

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 6, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, February 6, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Heather Bohannon, LPN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on February 6, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Willcox 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, February 6, 2025, 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)

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

RNI241294 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250004 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI241501 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 – Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI241372 – Place information on Board's Imposter List (update entry on the Board's website by adding this new information to the findings from the previous case, LPNI240076 and refer to the AG's Office to be a companion case with LPN240076 that will be going

for a hearing.

RNI250015 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with Probation x 1 year to include Quarterly Reports x 2 (s,e), \$500.00 fine for UPC, and Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 – Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI241137 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN, 3 – Scope of Nursing Practice: Decision Making Framework (Article).

LPNI240193 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI241503 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, and 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN along with sending the respondent and physician a copy of the Board's Cosmetic/Aesthetic position statement. Refer the complaint to the Composite Medical Board to determine if the medical director is allowing the respondent to practice cosmetic medicine.

RNI241363 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 – Patient Rights.

LPNI250123 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language. (*Bohannon abstains*)

RNI241647 – Refer for a Peer Review.

RNI241509 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for substandard care and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI241335 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI251046 – Issue a single state RN License by Reinstatement with LOC-Criminal.

RNI220081 – Refer to AG for VS/Revocation.

RNI250886 – Close case with LOC- Arrest.

RNI241055 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for working impaired, 2yrs probation, quarterly reports x3 (s,e,psych), random twice monthly UDS x24mo, then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI241326 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 – Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 – Patient Rights - deals with patient safety (www.ceufast.com).

LPNI240269 – Refer to AG for 2 years' probation, quarterly reports X2 (s, e,), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo. monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Deactivate eNLC.

LPNI100201 – Applicant MPE.

RNI241698 – 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.

RNI251050 – Refer to AG – Private CO with \$1000 fine for CE Violation.

RNI241384 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

RNI241409 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

RNI250055 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with Probation x 1 year, Quarterly Reports x 2 (s,e), \$500.00 fine for Unprofessional Conduct, and include Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 – Resident's Rights (www.ceufast.com), and 4 – Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Investigative Costs: \$259.65 (if applicable)

LPNI250252 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of Consent Order.

LPNI250265 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with one quarter of compliance.

RNI250720/

RNI230108 – Refer to AG for a Public CO with a Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for FTD treatment and \$500 fine for FTD arrest, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, and psych, psychotherapy), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions. (Add CE violation with \$500 fine if respondent does not submit CE documentation for this renewal by 02/29/2025). Must submit payment of \$1000 fine from the 2023 Private Consent Agreement.

RNI250819 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of Consent Agreement. (*Tanner abstains*)

RNI250841 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI240113 – Close case with no disciplinary action. Send Respondent a copy of Position Statement: Cosmetic/Aesthetic Procedures.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 4:13 pm.



Maceo Tanner, **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 February 6, 2025 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



Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 6th day of February, 2025.



Notary Public

