

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 22, 2024, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Thursday, August 22, 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  
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**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  
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Batson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Zinker moved, Loke 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, August 22, 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)

Pierce moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Pipkin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI240972** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 – Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors.

**RNI241724** – Issue license by examination with LOC-Arrest.

**RNI241189** – Refer to AG- Psychosexual MPE - VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of

standard work practice requirement.

**RNI250194** – Hold RNI250194 pending MPE results.

**RNI241205** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence - Georgia RN, 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

**LPNI240274** – Close case with LOC- UPC.

**RNI240038** – Close case with LOC-AAJ/FTD.

**RNI250129** – Close case; is now compliant.

**RNI250228** – Issue a single state RN License by Exam with a Private Consent Agreement and \$500.00 fine for FTD and table the multistate license pending outcome of criminal charges.

**LPNI250076** – Refer to the AG's Office for a Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for FTD an arrest on the 2023-2025 LPN Renewal.

**LPNI250077** – Issue a single state LPN license with a LOC- Criminal and table the multistate license until we receive the final court disposition on the intimidation charge.

**LPNI240308** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 – Patient Rights.

**LPNI250070** – Close case; is now compliant.

**LPNI240125** – 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- Accurate and Legal Documentation; 4 - Safely Caring for Seniors.

**RNI250207** – Approve Initial Authorization with a Private Consent Agreement and \$1,000.00 fine for failure to disclose an arrest on 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 renewal applications.

**RNI250206** – Issue License by Exam as a RN with a LOC-Criminal (licensing analyst to determine multistate eligibility).

**LPNI240372** – 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 requirements.

**LPNI230462** – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, \$500 fine for working impaired, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, med management and psych), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x 24mo then monthly 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 of docket date.

**LPNI240399** – Issue license by reinstatement and proceed with a Public Consent Agreement with 3 years' probation, quarterly reports X2 (s, e, a), QTR Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12mos, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x 24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction, and \$50.00 fine for ULP (2mo).

**RNI230703** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$1,000.00 fine for FTD an arrest on 2022-2024 and 2024-2026 renewals and include RNI250205 - \$500.00 fine for CE violation (total of \$1500.00 fine).

**RNI250205** – Include CE violation in referral to AG's office for RNI230703.

**RNI241204** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI230558/**

**LPNI240251** – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with documentation of completion of CE requirements for the 2023-2025

renewal cycle.

**LPNI230174** – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with complete payment of \$500 fine for action against PTP. Deactivate eNLC.

**RNI210353** – Applicant MPE.

**LPN230292** – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language and complete payment of \$300 balance remaining of \$500 fine.

**LPNI220250** – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with complete payment of \$500 fine and must submit missing quarterly employer report.

**RNI231274** – 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- Accurate and Legal Documentation; 4 - Safely Caring for Seniors.

**LPNI240038** – 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- Accurate and Legal Documentation; 4 - Safely Caring for Seniors.

**RNI250232** – Issue a single state RN License by Exam with a LOC-Criminal (licensing analyst to determine multistate eligibility).

**LPNI240348** – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 2. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, and 3. Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal.

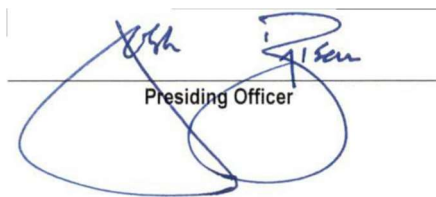
**LPNI240302** – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- Don't Cross the Line: Professional Boundaries in Nursing.

**RNI241618** – Close Case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI241340** – Close Case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI240675** – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for AAJ. Respondent is no longer eligible for eNLC due to TN's action - Deactivate eNLC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 4:15pm.



Presiding Officer

Joshua Batson, **Board Member**

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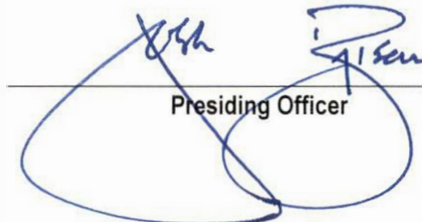
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF  
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 August 22, 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

  
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Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 22nd day of August, 2024.

  
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Notary Public

