

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 27, 2023, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, July 27, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ashlan Porter, RN
Brandy Hollis, LPN
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Maceo Tanner, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
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, July 27, 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, July 27, 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. Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230043 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI230042 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI230168 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI230273 – Close case with no disciplinary action

LPNI230089 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing

LPNI230139 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for UPC (submission of fraudulent American Red Cross certification) and probation x 1 year with Quarterly Reports (e,p), with courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Investigative Costs: \$132.33 (if applicable)

RNI230860 – Close case with no disciplinary action

LPNI220411 – Investigative Letter with courses to include Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 3. Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal (Article).

LPNI230065 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language.

LPNI230574 – Refer to AG for FTD AAJ with \$500 fine.

RNI220617 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI220365 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift after 3 months with MPE by psychiatrist and proof of standard practice work language.

LPNI220247 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand for \$500 fine for UPC involving administering of medication via the wrong route not following physician orders with courses: Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Prevention of Medical Errors 3- Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors.

LPNI230039 – Close case with LOC-UPC

RNI230864 – Public Reprimand and \$300.00 fine for AAJ on PTP.

RNI220775 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine.

LPNI210038 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$1000 fine for UPC and FTD AAJ, Probation x 2 years with QTR x 2 (e,s) and Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Resident's Rights, 3- Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing

RNI220554 – Refer to AG- Public Consent Agreement with QTR(s,e,psych) x 24 months

RNI240031 – Issue License with LOC-Criminal (include in LOC that application was completed prior to expungement)

RNI231257 – Send to Full Board for Review in August.

LPNI230183 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation

LPNI230613 – Refer to AG- Private Reprimand with \$500 fine for CE Violation

LPNI210347 – Refer to AG for indefinite suspension, may petition to lift after 3 months with MPE and proof of standard work practice

LPNI240035 – Issue License with LOC-Criminal

RNI230569 – Refer to AG for Order Lifting Suspension and reinstating previous Consent Order docket number 2022-1175 and docket date 08/11/2022. New sobriety date is 02/16/2023.

RNI230667 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and addictionologist), random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X 24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing. May petition to lift after three years of documented continuous sobriety. \$500x2 fine for FTD treatment for substance use twice on her renewal applications.

RNI230503 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Narcotic Drugs- Handling and Documentation, 3- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN

RNI190436 – Refer to AG – Public Consent Agreement: Fine- \$1000.00; Probation x 3 years, QTR x 2 (e,s), may issue license upon receipt of signed agreement and payment of fine.

RNI230725 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and addictionologist), random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May petition to lift after four years of documented continuous sobriety. Permit working in an Urgent Care setting.

LPNI230219 – Send to Full Board for Review in August.

LPNI170411 – Deny request for early termination of probation.

RNI231264 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and Standard Practice Language

RNI200426 – Approve request to float between Respondent's current work location and the DaVita Vidalia clinic.

RNI190844 – Approve request for early termination of consent order.

RNI231110 – Table pending receipt of investigative file.

RNI220759 – Board staff to issue Letter of Modification changing HairStat 5 testing from monthly to quarterly X12 months.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 4:22 p.m.



Ashlan Porter, *Board Member*

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**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.

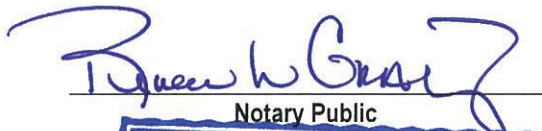
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On July 27, 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 27th day of July, 2023.


Notary Public

