

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 17, 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 17, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA

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
Giovanna Franchi Souza, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Batson called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hollins 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, April 17, 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.

RNI241504 – Issue LOC- Using the title APRN, Rule 410-11-.01 Purpose, Definitions, Title, and Authority for Advanced Nursing Practice: Only a registered professional nurse authorized to practice according to these rules shall use the specified title, and practice or offer to practice, as a certified nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist clinical nurse specialist or clinical nurse specialist, psychiatric/mental health unless otherwise authorized to do so by the Board.

RNI250188 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: Upholding the Standard: 1 - Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 – Patient Rights.

RNI250189 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: Upholding the Standard: 1 - Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 – Patient Rights.

RNI250186 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: Upholding the Standard: 1 - Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 – Patient Rights.

RNI251316 – Close case, is now compliant.

RNI250538 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250789 – Issue LOC-FTD (will need to submit final disposition with adjudication of charge).

LPNI250222 – Close case with no disciplinary action, if submission of CE requirements not received by 04/30/2025, will need to open a complaint and be referred to AG's Office for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

RNI251354 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-Criminal.

RNI250763 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250106 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPN250045 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand for UPC and \$500 fine for patient abandonment, stayed suspension language, and courses to include 1 Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN.

RNI250636 – Refer to AG for \$500 fine FTD arrest on 2024-2026 renewal application. Must submit final court disposition upon adjudication.

RNI240099 – Refer for Peer Review to see if meets educational requirements. Deactivate eNLC due to AAJ.

RNI250138 – Refer to AG for \$500 fine for UPC (use of FNP title without certification and authorization) with Courses - 1- Jurisprudence Georgia RN; 2- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 3- Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal (Article); Include stayed suspension language. Notify GCMB of action taken on the supervising provider's provider.

RNI230310 – Close Case.

RNI250199 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, stayed suspension language, Public Reprimand with a \$500 fine for medication discrepancies, narcotic restrictions x 2yrs, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and addictionologist), 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 and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RN250088 – Close Case.

RNI250067 – Send a letter to the Respondent regarding O.C.G.A. § 43-26-6(d) provides that no person shall use the title "nurse" or any other title or abbreviation that pertains to use of certain titles and abbreviations (advertising self as a nurse on Facebook).

LPNI240162 – Deny licensure.

LPNI250482 – Close case with LOC- Arrest. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication for 08/24 arrest.

RNI251358 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with a LOC-Criminal/Drugs (analyst made note in MYLO, office would need expungement documents before eNLC can be issued).

RNI250321 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for Medication Discrepancies with Courses: 1- Jurisprudence Georgia RN; 2- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing;3- Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. Include stayed suspension language if appropriate.

LPNI250205 – Table pending final court adjudication.

LPNI250409 – Close case with LOC- Arrest.

LPNI250423 – Close case with LOC- Arrest.

LPNI250451 – Refer to AG for Psychosexual MPE. If noncompliant, VS/IS and Deny Renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirements.

RNI250832 – Refer to AG for MPE; VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirement. Table eNLC and APRN application pending results of MPE.

LPNI250463 – Allow applicant to withdraw application. May submit a new application upon adjudication of pending charges. If Applicant refuses to withdraw application, deny application.

RNI250498 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order, to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for working impaired, 5 years' probation, stayed suspension language, 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. Deactivate eNLC.

LPNI250174 – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years' probation, stayed suspension language, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a and psych), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth x12mo, 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. Must notify board staff of desire to withdraw within 60 days.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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

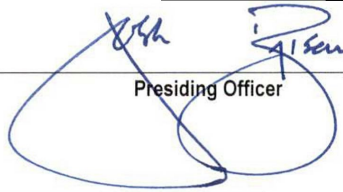
RNI240715 – Rescind previous motion. Private CO, \$500 fine, QRs x 2 (s,e), x 1 year monitoring, courses.

RNI240512 – Rescind previous motion. Private CO, courses, QR x 2 (s,e) x 1 year monitoring.

RNI240442 – Uphold previous motion.

LPNI250131 – Rescind previous motion. Close Case.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 5:14 pm.



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 April 17, 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



Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 17th day of April, 2025.



Notary Public

