

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 23, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Thursday, January 23, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C  
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN  
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA  
Brandy Hollins, LPN  
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

**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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pipkin moved, Pierce 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, January 23, 2025, 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)

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

**RNI241360** – Close case with no disciplinary action

**RNI241741** – Refer to AG for MPE. Revocation of PTP if non-compliant.

**RNI241715** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for medication discrepancies (UPC), include the following Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 – Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. Investigative Costs: \$115.40 (if applicable)

**RNI241648** – Refer to AG for MPE. Revocation of PTP if non-compliant.

**LPNI240350** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI250003** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

**RNI250192** – Refer to Investigations to obtain patient medical records, obtain a statement from the urologist with Advanced Urology who scheduled the procedure, as to why key factors regarding the patient's health history were not shared with the respondent, and send for peer review. (*Pipkin abstains*)

**RNI250335** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI250936** – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-AAJ (can issue APRN authorization after verifying with licensing analyst).

**RNI250812** – Close case with LOC- Arrest.

**RNI250325** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI250727** – Close with a LOC – Arrest.

**RNI250722** – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

**RNI250917** – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with LOC- Arrest.

**RNI220241** – Approve request to lift narcotic restrictions. Had 2 years of narcotic restrictions 04/29/2024.

**RNI201054** – Approve request for early termination of probation. Respondent has been in compliance with consent order.

**LPNI240336** – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

**RN241160** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI241450** – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Accurate and Legal Documentation.

**LPNI250014** – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for UPC.

**LPNI240378** – Refer case to AG for revocation of multi state privilege to practice in addition to cases LPN240112/LPNI230552.

**LPNI240446** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**LPNI240358** – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- A Nurses Guide: How to Deal with Difficult Patients.

**LPNI250009** – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN;3- Advance Directives and Do Not Resuscitate Orders.

**RNI250098** – Proceed with Licensure by Reinstatement as an APRN with a Private Consent Agreement and \$500.00 fine for 6 months of UAP along with a \$500.00 fine for not submitting hours worked in 2024 as an APRN (falsification of application). Investigative Costs: \$230.80 (if applicable).

**RNI250139** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI250307** – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain medical records, upon receipt send for Peer Review.

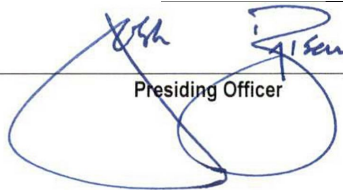
**RNI241551** – Refer to AG Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN, 3 – A Nurse’s Guide to Professional Boundaries.

**RNI250915** – Refer to AG- Private Consent Order with \$500 fine for CE Violation.

**RNI250930** – Refer to AG- Public Consent Agreement – Probation x 5 yrs; QTR (e,s,a); SAS; Standard Work Restrictions; Random monthly UDS with EtG/EtS; Monthly PEth x 12 months.

**RNI241231** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 4:28 p.m.

  
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Presiding Officer  
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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 January 23, 2025 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 23rd day of January, 2025.

  
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Notary Public

