

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 4, 2024, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, April 4, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Heather Bohannon, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director
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
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Tanner called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. on April 4, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Summerlin moved, Thompson seconded, and the Committee voted to enter 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, April 4, 2024, 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)

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

RNI240156 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240169 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240393 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240580 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI230123 – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with a \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN, 3- Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI240501 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI240102 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240581 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI240107 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and 4 - Legal: The Rights of Patients.

LPNI230628 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI240152 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240575 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI240297 – Deny Application for Licensure by Reinstatement as a LPN based on Pennsylvania BON Suspension on 03/14/2024. May reapply for reinstatement after completion of Pennsylvania BON's terms.

RNI240344 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240153 – Close case with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI241141 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

RNI170045 – Proceed with Licensure by Reinstatement as a Registered Nurse with LOC- AAJ. Respondent is not eligible for Multi State Licensure due to revocation of Florida License.

LPNI230214 – Close with no disciplinary action. Notify FL BON that respondent claims GA as PSOR for her GA LPN License.

LPNI230603 – Refer to AG for MPE (psychiatric). VS/IS/Revocation if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice.

RNI241209 – Allow applicant to withdraw application. May reapply for licensure once terms of order and probation are completed with Michigan BON.

RNI240290 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for Virginia's discipline on PTP.

RNI220435 – Approve request to lift work hour restriction.

LPNI230333 – Refer to AG for a Public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a.), 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. Must submit documentation of completion of IOP within 10 days of completion.

RNI241221 – Table application pending receipt of Tennessee BON denial of licensure. When documents received, application will need board review.

RNI240486 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Agreement x3 years with quarterly reports x 2 (s,e). May issue a temporary permit to complete reentry upon receipt of the signed consent agreement and a board approved reentry program. Allow Applicant to withdraw application in lieu of signing consent agreement. Must notify board staff of desire to withdraw within 14 days.

RNI241173 – Refer to AG- Public Consent Agreement - 5 years Monitoring with 1-QTR (e, s, medication management, psychotherapist

-twice monthly for a minimum of 6 months) Any changes to therapy must be Board approved; 2-SAS; 3-Work Restrictions including dayshift only, no more than 84 hours biweekly, Refrain from working in High Risk Areas (i.e. ICU,CCU, ER,PACU, etc.)x 1 year , no employment in an unsupervised setting and no supervisory role x 1 year ; 4-Random UDS throughout probation for a minimum of 24 x 1 year, may request a reduction after one year of compliance (Urine specimen collections must be observed or considered invalid specimens).

RNI240084 – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing and 3. Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI240082 – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing and 3. Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI231299 – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing and 3. Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI240259 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN;3- Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal.

RNI230412 – Refer to AG for Revocation of License.

RNI241014 – Refer to staff for Private Consent Agreement for RN Licensure with a reprimand and \$250 fine for FTD arrest (is eligible for MSL).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 4:19pm.



Maceo Tanner, **Board Member**

STATE OF GEORGIA

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 April 4, 2024 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

Janner, RN

Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 4th day of April, 2024.

Renae L Gray
Notary Public

