

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 20, 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 20, 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  
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**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, February 20, 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, February 20, 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)

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

unanimously.

**LPNI250021** – Table pending final court adjudication.

**LPNI250026** – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard - Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN, Burnout: Impact on Nursing (deals with effects on patient's safety and outcomes).

**RNI240157** – Close case with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct.

**LPNI240391** – Public Consent Order with reprimand and probation x 1 year, Quarterly Reports x 2 (s,e), \$500.00 for UPC (falsification of documentation), and include Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate, and Legal, 4 – Patient Rights. Investigative Costs: \$301.30 (if applicable).

**RNI240407** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for UPC and Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence - Georgia LPN, 3 – Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Investigative Costs: \$346.20 (if applicable).

**RNI250492** – Close with LOC-Substandard Care.

**LPNI250157** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI250080** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI241362** – Refer to AG - Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN; 3- Resident Rights.

**LPNI240377** – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Jurisprudence Georgia RN; 2- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 3- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

**RNI250259** – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard practice requirements.

**RNI230952** – Approve request to work Davita region clinics.

**RNI201444** – Approve request to terminate probation.

**RNI250497** – Refer to AG for a Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for FTD.

**RNI241267** – Close case. May reopen case once supporting documentation is received.

**LPNI240404** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 - Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors.

**RNI231214** – Approve use of Suboxone treatment under the care of Dr. Darji.

**RNI251102** – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-AAJ.

**RNI230522** – Refer to the AG's Office for clarification of the submitted OMPE.

**LPNI240176** – Deny request. Suspension was just lifted 12/2024 and has narcotic restrictions x2 years.

**RNI240958/**

**RNI241195/**

**RNI241251** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for working impaired and \$500 fine for diversion, 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a, addictionologist), QTR Hair (Hairstat 7) x 12 mos., random twice monthly UDS with EtG and Ets x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication.

**LPN240300** – Refer to AG for a Public consent Order and Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for medication discrepancies, 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a),QTR Hair x 24mos, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Must submit documentation of completion of IOP within 10 days of completion. Must complete IOP before returning to work.

**RNI241419** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**RNI240123** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for Substandard Care with 1-Courses: Jurisprudence – Georgia RN; 2 – Post Operative Complications, 3- Medical Errors and Adverse Events. SOS Investigative Costs (if applicable) \$212.95 (\$11.00 mileage) Peer Review – \$300.00.

**RNI241125** – Refer to AG for a Public CO and Reprimand with \$500 fine for working impaired, 3yrs probation, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo. then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth x 12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Must enroll in IOP within 10 days of docket date. Must submit documentation of completion of IOP within 10 days of completion.

**LPNI240372** – Refer to AG for a Public CO with 3 years probation, QRs x 3 (s,e,a), random twice monthly UDS x24 mo. then monthly throughout the period of probation, Standard work restrictions, Narcotic Restriction x 2 years, SAS, and course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder.

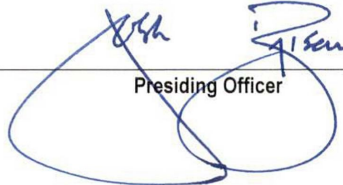
**RNI250396** – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a, addictionologist/psychiatrist), QTR hair x 24 mosmonthly PEth testing X24 months, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo. then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions (may work no more than 40hrs/week), course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May issue a temporary permit to complete reentry upon receipt of the signed consent agreement and a board approved reentry program. Allow Applicant to withdraw application in lieu of signing consent agreement.

**LPN200405** – Refer to AG for Summary Suspension.

**LPNI250291** – Proceed with licensure by exam with LOC- FTD arrest. Applicant is eligible for eNLC.

**RNI241439** – Investigative Letter with Course: 1- Jurisprudence Georgia RN; 2- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 3- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 4:45 p.m.

  
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Presiding Officer

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 February 20, 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 20th day of February, 2025.

  
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Notary Public

