

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 10, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, July 10, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Heather Bohannon, MHA, LPN, CPC
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN
Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP

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

Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on July 10, 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, July 10, 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)

Willcox moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Bohannon seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

LPNI250096 – Close with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI250130 – Close case with LOC-AAJ (since she has already completed courses with North Carolina BON).

RNI250505 – Close case and send the latest version of the Board's position statement.

LPNI250120 – Refer to AG for Revocation.

RNI250506 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Patient Rights and Responsibilities, and 4 -Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI250906 – 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.

RNI251706 – Close case. Respondent has now submitted proof and met CE requirements.

RNI250508 – Close with LOC - Positive Pre-employment Drug Screen.

RNI251754 – Request an Applicant MPE.

RNI250663 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI260004 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN once applicant successfully completes NCLEX.

RNI200845 – Applicant MPE.

LPNI250436 – Close case with LOC-Criminal.

RNI250256 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI241390 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250889 – Lift suspension and proceed with a Public CO, 3yr probation, QRs x 4 (s,e,a, med management), quarterly Hairstat 10X12mo, monthly PEth x 12 mo, twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, Standard Work Restrictions, to include Stayed Suspension Language. Restart sobriety date.

LPNI250161 – 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 requirements.

RNI250535 – 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 requirements.

LPNI250237 – 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 requirements.

RNI250543 – 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 requirements.

LPNI250346 – 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 requirements.

RNI251739 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement with LOC – Arrest. Applicant is eligible for eNLC if other ULRs are met.

RNI241647 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand, Quarterly reports x2 (s,e), probation x 1 year, \$500 fine for Substandard Care, and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal, 4. Medical Errors.

RNI251341 – Close case with LOC (THC).

RNI240043 – Refer to AG for VS/IS may petition to lift with two quarters of compliance and a safe to practice statement.

LPNI250328 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI240097 – Close case with LOC- FTD.

RNI210329 – Approve request to terminate probation.

RNI251577 – Deny request to change aftercare groups. Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of CO. Amend current consent order to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, and psychotherapy), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtSx24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions. Restart Sobriety Date.

RNI210778 – Deny request to lift suspension, currently not safe to practice. May petition to lift in 3mo with a safe to practice statement, and documentation of psych assessment for med management, drug testing, long term group therapy as recommended by Dr Bedder.

LPNI250421/

LPNI250607/

LPNI250673 – Uphold previous motion to Change current CO to add stayed suspension language to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of CO (+UDS). Restart Sobriety Date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 4:17 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 July 10, 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 10th day of July, 2025.



Notary Public

