

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, March 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, March 6, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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 3:59 p.m. on March 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, March 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)

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

LPNI240357 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in

Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing. (*Bohannon abstains*)

RNI250143 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250466 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand for AAJ.

RNI250103 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

LPNI250091 – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI241674 – 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 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI240990 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 – Resident’s Rights, and 4 – Falls and Fall Prevention. (<https://www.netce.com/courseoverview.php?courseid=2783>)

RNI201038 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

RNI220435 – Approve request to lift work restrictions.

RNI250443 – Deny licensure pending Florida discipline.

RNI241006/

RNI250289 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order, Public Reprimand with a \$500 fine for FTD AJJ and \$500 fine for FTD arrest on 2024-2026 renewal application, 5yrs probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo. then monthly throughout the period of probation, quarterly Hairstat 7 x 12mo, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Must enroll in IOP within 10days of docket date and submit documentation of completion within 10 days of IOP completion.

LPNI250155 – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement ,5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a, addictionologist), random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, quarterly Hairstat 5 x 12mo, SAS, standard work restrictions, 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.

RNI241121 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for working impaired. Courses: 1. Understanding the Disease of Addiction and 2. Substance Abuse.

RNI241365 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 – Resident's Rights, and 4 – Righting a Wrong - Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI250322 – Proceed with Single State Licensure by Exam as a LPN with LOC-Criminal/Drugs (not currently eligible for eNLC until the applicant provides records of an expungement).

RNI251043 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI240389 – Refer to AG for VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language, complete payment of \$500 fine for CE violation, must also submit documentation of CE's and \$500 fine for FTD 5/2021 and 03/2022 arrests. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication for arrest 05/21/2024. Must also submit court dispositions for 05/2021 and 03/2022 arrests.

LPNI250015 – Refer to AG for VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language, complete payment of \$500 fine for CE violation, must also submit documentation of CE's and \$500 fine for FTD 5/2021 and 03/2022 arrests. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication for arrest 05/21/2024. Must also submit court dispositions for 05/2021 and 03/2022 arrests.

LPNI230403/

LPNI240191 – Refer to AG for VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with complete payment of \$500 fine and must submit documentation of CE's.

LPNI240427 – Close case with LOC- UPC.

RNI250410 – Table pending final court adjudication.

RNI250334 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250491 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240950 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for FTD AAJ.

RNI250237 – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain Medical Record and refer for a Peer Review.

RNI241220 – Refer to AG for a Voluntary Cease and Desist Order.

RNI250245 – Refer to AG for VS/IS and deny renewal. AG may seek revocation if appropriate.

RNI250493 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI251149 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam with LOC- Arrest. Not eligible for eNLC due to Felony Agreed Disposition.

RNI251187 – Request an Applicant MPE.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 4:08 pm.



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 6th day of March, 2025.



Notary Public

