

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 23, 2023 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Thursday, February 23, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ashlan Porter, RN  
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA  
Maceo Tanner, LPN  
Brandy Hollis, LPN  
Ryan Loke

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tara Taylor, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Ericka McKinney, Board Support  
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General  
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General

Porter called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pipkin moved, Tanner 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, February 23, 2023, 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)

Hollins moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**LPNI230205** – Issue License with Public Consent Order with 2 years’ probation, quarterly reports x 2 (e,p), standard work restrictions, and \$500.00 fine for Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**LPNI220207** – Close Case.

**LPNI230196** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE Violation.

**RNI230003** – Close case with LOC – Unprofessional Conduct.

**RNI221356** – Table pending final court adjudication.

**RNI221120** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 2- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 3- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing.

**RNI221354** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Risk Advisor for Professional Nursing Professionals: Reducing Legal Risk while Caring for Patients, and 3- Effective Communication with Patients.

**LPNI210238** – Close Case with LOC- Criminal.

**RNI190646** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for Unprofessional Conduct. Issue License after payment of fine and completion of reentry.

**LPNI230244** – Issue License by Endorsement with a LOC- Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**LPNI230245** – After completion of board approved reentry, issue License with LOC-Criminal.

**RNI200346** – Applicant MPE with safe to practice statement.

**RNI230633** – Refer to AG for a Private Consent Order with 5 years' probation and quarterly reports x 4 (e, p, psychotherapy, and medication management). May petition to lift after 3 years with approval from psychotherapist. Submit final court disposition of 2021 arrest within 10 days of final court adjudication.

**RNI210746** – Lift suspension without restrictions on license.

**RNI230854** – Reinstate License with LOC- Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**RNI230871** – Issue License by Endorsement with LOC-Criminal (is eligible for eNLC if requests).

**RNI210568** – Issue License with LOC-Action in Another Jurisdiction.

**LPNI210562** - Lift suspension with no further action.

**RNI220241** – Issue docketed letter lifting suspension and implementing probation with all terms and conditions set forth in the Public Consent Order superseding prior Order, docket number 2018-0406 and docket date 04/29/2022.

**RNI230863** – Issue Initial License with LOC- Criminal/Drugs.

**RNI220759** – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation, 2 years' narcotic restriction, quarterly reports x 3 (s,e,a), monthly PEth testing x 12 months (AUD), monthly Hairstat-5 x 12 months (OUD), random quarterly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work setting restrictions, \$500 fine for drug diversion, Investigative costs as applicable, and review Understanding the Disease of Addiction (ncsbn.org).

**RNI230778** – Refer to AG for Superseding Order to include a stayed suspension, restart of all drug screening dates (including monthly PEth testing x 24 months and quarterly random UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of Order), \$500 fine for violation of CO, 5 years probation, 2 years narcotic restrictions (for diversion of Dilaudid), quarterly reports x 4 (s,e,a,psych), SAS, standard work restrictions, must successfully complete IOP and provide certificate of completion.

**RNI230357** –Table and refer to 03/08-09/23 Full Board Meeting for discussion.

**RNI221245** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3- Patient Rights for Healthcare Professionals.

**RNI221228** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3- Patient Rights for Healthcare Professionals.

**RNI230824** – Close case, is now compliant.

**RNI221072** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for Failure to Disclose an arrest.

**RNI230420** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI230536** – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports x 4 (s,e,a,psych), monthly PEth

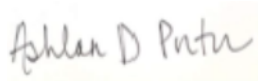
testing x 24 months and random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, and review Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May request to terminate after three years of continuous, documented sobriety with letter of support from aftercare or psychotherapist. Deactivate multistate license.

**RNI200925** – Approve request to work as an agency nurse with OPA Staffing as a staff RN at a nursing home. Board approval required to change jobs. Nurse must maintain on order and follow order stipulations including reports until completion date.

**RNI230816** – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports x 3 (s,e,a), random quarterly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout period of probation, Narcotic Restrictions x 2 years, SAS, Standard Work Restrictions. May petition to lift after 2 years of documented continuous sobriety and Issue License.

Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 4:12 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashlan D Porter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Ashlan Porter, Board Member

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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 23, 2023 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

Ashli Pntu, PhD  
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 23rd day of February, 2023.

Reneal L. Gray  
Notary Public

