

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, October 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, October 27, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ashlan Porter, RN
Maceo Tanner, RN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Ryan Loke
Andrea Phipps, LPN
Ashley Gresham, RN, MSN, CCRN

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, 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
Jennifer Milton, Assistant Attorney General

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

RNI220670 Refer to AG for a Public consent order with 5 years’ probation, 2 years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and addictionologist), random quarterly UDS, SAS, standard work restrictions, courses in 1.) Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should know and 2.) Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI230393 Table and place on 11/16-17/22 Full Board Meeting agenda for review

LPNI230017 Refer to AG for a Private CO with 5 years monitoring, (no narcotic restrictions), quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), monthly PEth X 24 months, monthly UDSs w/EtG and EtS, SAS, standard work restrictions, courses in 1.) Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing, and 2.) Disc. Action: What Every Nurse Should Know. Submit treatment records from IOP within 30 days of the docket date of this consent order. Amend to allow petition to terminate after 3 yrs

LPNI230130 Issue license once completed a board approved reentry program (will need to issue temporary license to complete the board approved reentry program)

RNI230394 Issue License by Endorsement and approve APRN authorization with LOC-AAJ

LPNI180224 Table pending Respondent coming into compliance with drug screens for the 4th quarter.

RNI230292 Deny application. May reapply with 24 months of documented sobriety and MPE with safe to practice

RNI230378 Issue Single State License

LPNI220338 Investigative Letter with Courses: Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Communication and Teamwork

RNI211113 Lift suspension with a Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), Monthly PEth x 12 months, quarterly random UDS, Standard work restrictions, SAS, and \$500 fine for Violation of CO. Sobriety restart date will be 05/23/2022 (first negative test after 05/18/2022 positive).

RNI221303 Close case with no disciplinary action

RNI220970 Close case with an informative/educational letter from the Board reminding Respondent that one must be licensed to hold oneself out as an RN and/or practice nursing in GA, pursuant to OCGA 43-26-10.

RNI221078 Investigative Letter w/ Disciplinary Courses: Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Documentation: Accurate and Legal; Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI220860 Close Case

RNI221372 Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE violation

RNI220975 Refer to AG for Public reprimand with \$500 fine for practicing beyond the scope of practice with courses: Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; Foundations of Nursing; Engaging in the Nursing Scope and Standards; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

RNI220894 Close Case

RNI230010 Issue temporary license to complete a reentry program (once reentry program has been approved by the Board).

RNI221270 Close with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct

RNI220946 Investigative Letter with Courses to include Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Jurisprudence - Georgia RN, and Reducing Medical and Medication Errors (<http://courses.cebroker.com>)

LPNI220386 Investigative Letter with Courses: Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Documentation: Accurate and Legal; Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI221236 Investigative Letter with Courses: Disciplinary Action: What Every Nurse Should Know, Documentation: Accurate and Legal; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

RNI221112 Investigative Letter with Courses: Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; Documentation: Accurate and Legal; Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

LPNI220205 Table pending the receipt of the investigative file for the complaint under current investigation.

RNI221179 Refer to SOS investigations to obtain medical record. Upon receipt, send for peer review

RNI230307 Issue RN License by Endorsement

LPNI200050 Deny request to terminate early

Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 4:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashlan D Porter". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Ashlan Porter, **Board Member, RN**

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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.

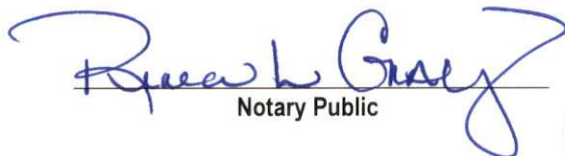
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing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



Notary Public

