

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 8, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, May 8, 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 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gresham moved, Willcox 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, May 8, 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. Willcox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

LPNI250434 – Close case with LOC- Arrest.

LPNI230614 – Approve request to terminate probation with LOC-FTD.

LPNI250376 – Close case with LOC – FTD AAJ. Deactivate eNLC.

RNI251422 – Proceed with Licensure by Repeat Exam as a RN with a LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst if multistate can be issued).

LPNI250064 – Close case, can be reopened if supporting documents or additional information received.

LPNI250095 – 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 – Resident's Rights.

LPNI250097 – 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 – Resident's Rights.

LPNI250107 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4 – Resident Rights.

RNI250671 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence - Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

RNI250590 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements (since there are 2 alcohol related charges/arrests within 4 years).

RNI250027 – Investigative Letter with Courses to Include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Patient Rights for Healthcare Professionals (deals with patient safety).

LPNI250490 – Refer to AG – Public Consent Agreement with 5 yrs monitoring; Narcotic Restrictions x 2 yrs; Random twice monthly UDS w/ EtG/EtS x 24 months then monthly throughout probation; Monthly PEth x 12 months; Quarterly HairStat 10 x 12 months; SAS; Standard Work Restrictions. Include stayed suspension language. May issue temporary license upon receipt of signed consent agreement and approved reentry application. May withdraw application in lieu of signing consent agreement.

LPNI250275 – Close with a LOC – Positive Drug Screen (Oxycodone without a valid prescription).

RNI251440 – Proceed with Licensure by Reinstatement as a RN with a LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst if multistate can be issued).

RNI250430 – Investigative Letter with Courses: - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN, 3 – Safety First: The Use of Restraints. (*Bohannon abstains*)

RNI241600 – Close case with no disciplinary action. (*Bohannon abstains*)

RNI250090 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI251366 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with LOC- Arrest. Eligible for eNLC if all ULR are met.

RNI241750 – Refer to AG – Revocation of multistate licensure privilege to practice.

RNI250839 – Table pending final court adjudication.

RNI240621 – Advise Respondent she will need to apply for Authorization as APRN based on MSL in another jurisdiction. Once authorized deactivate her single-state license. Close this complaint with LOC- FTD AAJ.

LPNI230603 – Deny request.

RNI251071 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice language.

RNI251085 – 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 throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI251127 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice language.

RNI251128 – Suspend GAA-CRNA Authorization and Suspend PTP on multistate SC license.

LPNI250360 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice language.

LPNI240478 – Lift Suspension and Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, with 2 years' probation, narcotic restrictions x1yr, quarterly reports X2 (s, e), quarterly Hairstat 12 x12mo, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. CE's have been received.

LPNI250377 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice language.

RNI251294 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard work practice language.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 4:28 pm.



Maceo Tanner, **Board Member**

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**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.

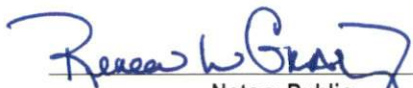
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On May 8, 2025 IC(A) 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 8th day of May, 2025.



Notary Public

