

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, December 7, 2023, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, December 7, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Brandy Hollis, LPN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Trisha McNair, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Michelle Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Batson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zinker moved, Hollins 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, December 7, 2023, Batson 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)

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

RNI231254 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence-Georgia RN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI230837 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI240222 – Request Applicant MPE. Applicant will require reentry after MPE reviewed by Board.

RNI240658 – Proceed with License by Endorsement as a RN with LOC-Criminal (further action could be pending after receipt of disposition).

RNI220700 – Approve request for termination of probation.

RNI230984 – Refer to AG for indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with completion of CE requirement (30hrs) and full payment of \$500 fine for CE violation.

LPNI240221 – After completion of board approved reentry, proceed with License by Reinstatement as an LPN with LOC-Criminal.

LPNI220285 – Refer to AG for Indefinite Suspension. May lift with full payment of \$500 fine for CE violation.

RNI230314 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with one quarter's compliance with all stipulations in the original order.

RNI221014 – Close Case with LOC.

LPNI230345 – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice. Deactivate eNLC.

RNI230939 – Close case with LOC.

LPNI230434 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- Documentation Accurate and Legal (Covers legal aspects of documentation).

RNI230285 – Close Case with LOC- Arrest.

RNI231187 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI231078 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI230380 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI230605 – Close case with LOC-Unprofessional conduct.

LPNI220309 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for FTD and \$500.00 fine for AAJ (\$1000.00 total fine).

LPNI190418 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with one quarter's compliance with all stipulations in the original order.

RNI230042 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), monthly PEth testing X24 months, random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction, must submit proof of enrollment in IOP within 30 days of docket date of order, and \$500 fine for FTD arrest on 2020-2022 license renewal.

RNI240586 – Refer to AG \$500 Fine for Violation of Consent Order.

LPNI220326 – Approve request to float within current location and other Kaiser Permanente Dermatology locations only.

RNI170127 – Remove respondent name from the Imposter List.

RNI240636 – Proceed with licensure by endorsement as a RN.

RNI240026 – Close Case with LOC.

RNI240027 – Close Case with LOC.

LPNI230572 – Place name on Imposter List on GA BON website. Refer to SOS Investigations for an update on the status of criminal case.

RNI210800 – Refer to AG for Indefinite Suspension. May petition to lift with one quarter's compliance with all stipulations in the original order.

LPNI220116 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with one quarter's compliance with all stipulations in the original order.

RNI231353 – Close case with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 4:40pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Josh Batson', written over a horizontal line.

Joshua Batson, **Board Member**