

The Georgia Board of Nursing met February 10, 2022, via teleconference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tammy Bryant, MSN, BSN, RN, President
Merry Fort, BS, RN, Vice President
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Stephanie Dickerson, RN, BSN
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Ashlan Porter, RN
Joshua Batson NP-C
Maceo Tanner, LPN
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Zelma Delgado, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Natar Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline,
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Sandy Bailey, Assistant Attorney General
Alexis Cromartie, Assistant Attorney General
Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General
Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support

Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 10, 2022. *A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thompson 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 applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

CASE REVIEW

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

RNI211239 – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator, results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If non-compliant, refer for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, deny renewal, may petition to lift with MPE. Include standard practice requirements to lift suspension.

RNI220792 – The Board recommended to issue License by Endorsement with Letter of concern completion of Professional Recovery Program.

LPNI220220 – The Board recommended to issue License by Endorsement with Letter of Concern - Criminal.

RNI220796 – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order with \$1500.00 fine for Failure to Disclose arrest on eNLC application and two renewals, issue eNLC license.

LPNI210604 – The Board recommended to send Investigative Letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Resident's Rights.

RNI220219 – The Board recommended to send Investigative Letter with courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Jurisprudence Georgia RN and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

RNI210943 – The Board recommended to accept the 1/2021 sobriety date.

RNI211233 - The Board recommended to uphold the previous motion

RNI220632 – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order with five years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care), substance abuse stipulations, Monthly PEth x 12months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, Standard work restrictions, course in Substance Use in Nursing.

RNI211051 - The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Consent Order with two years' probation, Reprimand for positive drug test at work with \$500 fine, quarterly reports (self, employer), courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling and applicable Investigative Costs.

RNI190757 – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension, may petition to lift with one full quarter of compliance with Consent Order.

RNI191191 – The Board recommended to approve request to lift work hour restrictions.

RNI180482 – The Board recommended to deny request to terminate Consent Order early.

RNI210746 – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for an for indefinite suspension, may petition to lift with an MPE after 6 months.

RNI220616

RNI170943 – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Consent Agreement with five years monitoring, 2 years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapist), random urine drug screens throughout the order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, a \$400 fine for Unlicensed Practice (8 months) and a \$500 fine for Unprofessional Conduct (fraudulent letter), investigative costs: \$249.49, courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation; Ethics of Nursing Practice; Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; and Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. Issue temporary permit for reentry upon receipt of signed consent agreement and approved reentry program.

RNI201042 – The Board recommended to refer to Attorney General's Office to lift suspension of License with Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for drug diversion, five years probation with 2 years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapist, mm-addictionologist), substance abuse stipulations, Standard work restrictions along with no more than 40 hour work week, quarterly Hair (Hairstat 14) x 12mos, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, courses in Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Applicable Investigative Costs.

RNI220704 – The Board recommended to table pending receipt of certified copy of criminal conviction.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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RNI201456 - The Board recommended to accept Public Consent Order as presented.

RNI201015 - The Board recommended to amend Consent Order public reprimand based on unprofessional conduct - remove \$500 fine - \$300 peer review remains.

RNI220024 – The Board recommended to Rescind Previous Board Motion - No response from Applicant, Closing file in the Attorney General's Office. Flag LPN another case. Close Case.

RNI190443 – The Board recommended to Uphold Previous Board Motion.

RNI220179 – The Board recommended to table until receipt of the arrest records from Office of Investigations

LPNI210540 – The Board recommended to close case, Respondent opted to allow their license to lapse and, as a result of their license has "Lapsed" According.

LPNI210446 – The Board recommended to close case, Respondent opted to allow their license to lapse and, as a result of their license has "Lapsed" According.

LPNI210580 – The Board recommended close case, Respondent opted to allow their license to lapse and, as a result of their license has "Lapsed" According.

LPNI210559 – The Board recommended to close case, Respondent opted to allow their license to lapse and, as a result of their license has "Lapsed" According.

LPNI210543 – The Board recommended to rescind Previous Board Motion. Respondent has provided documentation demonstrating his/her full compliance, which have been confirmed by the Board Staff. Close Case.

LPNI210472 – The Board recommended to rescind Previous Board Motion. Respondent has provided documentation demonstrating his/her full compliance, which have been confirmed by the Board Staff. Close Case.

