

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 8, 2023, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, June 8, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Tara Taylor, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Trisha McNair, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Fort called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Batson 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 June 8, 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 seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI220493 – Close Case

LPNI220342 – Refer to AG: Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC, Probation x 1 year, QTR x2 (e,s) with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard-Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence-Georgia LPN; 3- Wound Series Part 3: Pressure Ulcers and Injuries-Risk Factors, Diagnosis, Staging, Management (Respondent now holds an RN license, CO will need to be placed on LPN and RN license)

RNI230317 – Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI231030 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a and psychotherapy), monthly PEth testing X24 months and quarterly random UDS with EtG and EtS; upon completion of PEth testing begin monthly random UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of Order, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI230975 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement.

RNI230961 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement.

RNI230976 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement.

LPNI230418 – Issue LOC for positive drug screen for THC and CBD.

RNI231027 – Refer to AG for \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order. Reset the sobriety date and restart monthly PEth screenings.

LPNI230204 – Refer to AG for \$500 fine for violation of consent order.

RNI220322 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X6 (s,e,a, addictionologist with med management reports, and psychotherapy), quarterly Hairstat 5 and random quarterly UDS X24 months; upon completion of Hairstat testing start monthly UDS testing for remainder of Order, SAS, standard work restrictions, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI230400 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with a MPE, deny renewal, and standard practice requirements

RNI221104 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with a MPE, deny renewal, and standard practice requirements

RNI230369 – Close case with no disciplinary action

LPNI230575 – Issue License by Endorsement with LOC-Criminal.

LPNI220414 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Resident's Rights, 4 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, and 5 – Effective Nursing Communication (www.nurse.com)

RNI221337 – Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI230456 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

LPNI230164 – Refer to SOS investigations

RNI230512 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements

RNI230429 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing.

RNI190949 – Deny request.

RNI230441 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, 4. Accurate and Legal Documentation

LPNI190418 – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and psychotherapy), random quarterly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction (article). May petition to lift after three years of documented continuous sobriety.

RNI230025 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language

LPNI230419 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and Deny Renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI230026 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language. Will need to address Failure to Disclose Arrest on renewal with MPE results.

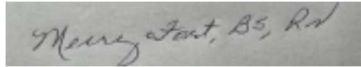
RNI230469 – Refer this complaint and RNI220958 to AG for MPE, If noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language.

RNI230564 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1-Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2-Jurisprudence- Georgia RN, 3- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI231215 – Issue Single State License by Endorsement with LOC-Criminal, (further action pending the final court disposition), table eNLC until the outcome of charges received

RNI231136 – Close case with no action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 4:33 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.

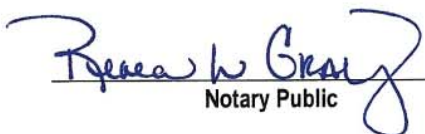
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On June 8th, 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 8th day of June, 2023.



Notary Public

