

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 7, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, August 7, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Heather Bohannon, MHA, LPN, CPC
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN

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
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 4:03 p.m. on August 7, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bohannon moved, Summerlin 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, August 7, 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)

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

LPNI250038 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for UPC (falsifying documentation – signing out medication without administering it) with Probation x 1 year, Quarterly Reports (s,e), and courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal. Investigative Costs: \$230.80 (if applicable)

RNI250528 – Close case and send a copy of the Board's Cosmetic/Aesthetic position statement to the respondent and complainant. Also, refer the complaint to the Cosmetology Board to investigate.

RNI250838 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250558 – Close case with LOC-UPC.

LPNI260046 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst a multistate license can be issued as well).

RNI250903 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI250327 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500.00 fine for FTD an arrest.

LPNI260040 – Proceed with single state Licensure by Exam as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal (not currently eligible for eNLC until the applicant provides records of an expungement).

LPNI230585 – Close with a LOC- AAJ/FTD (since Illinois took action on a lapsed license, and it was based off Georgia's action).

LPNI260025 – Refer to Legal Services for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

RNI230815 – Send notification to nurse that Dr Darji is no longer an approved provider and needs to seek new provider for aftercare.

RNI251314 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI251044 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for Medication Discrepancies, and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and to include Investigative Costs as applicable.

RNI250131 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, 2yrs probation, quarterly reports x 2 (s,e), Narcotic restrictions x 2 yrs, random twice monthly UDS x24mo, SAS, Standard Work Restrictions and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Righting a Wrong - Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI260134 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-Criminal.

RNI251112 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI251560/

RNI251061/

RNI251165/

RNI251182/

RNI251633/ – Refer to AG- MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirement.

RNI251206 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3 – Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

RNI260139 – Close case has submitted CE Documentation.

LPNI260041 – May issue temporary permit upon receipt of approved reentry application.

RNI260087 – VS/IS and may petition to lift with 1 quarters compliance.

LPNI250278 – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN 3. Professional Communication 4. Righting a Wrong - Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI251550 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI250615 – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN 3. Don't Cross the Line: Professional Boundaries in Nursing Article 4. Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal.

RNI260312 – Applicant MPE.

RNI251170 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI251199 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 for UPC and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Documentation: Accurate and Legal 4. Ethical Decision Making.

RNI241050/

RNI241126/

RNI241663 – Lift suspension and Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language with a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for diversion, 5yr probation, narcotic restrictions x 2 yrs, QRs x 3 (s,e,a), QTR Hair (Hairstat 14) x 12mos, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 4:35 pm.



Maceo Tanner, **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.

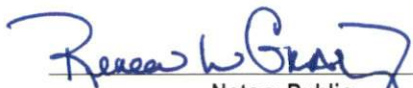
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Nursing.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On August 7, 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 7th day of August, 2025.



Notary Public

