

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 27, 2022 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ashlan Porter, RN
Maceo Tanner, LPN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN

STAFF PRESENT

Zelma Delgado, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Natara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Alexis Cromartie, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Porter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tanner moved, Pipkin 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, January 27, 2022, Porter 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)

Tanner moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI211073 - Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI220260 – Investigative Letter with courses to include Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI220392 - Refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order to include a stayed suspension (superseding order). Public Consent Order with five years' probation and 2 years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy), quarterly Hair reports (Hairstat 5) x 12mos, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, Stayed suspension language, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order, new sobriety date

RNI220407 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator; results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If noncompliant voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement.

RNI201042 - Table until test results are received.

LPNI220211 – Refer to Attorney General's Office Private Consent Agreement with \$2,000.00 fine for Failure to Disclose arrest on 3 renewals and eNLC application.

RNI211247– Close case.

RNI220708 – Issue License by Endorsement with Letter of Concern – Criminal.

RNI220204 – Close case. Refer complaint to Department of Community Health.

RNI220219 – Table until February 10 Board Meeting.

LPNI220144 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI220605 - Refer to Attorney General's Office to amend current Consent Order to include a stayed suspension (superseding order). Public Consent Order with five years' probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, psychotherapy, medication management), quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order with EtG and EtS, substance abuse stipulations, standard work restrictions, Stayed suspension language, new sobriety date, \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order.

LPNI220012– Refer to Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator; results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If noncompliant voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement.

RNI220707 – Issue License by Endorsement with Letter of Concern – Criminal.

LPNI210381– Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand \$500 fine for fraudulent prescribing, five years' probation and 2 years of narcotic restrictions, standard work restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (self, employer, after care, medication management-must be an addictionologist), quarterly Hair reports (Hairstat 5) x 12 months, quarterly urine drug screens throughout the order, courses in Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Substance Use in Nursing, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, Applicable Investigative Costs.

RNI220621 – Letter of Modification – to include prohibited products – New sobriety date.

LPNI210457

LPNI220045 – Close cases with no disciplinary action.

LPNI220002 – Refer back to Office of Investigations to reattempt to obtain previous subpoenaed records from Piedmont Hospital – send a letter from PLB director to Piedmont Administration – signed by SOS. (Zelma to handle letter between PLB Director and SOS – case may need to wait on the drafted letter before being referred to OIG)

LPNI200255 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Consent Order \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order – working for an agency while under work restrictions. Deny request to work for an agency.

Porter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 27,2022 at 4:51 p.m.



Ashlan Porter, **Board Member, RN**

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.

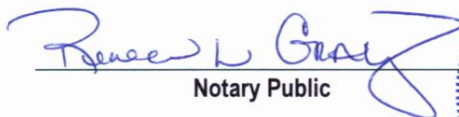
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On January 27, 2022 IC(B) 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 27th day of January, 2022.



Notary Public

