

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 29, 2023, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ashlan Porter, RN  
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA  
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN  
Maceo Tanner, RN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Brandy Hollis, LPN  
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Edye Tillman-Johnson, 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 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, June 29, 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. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI220294** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI230738** – Refer to Investigations to obtain facility investigation and any witness statements regarding her behavior.

**RNI230523** – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

**RNI230505** – Send to SOS Investigations to obtain patient medical records to include MARS to confirm medication

discrepancies and pulling drugs without orders.

**RNI230794** – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language.

**RNI230588** – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records and send for Peer Review.

**LPNI230131** – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language.

**RNI230069** – Close case with a LOC/UPC.

**RNI230083** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE, deny renewal, include standard practice requirements.

**RNI230042** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, deny renewal, include standard practice requirements. Also will need a Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for FTD arrest on 2020-2022 License Renewal (the FTD needs to be referred after the MPE results so it can all go as one).

**LPNI220246** – Refer this case and RNI230036 (case 12), to AG for a MPE, VS/IS, if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE, deny renewal, include standard practice requirements.

**LPNI230577** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

**LPNI230036** – Refer this case along with case 11 (LPN220246), to AG for a MPE, VS/IS, if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE, deny renewal, include standard practice requirements.

**RNI220343** – Refer to AG for public consent order lifting suspension and imposing quarterly personal and employer reports (X24 months) for UPC related to the higher than average and early administration of narcotics.

**RNI230263** – Investigative Letter with courses to include – 1. Jurisprudence Georgia RN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Accurate and Legal Documentation.

**LPNI230158** – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Jurisprudence Georgia LPN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Accurate and Legal Documentation.

**RNI230836** – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

**LPN230009** – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language.

**RNI230333** – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal.

**LPNI230736** – Close Case with LOC- FTD Arrest.

**RNI220616** – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with 5-years probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), SAS, standard work restrictions, monthly PEth testing X12 months, random monthly UDS with EtG/EtS for duration of probation, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May petition to terminate order with three years documented continuous sobriety.

**LPNI190328** – Applicant MPE. Will require reentry.

**LPNI230187** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice.

**LPNI230576** – Refer to AG: Private CO with \$500 fine for CE Violation.

**RNI231217** – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years probation, Narcotic Restrictions x 1 year, Quarterly reports X4 (self, employer, aftercare and addictionologist ), Quarterly hairstat 5 x 12 months than monthly UDS for duration of probation. May issue a temporary permit to complete reentry upon receipt of the signed consent agreement and a board approved reentry program

**LPNI230177** – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5-years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X5 (s,e,a, psychotherapy and addictionologist), monthly PEth testing X12 months, quarterly Hairstat5 X12 months, random urine drug screens with EtG/EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

**LPNI230385** – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language. (Tanner abstain)

**LPNI230407** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

**RNI231052** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

**LPNI230425** – Refer to AG for public consent order with 5-years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), monthly PEth testing X12 months, random monthly UDS with EtG/EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May petition to terminate probation upon completion of three years of documented continuous sobriety.

**LPNI230570** – Letter of Concern for positive drug screen.


**RNI170062** – Deny application. May reapply with 12 months documented sobriety and MPE with safe to practice statement.

**LPNI230571** – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a, ), monthly PEth X12 months and random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

**RNI190403** – Approve request to terminate Consent Order early

**LPNI090137** – Applicant MPE with safe to practice statement. Will require reentry.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 4:10 p.m.



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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.**

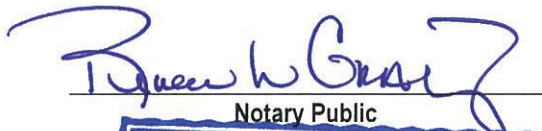
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On June 29, 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 29th day of June, 2023.

  
Notary Public

