

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 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, July 25, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Brandy Hollis, LPN
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Roger Pierce, RN, MSN

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Trisha McNair, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Batson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Loke moved, Pipkin 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, July 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)

Loke moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Hollins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230788 – Refer to AG - MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice work requirements.

LPNI240241 – 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.

RNI241379 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI241293 – Issue license by exam with a Public Consent Agreement with 2yrs probation, quarterly reports x2 (s,e), random twice monthly UDS x 12mo then monthly for the remainder of the order and a \$500 fine for FTD arrest.

RNI250030 – Proceed with licensure by exam - LOC- FTD Arrest. Eligible for eNLC since the conviction was adjudicated as a juvenile.

LPNI240224 – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with courses: 1-Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN; 3- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

LPNI240287 – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal, may petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirement.

RNI250034 – Refer to AG- Private consent order for \$500 fine for FTD arrest on 2020-2022 renewal application. May issue authorization for APRN upon receipt of signed order and payment of fine.

RNI250035 – Applicant MPE.

RNI181261 – Applicant MPE.

RNI250091 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Agreement and \$500.00 fine for FTD previous AAJ.

LPNI240294 – Refer to AG - Public Consent Order with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence - Georgia LPN; 3- Don't Cross the Line: Professional Boundaries in Nursing (article) 4- HIPPA: what Every Health Care Professional Needs to Know.

LPNI240290 – Investigative Letter with Courses: -1-Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN; 3- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

LPNI250020 – Close case, has submitted proof of competency requirement.

RNI241137 – Refer for Peer Review.

RNI241620 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with completion of coursework, payment of \$500 fine for FTD arrest, and can demonstrate one quarters compliance.

RNI240542 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN and 3. Accurate and Legal Documentation.

LPNI230299 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of CO.

RNI241676 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI240320 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 – Patient Rights.

LPNI250019 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

LPNI240316 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 – Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI240242 – 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.

RNI240737 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and psych), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo. then monthly for the remainder of the order, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI231174 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years’ probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,), quarterly Hairstat 5 x 12mo, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo and then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

LPNI240373 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI241202 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250081 – Close case, is now compliant.

RNI250092 – Issue single state license by endorsement as a RN with a LOC-Alcohol.

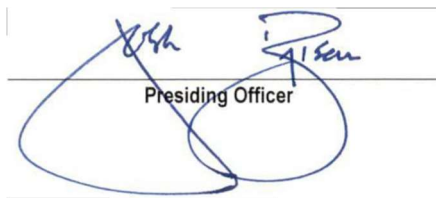
RNI190104 – Approve request for early termination of probation. Nurse has been in compliance with consent order. *Zinker abstains.*

RNI181127 – Approve request for early termination of probation. Nurse has been in compliance with consent order.

RNI201405 – Lift suspension and proceed with a Public CO with 5-years’ probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and psych), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x 24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, PEth testing X 24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, may not work more than 40hrs per calendar week, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI160867 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 4:30pm.



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Joshua Batson, **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 July 25, 2024 IC (B) Meeting 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 July, 2024.



Notary Public

