

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, March 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, March 23, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ashlan Porter, RN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Brandy Hollis, LPN

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
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist
Kimberly Emm, Assistant Attorney General
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General

Porter called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pipkin moved, Pierce 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, March 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)

Pierce moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI220733/RNI230699 – Refer to AG for an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift after three (3) months with MPE, safe to practice statement, and standard practice requirements.

RN210379 – Investigative interview and bring before the full board. (Pipkin abstaining)

RNI230514 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with Probation x 2 years & may petition to lift in 1 year, Quarterly Reports x 2 (e,s), \$500.00 fine for Practicing Beyond the Scope of Practice, courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3- Patient Rights. This order will make him ineligible for an eNLC.

RNI230573 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements.

RNI230942 – Table until proof of expungement or sealed records received (Felony conviction), once submitted, may issue eNLC. If not received beyond expiration of date of application, withdraw application.

RNI230946 – Table until proof of expungement or sealed records received (Felony conviction), once submitted, may issue eNLC. If not received beyond expiration of date of application, withdraw application.

LPNI210393 – Approve petition to lift suspension. No further action.

LPNI220395 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, and 2- Nursing Ethics.

LPNI230289 – Refer applicable CE violations to AG's office after 2023-2025 renewal period ends for Private Consent Order with fine of \$500.00 (2021-2023) or \$1,000.00 (2021-2023 and 2023-2025) depending on respondent's compliance.

LPNI230041 – Close case.

LPNI230063 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI220400 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3- Resident's Rights, and 4- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

LPNI230104 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine to include probation x 1 year with Quarterly Reports (employer and personal) and courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: 1- Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3- Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Investigative Costs: \$144.36 (if applicable)

LPNI230056 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI220185 – Close Case with LOC-UPC.

LPNI230090 – Refer to AG – Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for UPC/Fraud.

RNI221130 – Close case.

LPNI230222 – Close case.

LPNI230317 – Issue single state License by Endorsement with LOC-Criminal. Nurse is eligible for eNLC if she applies due to charge being only misdemeanor.

LPNI230121 – Close case with LOC-UPC.

RNI220503 – Refer to DPH and Local Law Enforcement.

RNI230288 – Refer to AG for public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a and addictionologist), quarterly HairStat 5 testing for a minimum of 4 quarters (Respondent may petition to terminate hair follicle testing after 4 consecutive quarters of negative screens), random quarterly PEth testing X12 months, random quarterly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work setting restrictions, and Course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. (Pipkin abstaining).

RNI230809 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI230815 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirement.

RNI230924 – Refer to AG for a Superseding Order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), drug monitoring program with monthly PEth tests for the first 12 months and quarterly random UDS for the entire probationary period, SAS, standard work setting restrictions and include stayed suspension language. Reset sobriety date and restart date for all drug monitoring.

LPNI210309 – Deny request to work for OPA Staffing Agency.

RNI221155 – Close Case.

LPNI230290 – Issue License with LOC-Criminal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 4:19 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ashlan D Porter", is displayed on a light yellow rectangular background.

Ashlan Porter, Board Member

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 March 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



Presiding Officer

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



Notary Public

