH	Initial Authority	1	4
APRN GAA - CRNA	Initial Authority	6	82
APRN GAA - NP	Initial Authority	71	600
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Conversion	0	8
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Endorsement	344	2940
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Exam – International	12	104
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Exam – US	208	3217
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Reinstatement	32	109
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Endorsement	199	1576
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Exam-International	4	15
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Exam-US	242	3257
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Upgrade to eNLC	319	2705
Licensed Practical Nurse	Endorsement	58	486
Licensed Practical Nurse	Exam – International	0	5
Licensed Practical Nurse	Examination	31	927
Licensed Practical Nurse	Reinstatement	14	58
Licensed Practical Nurse - eNLC	Endorsement	31	311
Licensed Practical Nurse - eNLC	Examination	75	740
Licensed Practical Nurse - eNLC	Upgrade to eNLC	188	660
	Total Applications	1991	19226

Licenses Issued		
	Current Month	Fiscal YTD
RN Licenses Issued	1518	14870
LPN Licenses Issued	319	2705
Total	1837	17575

Complaint Information

Nursing Complaint Status		
	March 2023	Fiscal YTD
Complaints Opened	169	1302
Complaints Closed	110	1402

April 2023

Applications Received			
Application Type	Obtained By	Current Month	Fiscal YTD
APRN - CNM	Initial Authority	1	46
APRN – CNM	Reinstatement	0	1
APRN – CNS	Initial Authority	0	8
APRN – CNS	Reinstatement	0	0
APRN – CNS/PMH	Initial Authority	8	16
APRN – CNS/PMH	Reinstatement	0	0
APRN – CRNA	Initial Authority	3	88
APRN – CRNA	Reinstatement	1	3
APRN – CRNA	Endorsement	0	1
APRN - NP	Endorsement	0	1
APRN – NP	Initial Authority	112	1357
APRN – NP	Reinstatement	5	13
APRN GAA - CNM	Initial Authority	0	10
APRN GAA - CNS	Initial Authority	1	3
APRN GAA - CNS/PMH	Initial Authority	1	5
APRN GAA - CRNA	Initial Authority	10	92
APRN GAA - NP	Initial Authority	65	665
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Conversion	0	8

Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Endorsement	272	3212
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Exam – International	9	113
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Exam – US	783	4000
Registered Prof Nurse - Single State	Reinstatement	37	146
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Endorsement	134	1710
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Exam -International	2	17
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Exam - US	147	3404
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	Reinstatement	0	0
Registered Prof Nurse - eNLC	eNLC Upgrade	230	2935
Licensed Practical Nurse - Single State	Conversion	0	1
Licensed Practical Nurse - Single State	Endorsement	40	526
Licensed Practical Nurse - Single State	Exam – International	2	7
Licensed Practical Nurse - Single State	Examination	39	966
Licensed Practical Nurse - Single State	Reinstatement	8	66
Licensed Practical Nurse - eNLC	Endorsement	16	327
Licensed Practical Nurse - eNLC	Examination	32	772
Licensed Practical Nurse - eNLC	Upgrade to eNLC	57	717
	Total Applications	2015	21241

Licenses Issued		
	April 2023	Fiscal YTD
RN Licenses Issued	970	15840
LPN Licenses Issued	167	2872
Total	1137	18712

Complaint Information

Nursing Complaint Status		
	April 2023	Fiscal YTD
Complaints Opened	170	1472
Complaints Closed	160	1562

Open Complaints		
	March 2023	April 2023
RN	308	411
LPN	139	181
Total	447	592

Complaint Stage Report (4/30/2023)	
Stage	Number of Cases
Attorney General's Office	109
Board Office	171
Hearing Requested	3
Hearing Scheduled	7
MPE	22
SOS Investigations	57
Peer Review	3
Pending Complainant	13
Pending Respondent	46
Pending Supervisor Review	131
Investigative Letters/Courses	6
Treatment	7
Violation of CO	0

Complaint Dispositions		
	March 2023	April 2023
Closed with Public Action	28	34
Closed with Private Action	6	3
Closed with LOC	45	24
Closed with No Disciplinary Action	93	125

