

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 25, 2023, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ashlan Porter, RN  
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA  
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN  
Brandy Hollis, LPN  
Maceo Tanner, RN  
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

Porter called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pierce 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, May 25, 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)

Tanner moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Hollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI211307** – Table Pending RNI221376 Peer Review

**RNI221376** – Send for Peer Review

**RNI221297** – Close Case with LOC-Handling Medications/Documentation/Disposal/Return.

**RNI221415** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with a MPE, deny renewal, and standard practice requirements

**RNI230114** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice language.

**RNI231185** – Investigative Interview

**LPNI230566** – Issue License by Endorsement with LOC-Criminal (discipline could occur pending outcome of charges)

**RNI231082** – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement.

**RNI200628/**

**RNI191200** – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 24 months' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e, current mental health counselor), narcotic restrictions X1 year, quarterly random UDS, standard work setting restrictions, SAS, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Respondent must have been actively employed as a nurse for a minimum of 12 months prior to petition to lift narcotic restrictions.

**RNI231025** – Table case pending outcome of criminal charges.

**RNI140585** – Applicant MPE

**LPNI230148** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with a MPE, deny renewal, and standard practice requirements

**RNI230541** – Issue a LOC for Failure to Disclose arrest

**RNI221333** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with a MPE, deny renewal, and standard practice requirements

**RNI230392** – Approve request to terminate consent order.

**RNI231191** – Close complaint. (Continuing competency document has been submitted to CE Broker.)

**RNI230197** – Investigative Letter with courses: Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors

**RNI220879** – Investigative Letter with courses: Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, Patient Abandonment (article).

**RNI191193** – Refer to AG for indefinite suspension. May petition to lift suspension after 12 months with MPE, letter indicating compliance with criminal probation, proof of standard practice requirements, and with payment of \$500 fine for FTD arrest and \$500 fine for FTD felony conviction.

**LPNI220250** – Refer to AG, Probation x 1 year with QTR (employer, personal), Public Reprimand with \$500 fine-UPC/Patient Abandonment with courses: Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal

**LPNI230441** – Refer to AG, Private Consent Order with \$500 fine for CE violation.

**RNI180071** – Refer to board staff. Issue Order Lifting Suspension. The probationary period including all terms and conditions as stated in the Public Consent Order, Docket Number: 2022-1630 will become effective.

**RNI231189** – Issue single state License with LOC-Criminal

**RNI230269** – Send to SOS Investigations to obtain Medical Records and send for Peer Review

**RNI221326** – Send to SOS Investigations to obtain facility investigation, patient records including orders, and respondent statement.

**RNI230805** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for AAJ

**RNI230947/**

**RNI230730** – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirement.

**LPNI230454** – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language

**RNI230253** – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language

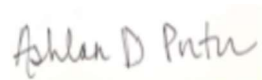
**RNI231134** – Close Case, provided proof of CE practice hours.

**RNI190687** – Approve request for early termination of consent order.

**RNI210897** – Approve request to work in Home Therapy department with Fresenius Medical.

**RNI231170** – Refer to AG: Private Consent Order for \$500 fine for FTD Arrest

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 4:11 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 May 25, 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 25th day of May, 2023.

Reneal L. Gray  
Notary Public

