

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 29, 2022 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ashlan Porter, RN
Maceo Tanner, RN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Andrea Phipps, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Winstead, Board Support Specialist

Porter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tanner moved, Loke 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, September 29, 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)

Phipps moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI220910 - Refer to SOS Investigations to identify the patient and obtain the medical records. Have IC-B review the record upon receipt.

RNI220479 – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records for both patients and upon receipt send out for peer review.

RNI220961 - Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI220822 – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain the delivery records. Upon receipt, board staff to send out for peer review.

RNI220897 – Close complaint with no disciplinary action.

RNI230301 – Issue License by Exam with Letter of Concern -Action by Another Agency.

RNI220832 – Investigative Letter with courses to include Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Jurisprudence – Georgia RN

RNI221127 – Refer back to Investigations to obtain witness statements (those who overheard the licensee admit to drinking at work), security footage, separation notice and complete facility investigation involving ETHOH found in trashcans on 2N.

RNI220635 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Action: What Every Nurse Should Know, and Professional Boundaries in Nursing

RNI221191 – Letter of Concern - Positive Marijuana Screen.

RNI221240 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI230250 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for Continuing Education violation.

RNI230307 – Table application and refer to Investigations to determine if applicant was arrested and obtain final court disposition.

RNI211290 – Refer to Attorney General's Office for Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for Versed no waste documentation/discrepancy, two years' probation, two years of narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (self, employer), Courses in Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling, and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, \$500 fine for Failure to Disclose arrest.

LPNI230087 – Investigative Interview Nov Board Meeting (request for 2 Board Members).

LPNI220373 - Send to Investigations to obtain a statement from the DCH Surveyor that performed the investigation regarding what she witnessed in the facility. Obtain a "key" from DCH Surveyor to use with report that was submitted to help identify nurses and/or residents. Obtain the medical records for patients that are identified in the Surveyor's report.

RNI230314 – Table application and have analyst request a copy of the Consent Order referenced in the final disposition (allow 14 business days), once received schedule applicant for an Investigative Interview. If copy of Consent Order is not received – allow application to expire.

RNI230292 – Request applicant for an outpatient mental physical examination from a new Board approved evaluator. Results to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant for consideration of licensure. Applicant needs re-entry.

RNI220119 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI230091 – Request applicant 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 for consideration of licensure.

RNI230298 – Request applicant 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 for consideration of licensure.

RNI160526 – Approve request to lift work hour restriction

LPNI210517- Lift suspension.

Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 4:40 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.

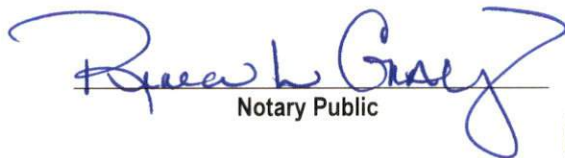
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On September 29, 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 29th day of September, 2022.



Notary Public

