



The School Nursing Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, virtually via Microsoft Teams at 10:00 am.

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### **Members Present**

Ashlan Porter, Board President  
Maceo Tanner, Board Member  
Elin Brumbaugh, DPH School Health Nursing Consultant  
Kim Conley, Program Manager of School Health  
Heather Bohannon, Board Member  
Brenda Kirkland, School Nurse Coordinator Ware County

### **Staff Present**

Natara Taylor, Executive Director

### **Members Absent**

Ashley Gresham, Board Member  
Amy Roark, Director of School Nursing Services Clarke County

The meeting began at 10:03 am with Ashlan Porter calling the meeting to order. Ashlan volunteered to become chair of the committee and the committee accepted. It was decided that meetings would be limited to one hour and scheduled as necessary. Future meeting dates were scheduled for June 18, 2024, at 9 am and July 16, 2024, at 10 am.

Elin and Kim explained that the following three topics needed to be addressed by the committee:

- 1 – Training school staff/administrators who are not licensed nurses.
  - Defining the roles of licensed nurses and unlicensed personnel (ULP) in the school environment.
  - Clarifying the specific skills and tasks mandated for licensed nurses under the NPA. Are ULPs performing tasks that legally require a nurse's oversight? (It's crucial for educators to understand these legal distinctions to ensure safety.)
  - Informing school systems about liability implications when ULPs perform tasks legally designated for licensed nurses.



## 2 – Delegation

- Example: School administrators delegate nursing responsibilities (e.g., a principal instructing a paraprofessional to catheterize a student).
- Determining which skills and tasks school nurses can delegate to unlicensed personnel (ULP).
- Providing guidance to school nurses and administrators on the principles and processes of delegation.

## 3 – Education for the Personnel Supervising School Nurses

- Understanding the oversight responsibilities of nurses in school settings.
- Differentiating between the roles of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs).

Kim and Elin offered to draft the committee's mission and goals for presentation at the next meeting. Tara will distribute the Arkansas School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities document to all committee members for review before the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:05 am.

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Ashlan Porter, Board President

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