

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, March 27, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

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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

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 4:03 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hollins moved, Zinker 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, March 27, 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)

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

RNI250272 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250137 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for UPC, Probation x 1 year with Quarterly Reports x 2 (s,e), and Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate, and Legal, 4 – Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing. Investigative Costs: \$288.50 (if applicable)

RNI241375 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 – Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 – Patient Rights, and 4 – Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI251285 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

RNI241560 – Refer to AG to issue a Cease and Desist.

RNI241288 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250026 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal, 4 - Patient Rights.

RNI251286 – Close case, respondent is now compliant with CE's.

RNI250550 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for FTD (will need to submit final disposition with adjudication of charges).

RNI241278 – Close case with LOC.

LPNI240057 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI250393 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal/FTD.

LPNI250281 – Close case with a LOC (Delta 8 THC), did not have a positive drug screen.

RNI251263 – Applicant MPE.

RNI250931 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI250932 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI251058 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI250298 – Resend previous motion and Refer to AG for a Public CO with stayed suspension language, Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for violation of CO, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a.), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x 24 mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI251266 – Proceed with licensure by reinstatement. Not eligible for eNLC.

LPNI250387 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal (verify the eNLC can be issued with the licensing analyst).

LPNI250381 – Proceed with a single state License by Exam as a LPN (does not qualify for eNLC until expungement documents received).

RNI250102 – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for PBSOC, Probation x 12 months with QTR (s, medical supervisor/director), Proof of Physician Evidence (must notify Board of any change in provider). Refer Medical Director to GCMB.

RNI251290 – Refer to AG – Private Reprimand with \$1000 fine for CE Violation (2023-2025 & 2025-2027 Renewals).

RN250434 – Refer to AG for a public consent order with 5 years' probation, to include stayed suspension language, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,) 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.

LPNI250379 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Agreement with \$1500 fine for FTD Arrest on eNLC and 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 Renewal Application. May issue eNLC upon receipt of signed agreement and payment of fine (may make payment plan). If respondent fails to sign agreement, withdraw eNLC application and refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$1000 fine for FTD arrest in 2023 and 2025 renewals application. AG may include stayed suspension language in agreement/order if appropriate.

LPNI250120 – Tabling case to see if respondent renews license.

RNI250155 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language. Must submit court documents within 10 days of adjudication.

LPNI250383 – Close case with LOC- Arrest. Eligible for eNLC.

LPNI230389 – Close case with LOC- Alcohol.



LPNI250342 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order with a \$500 fine for FTD arrest and a \$500 fine for FTD treatment.

RNI201511 – Approve request for early termination of probation. Respondent has been in compliance with consent order.

RN250455 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI241753 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for fraudulent documentation with Courses – 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, March 27, 2025, at 4:55 p.m.

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 March 27, 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 27th day of March, 2025.



Notary Public

