

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 8, 2024, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Maceo Tanner, RN  
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN  
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC  
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP  
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN  
Heather Bohannon, LPN

**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  
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General  
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General  
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. on February 8, 2024.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Summerlin moved, Bohannon 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, February 8, 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)

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

**RNI240458** – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

**RNI230043** – Table until Full Board Meeting for review

**LPNI230557** – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

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**LPNI24051** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

**RNI230337** – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

**RNI231204** – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

**RNI230821** – Close Case with LOC- Alcohol.

**RNI231176** – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

**RNI230233** – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS/Revocation if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice.

**LPNI240046** – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

**RNI231206** – Close case with LOC-UPC.

**RNI210864** – Close Case with LOC- Alcohol.

**RNI231276** – Close case with LOC-UPC.

**RNI230535** – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

**RNI240777** – Proceed with issuance of temporary license for completion of reentry once reentry program has been approved by staff.

**LPNI230602** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements. Deny renewal. (Will address FTD an arrest when MPE results are reviewed).

**RNI240163** – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

**RNI240364** – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 - Patient's Rights for Healthcare Professionals.

**RNI240148** – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 - Patient's Rights for Healthcare Professionals.

**RNI240856** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

**LPNI240252** – Proceed with single state Licensure by Endorsement as an LPN with LOC that states pending action could occur with receipt of findings from South Carolina BON's current investigation.

**RNI240918** – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with LOC pending action of final court disposition.

**RNI240810** – Deny request to work in SC sister office. Deactivate ENLC. Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and psychotherapy), QTR Hair (Hairstat 10), 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 with early release and compliance of SCRPP after 01/13/2025.

**LPNI190314** – Refer to AG for Indefinite suspension.

**LPNI240177** – Issue License by examination with a Public Consent Agreement with QRs x 2 (s,e,) x 2 years, monthly UDS, SAS, Standard Work Restrictions throughout the period of probation.

**LPNI170411** – Deny Request. May request to terminate probation with 5yrs of continuous documented sobriety.

**RNI230751** – Suspend Privilege to Practice and report to home state.

**LPNI230187** – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a, and addictionologist), QTR Hair (Hairstat 10) x 12 mos, random monthly UDS throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction . Including the 4 courses recommended by Dr. Moseri= "Understanding Substance Use Disorders in Nursing, Righting A Wrong Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Disciplinary actions: What Every Nurse should Know, and Narcotic Drugs: Documentation and Handling. Must seek treatment to taper off Methadone and Narcotics within 6-months of the docket date of order.

**RNI240708** – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and psychotherapy), random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

**RNI240898** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500(x2) fine for CE violation if no response within 10 business days regarding CE violation letter sent.

**LPNI240153** – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

**LPNI230148** – Refer to AG for indefinite suspension. May lift with proof of enrollment into Inpatient Detoxification and IOP after detoxification and a safe to practice statement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 4:22pm.



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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 February 8, 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

*R. Janner, RN*

Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 8th day of February, 2024.

*Renae L Gray*  
Notary Public

