



The School Nursing Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, virtually via Microsoft Teams at 2:00 pm.

TUESDAY, February 27, 2024

Members Present

Ashlan Porter, Board President
Maceo Tanner, Board Member

Staff Present

Natara Taylor, Executive Director

Members Absent

Ashley Gresham, Board Member

The meeting began at 2:00 pm with Natara Taylor giving a brief introduction. Ashlan Porter called the meeting to order. During the November 2023 meeting, the Board received a presentation from Kim Conley and Elin Brumbaugh of the Department of Public Health and the Department of Education regarding issues concerning school nursing programs statewide. Some of the concerns are lack of funding, unlicensed clinic aides with or without nursing oversight, paramedics, surgical techs, etc. working in "nursing roles", medical supervision limited, LPNs working without RN oversight, minimal policies/protocols to support school health, school staff and parents use "nurse" for anyone staffing school clinic, etc. Ms. Conley and Ms. Brumbaugh aim to collaborate with other state entities, including the Board of Nursing, to address these concerns. The committee deliberated on the potential contribution of the Board in assisting them with these concerns, which ultimately impacts patient safety.

The committee decided to invite Ms. Conley and Ms. Brumbaugh to join as committee members and arrange a subsequent meeting to gather further insights into the status of school nursing in Georgia. Additionally, the committee suggested drafting a position statement outlining the scope of practice for school nurses and proposed establishing an advisory group comprising representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Education, Board of Nursing, Association of School Nurses, GNA, and other relevant entities across the state.

The meeting concluded at 2:50 pm.



Ashlan Porter, Board President

