

The Georgia Board of Nursing met December 5, 2022 at 9:00am via Zoom for an emergency meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tammy Bryant, MSN, BSN, RN, President
Merry Fort, BS, RN, Vice President
Joshua Batson NP-C
Ashlan Porter, RN
Maceo Tanner, RN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Brandi Hollins, LPN
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, Nursing Consultant
Lawanda Davis, Nursing Consultant
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General

OPEN SESSION

Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:01a.m. Monday, December 5, 2022. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Summerlin 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 the Agency Review. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session on Monday, December 5, 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.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION / CASE REVIEW

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

LPNI220215, LPNI220128, LPNI230162 – Porter moved to refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Summary Suspension due to the finding of being an imminent threat to public safety. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI220070 – Summerlin moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension due to the finding of being an imminent threat to public safety. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Fort abstained from vote.

RNI220439 - Pipkin moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension of Privilege to Practice in Georgia due to the finding of being an imminent threat to public safety. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 9:17a.m.



Tammy Bryant, **President**



Natara Taylor, **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 December 5, 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 5th day of December, 2022


Notary Public