LPNI210485 – The Board recommended to rescind Previous Board Motion. Respondent has provided documentation demonstrating his/her full compliance, which have been confirmed by the Board Staff. Close Case.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE A

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

The Board recommended to ratify the following cases from the February 3, 2022 Investigative Committee A meeting:

RNI210864	RNI220336	RNI220402	RNI220400	RNI220098	RNI211211	RNI220748
LPNI220201	RNI170806	RNI220370	RNI220747	RNI210772	RNI220315	RNI220651
RNI220658	LPNI210325	RNI211170				

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE B

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

The Board recommended to ratify the following cases from the January 27, 2022 Investigative Committee B meeting:

RNI211073	RNI220260	RNI220392	RNI220407	RNI201042	LPNI220211	RNI211247
RNI220708	RNI220204	RNI220219	LPNI220144	RNI220605	LPNI220012	RNI220707
LPNI210381	RNI220621	LPNI210457	LPNI220045	LPNI220002	LPNI200255	

PROBATION TERMINATIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

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The Board recommended to accept the following terminations of probation between meetings:

RNI170794	RNI190898	RNI60892	RNI140482	RNI170734	LPNI160177	RNI170084
LPNI190130	LPNI160337	RNI120576	RNI170835	RNI151278	RNI190110	LPNI170457

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS

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The Board recommended to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

RECOMMENDED ACTION	
RNI170290	Public Consent Order
RNI191191	Public Consent Order

PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR UNLICENSED AND UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

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

The Board recommended to ratify the Private and Public Consent Agreements for unlicensed/unauthorized practice that were issued according to the Board's policies:

RN220730	RN220797	RN220800	LPN220219	LPN220233
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PRIVATE CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE

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The Board recommended to accept the following recommendations for the applicant cases listed below:

LPN220232	LPN220213	RN220731
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APPROVED PRECEPTORSHIP APPLICATIONS

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The Board recommended to ratify the following nontraditional applicant preceptorships that were approved by staff using Board guidelines:

APPLICANT	METHOD LICENSE OBTAINED BY METHOD	LOCATION	TEMP PERMIT ISSUE DATE
2932580	Exam	Doctor's Hospital	1/31/2022
2954361	Exam	Northeast Georgia Medical Center	1/31/2022

APPROVED RE-ENTRY PROPOSALS

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The Board recommended to ratify the following reentry proposals that were approved by staff using Board guidelines:

APPLICANT	METHOD LICENSE OBTAINED	LOCATION	TEMP PERMIT ISSUE DATE
2902486	Initial Authority	Southern Crescent Family Practice	9/10/2021
2989198	Initial Authority	SHIFA Care Clinic INC	1/24/2022
2983520	Reinstatement	Three Rivers AHEC	1/28/2022
2963581	Reinstatement	Southern Crescent Family Practice	1/31/2022
2940662	Endorsement	Three Rivers AHEC	1/31/2022
2978831	Reinstatement	Southern Crescent Family Practice	1/31/2022
2972636	Endorsement	Southern Crescent Family Practice	1/28/2022
2984512	Initial Authority	Acute Care Emergency Healthcare	2/7/2022
2961555	Endorsement	Clayton State	1/27/2022
2977242	Endorsement	Blue Ridge	2/2/2022
2995903	Reinstatement	Paulding County School System	2/2/2022

CHANGE AFTER CARE

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The Board recommended to accept the following recommendations for the applicants listed below:

RECOMMENDED ACTION	
RNI200072	Change aftercare group – MARR

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The Board recommended to accept the following recommendations for the applicants listed below:

APPLICANT	DIAGNOSIS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
2991559	ADHD	Extended time – time and half, private room

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The Board recommended to accept the January 12-13,2022 Executive Board meeting minutes as presented.

The Board recommended to accept the January 12-13,2022 Board meeting minutes as presented.

The Board recommended to accept the January 24,2022 APRN Committee meeting minutes as presented.

The Board recommended to accept the February 3,2022 Investigative Committee A meeting minutes as presented.

The Board recommended to accept the January 27,2022 Investigative Committee B meeting minutes as presented.

RULE WAIVER

PW-01 2939212 – The Board recommended to deny – Needs re-entry, look for a Tech College to allow for clinical hours in OB & Peds.

PW-02 – 2907466 – The Board recommended to allow applicant to withdraw – entering preceptorship.

At the conclusion of the executive session on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm

Tammy Bryant, ***President***

Zelma Y Delgado, ***Executive Director***

STATE OF GEORGIA

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 February 10, 2022 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 10th day of February, 2022.


Notary Public

