

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 11, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, September 11, 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

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 4:02 p.m. on September 11, 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, September 11, 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. Bohannon seconded the motion, and it

carried unanimously.

RNI251452 – Proceed with licensure with a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, 5yr probation, QRs x 5 (s,e,a psychotherapy(weekly), addictionologist), QTR Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12mos, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, Standard work restrictions, Narcotic restrictions x 2yrs, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

LPNI260074 – Refer to AG's office to proceed with Licensure by Reinstatement as a LPN with a Private Consent Agreement and \$500.00 fine for CE violation on 2023-2025 renewal (once license has been reinstated, issue a LOC- FTD arrest).

LPNI250207 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500.00 fine for practicing beyond the scope of practice, include courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing.

LPNI230444 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for AAJ and \$500.00 fine for FTD the AAJ (for a total of \$1,000.00).

RNI251184 – Close case. Send the respondent a copy of the Board's Cosmetic/Aesthetic position statement. Also refer the complaint to the Cosmetology Board to investigate.

RNI260180 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI260055 – Issue license with Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN and 3. Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

LPNI250218 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI251294 – Close case with LOC (positive urine drug screen).

RNI240066 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI260234 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 4:30 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 September 11, 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 11th day of September, 2025.



Notary Public

