

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, November 2, 2023, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, November 2, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrea Phipps, LPN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP

OTHERS PRESENT

Natara 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, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on November 2, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gresham moved, Thompson 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, November 2, 2023, Tanner 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 the executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Thompson moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI231055 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI240552/

RNI240553 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$1,000.00 fine for CE Violation on 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 Renewals.

LPNI230447 – Close with Letter of Concern-Medication Discrepancies.

LPNI230618 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI240188 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE Violation

LPNI230010 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

LPNI240187 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE Violation

RNI231281 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI240551 – Close case; compliant with CE's.

LPNI200271 – Close Case with Letter of Concern- AAJ.

LPNI220374 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation

RNI230935/

RNI231090/

RNI240531 – Refer to AG for MPE. If noncompliant: VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice. Will need to address CE violation with MPE results.

RNI230244 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for UPC with courses: 1- Upholding the Standard-Professional Accountability in Nursing,2- Nursing Jurisprudence-Georgia RN, 3- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI240528 – Refer to AG- Private Reprimand with \$500 fine for CE Violation.

RNI230897 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI231153 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors.

RNI231124 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice.

RNI240550 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500 fine for CE violation if no response within 10 business days regarding CE violation letter sent.

LPNI170405 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

RNI220225 – Lift suspension with no further discipline.

RNI230114 – Public Reprimand (for the suspicion of diversion) with quarterly personal and employer reports X24 months and a course in Handling and Documentation of narcotic drugs. Thompson abstains.

RNI230162 – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice.

RNI230512 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with evaluation from facility specializing in impaired professionals and safe to practice statement. Tanner abstains.

RNI231088 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI231332 – Issue License by Endorsement.

RNI230849 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI230906 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4. Accurate and Legal Documentation.

RNI231177 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with 2 years' probation, quarterly reports x2 (s,e) for the length of the probation, \$500 fine for UPC, and courses to include: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia RN, 3. Ethical Decision Making, 4. Accurate and Legal Documentation.

RNI231071 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI150027 – Approve request for termination of probation.

RNI240111 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement as a RN with Letter of Concern- positive preemployment drug screen.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 4:21 p.m.



Maceo Tanner, **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 November 2, 2023 IC(A) 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

A. James, RN
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 2nd day of November, 2023.

