

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 22, 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 22, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Brandy Hollins, LPN
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Roger Pierce, RN, MSN

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 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Loke 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, May 22, 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)

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

LPNI250094 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing
2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN.

LPNI240410 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing,
2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Resident's Rights.

LPNI250098 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing,
2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Resident's Rights.

LPNI250179 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing
2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Ethics for Healthcare Professionals, and 4 - Patient Rights and Responsibilities.

RNI250406 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250504 – Close case with LOC-Substandard Practice.

RNI250724 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing,
2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Patient Rights and Responsibilities, 4 - Righting a Wrong – Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI251332 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of CO.

LPNI250495 – Change current CO to Public and add stayed suspension language to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of CO (+PEth).

RNI250658 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RN251480 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI211279 – Issue license and proceed with a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, 3-year probation, QRs x 3 (s,e,), Narcotic restrictions x 2 yrs, quarterly hairstat 5 x12mo, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, , Standard work restrictions, SAS, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI250783 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation to include stayed suspension language, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X5 (s,e,a, addictionologist/addiction psychotherapy), QTR Hair or Nail (Hairstat/Nailstat 5) x 12mo, monthly PEth testing X24 months, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Must enroll into IOP within 10 days of docket date and submit treatment records within 10 days of completion of program. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication.

LPNI250123 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order to include stayed suspension language, 3 yrs probation, QRs x 2 (s,e), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo, then monthly throughout the period of probation, Standard work restrictions, SAS, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI190439 – Approve request for early termination of probation. Has been in compliance with consent order.

RNI251333 – Close case and continue to monitor.

RNI251398 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with a safe to practice statement and 1 quarter of compliance.

LPNI250272 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI250117 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250308 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250711 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI220908 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI250119 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order - Probation x 24 months with QTR (e,s); Public Reprimand with \$1500 fine for each violation 1- Failing to monitor patient, 2- Failing to follow physician's orders, 3- Failing to seek emergency medical services necessary to avoid actual or potential harm with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- Medical Errors and Adverse Events.

RNI250104 – Refer to AG- Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for dispensing controlled substances without provider on site (Board of Pharmacy Rule 480-28 and OCGA 43-34-23(b)(2)).

RNI250177 – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain a statement from respondent and medical records, upon receipt refer for Peer Review.

RNI250266 – Investigative Letter with courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN; 3 – Legal Implications of Practice that Every Nurse Practitioner Should Know.

LPNI250596 – Proceed with single state Licensure by Exam as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal.

RNI251517 – Approve refresher program from LSU and proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN.

RNI240943 – Refer to AG- Private Reprimand with \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN; 3 – Legal Implications of Practice that Every Nurse Practitioner Should Know.

RNI210351 – Proceed with reinstatement of licensure. Not eligible for eNLC due to CA action.

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 May 22, 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 22nd day of May, 2025.



Notary Public