Complaints Received by Type	
March-April 2023	
Action in Another Jurisdiction	61
Arrest/Conviction/Plea	204
CE Violation	76
Drug Diversion/Impairment	1
Drug Diversion	9
DUI	0

Fraud	5
Impairment/Substance Abuse	18
Imposter	0
Malpractice	3
Medication Discrepancies	12
Patient Abandonment	0
Patient Abuse	2
Practicing Beyond Scope of Practice	0
Quality of Care/Substandard Care	4
Unlicensed Practice	8
Unprofessional Conduct	18
Violation of CO	8
Other	2

Call Center Information

Call Center Report		
	March 2023	April 2023
Average Speed of Answer	14:11	3:43
Average Handling Time	5:35	5:43
Abandonment Rate	5%	2%
Tickets Forwarded to Board Office	914	596
Number of Calls Offered	10080	5541
Number of Calls Answered	9543	5404
Number of Calls Abandoned	537	137
Average Number of Calls Per Day (Nursing)	438	292

Active License Information				
License Type	2020	2021	2022	2023 (as of 5/12/23)
Licensed Practical Nurse – Single state	30173	29030	30678	27946
Licensed Practical Nurse - eNLC	4243	7013	9077	8918
Registered Nurse- Single state	134732	136409	140868	138310
Registered Nurse - eNLC	23763	40462	50989	52881
APRN - CNM	609	636	662	639
APRN - CNS	162	160	165	154
APRN – CNS/PMH	193	175	158	136
APRN – CRNA	2069	2034	2015	1963
APRN - NP	13230	15219	16304	16288
APRN GAA– CNM	-	5	16	17
APRN GAA– CNS	-	-	1	1
APRN GAA – CNS/PMH	-	-	1	1
APRN GAA - CRNA	-	48	133	156
APRN GAA - NP	-	427	1073	1136

Board Staff Update:

Jobs posted: none

Licensing Analyst hired and started on April 17, 2023 – Marlie Carmichael

Disciplinary Nurse Consultant (Compliance) hired and started on 4/3/2023 – Tricia McNair

NCSBN:

Mid-Year Meeting (Seattle, WA) – March 28-30, 2023: Tara, Tammy, Darrell, and Ashlan attended
[Annual Meeting \(Chicago, IL\) – August 16-18, 2023: Need 1-2 attendees](#)

Board Staff Training:

April 18-19, 2023 - eNLC (Enhanced Nurse License Compact) – James Puente and Staff from NCSBN: All Board staff attended this training (many had never had this training) and it went well!

May 22, 2023 – CGFNS Training

PLB:

New Vendor for Fingerprinting (Background Checks): Fieldprint – started May 1

New Software System (to replace Mylo) to roll out February 2024. Testing begins June 2023.

LPN Rule Revisions:

Governor must veto since the first draft of the rules was not approved.

Advisory Committees:

APRN – met April 19, 2023

Education – met April 11, 2023

Nursing Workforce – met April 25, 2023

March 2023 – Board Member Survey:

Q1- The majority of the board members fully and positively participated in discussions.

True- 90.00%

False- 0.00%

Some Board members participated in discussions but not all of them. - 10.00%

Q2- The majority of the board members came to the meeting prepared and ready for discussion of cases and agenda items.

True- 80.00%

False- 0.00%

Some board members came prepared but not all of them. - 20.00%

Q3- All board members are engaged in the work of the Board.

True -30.00%

False - 0.00%

Some board members are engaged in the work of the Board. - 70.00%

Q4 - Board meeting agenda was focused and included important organized matters.

True- 100.00%

False - 0.00%

Q5 - How can we facilitate your personal development as a board member?

No response

Q6 - Please list suggestions for improvement in Board operation and activities.

No response

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 12:14pm.



Tammy Bryant, **President**



Natara Taylor, **Executive Director**

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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.

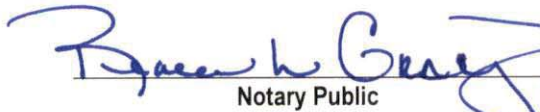
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On May 18-19, 2023 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 19th day of May, 2023.



Notary Public

