

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 3, 2023, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, August 3, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Joshua Batson, NP-C
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP

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
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

MEMBERS ABSENT

Merry Fort, RN, BS, Vice President
Andrea Phipps, LPN

Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 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, August 3, 2023, Thompson 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. Summerlin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI221230 – Close Case with LOC- UPC

RNI230455 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice.

RNI210728 – Close case with LOC- Criminal

RNI221376 – Combine this complaint and RNI211037- Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC- Probation x 2 years with QTR (e,s) with courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2-Principles of Safe Prescribing: Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics, Pharmacogenomics & Drug Interactions,3-Risk Advisor for Advanced Practice Nurses: EBP Protects Against Litigation

RNI221332 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand on the Respondent's PTP with 1 year probation, \$500.00 fine for UPC, and Quarterly Reports x 2 (e,p)
Investigative Costs: \$192.48 (if applicable)

RNI230873 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI221156 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 - Accurate and Legal Documentation

RNI230452 – Close with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct.

LPNI230343/

LPNI230627 – Refer to AG for mandatory 3-month suspension, may petition to lift with MPE, \$500.00 fine for CE violation and standard practice requirements

RNI240054 – Applicant MPE OR Provide a safe to practice statement from a certified addictionologist. Applicant to provide documentation within 90 days or may withdraw application. If, results or request to withdraw not received within 90 days from receipt of letter, application will be denied.

RNI240062 – Issue single state license with LOC- Criminal, further action pending the outcome of the criminal charges

LPNI230164 – 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

RNI200460 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order x 24 mo. probation with stayed suspension language, QTR reports x2 (e,s), with courses to include:1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI191497 – Applicant MPE

RNI231290 – Refer to AG for superseding order to include \$500 fine for violation of CO, restart monthly PEth testing X12 months, and include all other terms and conditions of current order which include: quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), drug monitoring program with quarterly UDS for duration of probation, SAS, and standard work setting restrictions. (No restart of sobriety date.)

RNI240005 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. If case results in suspension, license to be automatically restored on probation after 90 days with the following: Revert back to original terms and conditions to include quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a) (psychotherapy no longer required); continue quarterly UDS for duration of probation (hair testing x12 months has been completed and no longer required); continue narcotic restrictions, may petition to lift after 12 additional months; SAS, work setting restrictions. (No restart of sobriety date or drug screens.)

RNI111096 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Agreement with \$500 fine for FTD action in GA. Issue license upon receipt of payment of fine in full.

RNI230417 – Close Case

LPNI230096/

LPNI240025 – Refer to AG: Probation with QTR (e,s) x 2 years, with stipulations that further disciplinary action may be taken pending criminal proceedings. LPNI140025- Refer to AG: Private Consent order with \$500 fine for FTD 2021 Arrest on 2023-2025 renewal application.

RNI230164 – Refer to AG for MPE. If non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal, may petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice.

RNI230816 – Approve use of Buprenorphine.

RNI240064 – Applicant MPE OR Provide a safe to practice statement from a certified addictionologist. Applicant to provide documentation within 90 days or may withdraw application. If, results or request to withdraw not received within 90 days from receipt of letter, application will be denied.

RNI230350 – Send to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records, upon receipt send for Peer Review

RNI240032 – Send to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records, upon receipt send for Peer Review along with companion case RNI230350

RNI231147 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language. If CE documents not received, complaint will need to be addressed with MPE results

RNI230751 – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice.

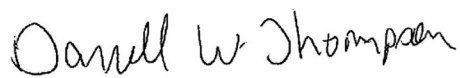
RNI200346 – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a),QTR hair (hairstat7) x 12 months, random monthly UDS throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, courses to include: 1. Understanding the Disease of Addiction, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing.

LPNI210431 – Refer to AG for Order Lifting Suspension of lapsed license. (License to remain in lapsed status.)

RNI240049 – Issue License with LOC- Alcohol and Arrest.

RNI230606 – Table until next meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 5:13p.m.



Darrell Thompson, **RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC**

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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.

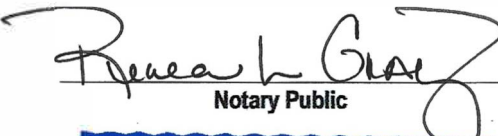
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 August 3, 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 3rd day of August, 2023.


Notary Public

