

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, March 7, 2024, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, March 7, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP

OTHERS PRESENT

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 4:00 p.m. on March 7, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gresham 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, March 7, 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)

Thompson moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI230218 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI240921 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI230346 – Close Case with LOC- AAJ.

RNI241011 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Public Consent Agreement and \$500.00 fine for FTD (Ohio BON's discipline).

LPNI240072 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

LPNI240279 – Refer to AG – Issue a Cease and Desist. Refer case file to local law enforcement authority. Post respondent information on GA BON Imposter website.

LPNI230621 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing;2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

LPNI240066 – Refer for Peer Review, upon receipt, Refer to AG- VS/IS/Revocation of Multi State privilege to practice.

RNI231251 – Table pending final court disposition.

LPNI230592 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for fraud/misrepresentation.

RNI240970 – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years' monitoring, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a, medication management), random UDS throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions. May issue a temporary permit to complete reentry upon receipt of the signed consent agreement and a board approved reentry program.

RNI241024 – Deny Application for Licensure by Reinstatement as a RN. May reapply with 12 months of documented continuous sobriety (sobriety start date is 01/2024, application receipt date) and submission of current MPE.

LPNI240069 – 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.

RNI240010 – Close case with LOC-UPC (disc. not using personal prescriptions for controlled substances while working).

LPNI240070 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4 - Accurate and Legal Documentation.

RNI240208 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, and 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN.

LPNI240003 – Send for peer review. Forward complaint and name of physician to medical board.

LPNI240064 – Investigative Letter with courses 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Must complete courses or will need to be taken back to the Board for review.

LPNI180303 – Deny request. May petition to lift with documentation of completion of an IOP and a safe to practice statement.

LPNI240076 – Refer to AG for a Cease and Desist, place on imposter list.

RNI241010 – Request an Applicant MPE.

RNI240429 – Refer to Cherokee County Solicitor's Office – Investigator Jody Griffis.

RNI240922 – Refer to Ag for a Public consent order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and psych), 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. Must enroll in IOP within 10 days from docket date of order and submit documentation within 10 days of completion of IOP.

LPNI240267 – Rescind previous motion for lifting suspension and review once investigative file has been received.

LPNI240254 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X3 years, monthly addictionologist

reports x 12 mo, then quarterly, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and addictionologist), QTR Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12 mos., 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.

RNI240763 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language. Tanner and Gresham abstain.

RNI240065 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI240328 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - HIPAA Privacy & Security (www.netce.com), 3 - Ethical Decision Making (www.netce.com), and 4 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN.

RNI220789/

RNI231341 – Deny request. Refer to AG for new MPE (fentanyl), if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI230052 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors, and 4 - Patient Rights for Healthcare Professionals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 4:14pm.



Maceo Tanner, **Board Member**

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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 March 7, 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 7th day of March, 2024.

Renae L Gray
Notary Public

