

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 25, 2024, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director
Edey 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 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Loke moved, Zinker 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, January 25, 2024, 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. Loke seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230610 – Close case with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI230279 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI231174 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements.

RNI231266 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3- Patient Rights for Healthcare Professionals.

RNI230738 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3- Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI240090 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI240034 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3- Ethical Decision Making.

LPNI240060 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI230412 – Refer for Peer Review.

LPNI240021 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

LPNI230593 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- Medication Administration.

RNI230951 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI230386 – Close Case with LOC- AAJ.

RNI240738 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI231047 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI240736 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice.

RNI240805 – Issue multistate license with LOC-FTD/further discipline could occur pending outcome of criminal charges. *Make note to approve initial authorization to practice as an APRN-FNP with the pending charges once application process is completed and if meets all other criteria*

RNI240806 – Request Applicant MPE.

RNI231142 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

LPNI230239 – 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.

RNI220853 – Deny Request.

RNI240607 – Refer to AG for mandatory 3mo suspension for felony charge. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI240737 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI231077 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a,and psy), 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.

LPNI230328 – Lift suspension with no further discipline.

RNI210335 – Deny request to terminate probation.

RNI240811 – 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.

RNI240532 – 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. *Pipkin abstains.*

RNI240601 – Deny application. May reapply with a safe to practice statement and documentation of completion of IOP.

RNI220669 – Issue Letter of Modification changing HairStat 5 testing from monthly to quarterly X12months.

RNI191168 – Approve request for early termination of Private CO.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 4:32pm.

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

Joshua Batson, **Board Member**

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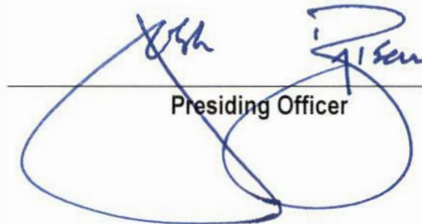
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 January 25, 2024 (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 25th day of January, 2024.



Notary Public

