

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 3, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, April 3, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Heather Bohannon, MHA, LPN, CPC
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP

OTHERS PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Giovanna Franchi Souza, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. on April 3, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bohannon moved, Watkins 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, April 3, 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. Willcox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

LPNI250228 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI250092 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 – Resident's Rights, and 4 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI250168 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, and 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN.

LPNI250406 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

RNI250122 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI251295 – Close case, respondent is now compliant.

RNI250126 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence - Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 – Patient Rights.

LPNI230431 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500.00 for UPC and \$500.00 for FTD an arrest on 2023-2025 renewal, Probation x 1 year with Quarterly Reports x 2 (s,e), courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 - Assaultive Behavior and Workplace Violence (<https://ceufast.com/course/workplace-violence>). Investigative Costs: \$346.20 (if applicable).

LPNI250444 – After completion of a Board approved reentry, proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal/Drug.

RNI250743 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250286 – Close case. It can be reopened for Board review if additional information is received to support the allegations.

RNI251298 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

RNI251299 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam. Eligible for eNLC.

RNI251300 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Agreement to mirror the terms/conditions of her SC Monitoring Agreement: 5 yrs Monitoring; QTR (s,a,psych); Medication Management; SAS; Std Work Restrictions; Random Twice Monthly UDS with EtG, EtS x 24 months then monthly throughout probation; Monthly PEth x 24 months (may accept Toxicology Testing frequency/type that is submitted and acceptable to SC RRP).

RNI250622 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250429 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI230331 – Close case with LOC- Arrest.

RNI250027 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240587 – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for Substandard Care with Courses - 1- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN;3- Prevention of Medical Errors.

RNI240250 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI240270 – Close case with LOC-Failed to Disclose. (*Tanner abstains*)

RNI241213 – Refer to AG for a public consent order to include stayed suspension language, public reprimand with \$500 fine for diversion, 3 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a, med management), quarterly Hairstat 10 x12 mo random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI231129/

RNI240514 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order with stayed suspension language, 5yrs probation quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, med management, and psychotherapy), quarterly Hairstat 10 x 12mo, 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 and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI240443 – Approve request for early termination of probation. Has been in compliance with CO. Sobriety date is 04/13/2020.

RNI191193/

RNI230921 – Refer to AG for a public consent order to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), QTR Hair (Hairstat 10) x 12 mo ,random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI211279 – Applicant MPE.

RNI251315 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with a LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst eNLC can be issued as well).

RNI241319 – Suspend PTP and refer to Florida BON.

RNI250675 – Close case with LOC- Arrest. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication.

LPNI250423 – Close case with LOC- Arrest.

RNI250051 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order to include stayed suspension language with a Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for working while impaired, 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), quarterly Hairstat 5, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI251324 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for CE violation.

RN241533 – Close Case with a LOC- positive pre-employment drug screen (cocaine).

RNI250161 – Close with a LOC- Alcohol (self-reported and completed MPE). (*Tanner abstains*)

LPNI100201 – Proceed with licensure by reinstatement. Refer to AG for a Public Consent Agreement to include stayed suspension language, 2yr probation, quarterly reports x2 (s,e), twice monthly random UDS throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 4:23 pm.

Maceo Tanner, RN

Maceo Tanner, **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 March 6, 2025 (ICA) 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 3rd day of April, 2025.



Notary Public

