

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, July 24, 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 24, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Trisha McNair, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
Giovanna Franchi Souza, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Batson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zinker moved, Hollins 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, July 24, 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)

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

RNI250192 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI260080 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with a LOC-pending action could occur with submission of final court disposition (verify with licensing analyst an eNLC can be issued as well since the charges are pending and there has been no conviction at this time).

RNI250733 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Patient Rights and Responsibilities, and 4 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI250779 – Close case.

RNI250141 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 - Patient Rights and Responsibilities.

RNI250052 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for UPC (fraud) with probation x 1 year with Quarterly Reports x 2 (e,s), courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN and 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal. Investigative Costs: \$173.10 (if applicable)

RNI251183 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250707 – Close with LOC.

RNI250643 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN; 3 – Safely Caring for Seniors.

RN260083 – Refer to Legal Services – Private Reprimand with \$250 fine for CE Violation.

RNI241628 – Refer to AG for Psychosexual MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice statement.

RNI260055 – Applicant MPE.

RNI260067 – Proceed with single state Licensure by Repeat Exam as a RN with LOC-Criminal (will need to submit final court documents at the completion of the Pre-Trial Diversion Order).

RNI250285/

RNI251323 – Refer to AG Private Reprimand with \$500 fine, Probation, may petition to lift with proof of submission of Protocol Agreement to GCMB. Refer case to Board of Pharmacy and DEA for dispensing of medications.

RNI250316 – Close case with LOC with a copy of the APRN and Cosmetic/Aesthetic Position Statement. Refer case to Board of Pharmacy and DEA for dispensing of compounded medications.

RNI251080 – Close case.

RN251185 – Table pending final adjudication. Arrest happened prior to Public CO. Must submit final court documentation within 10 days of adjudication.

RNI251209 – Close case.

RN251087 – Close case.

RN250846 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language. Must submit final court documentation within 10 days of adjudication.

LPNI250208 – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3. Patient Rights and Responsibilities and 4. Ethics for Healthcare Professionals.

LPNI250353 – Close case.

RNI250547 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with probation x 1 year, Quarterly Reports x 2 (s, e), \$500.00 fine for UPC and courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 - Patient Rights and Responsibilities (since we have two witness statements, and the respondent states in his LOE he had a momentary lack of judgment) Investigative Costs: \$115.40 (if applicable)

LPN250015 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication. FTD arrest to be addressed with MPE results.

RNI260043 – Rescind previous motion and close case. Respondent provided proof of continuing competency requirements for the 2025-2027 renewal period.

RNI251506 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

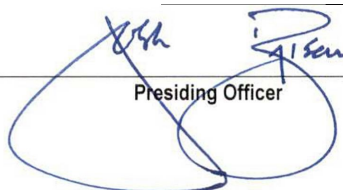
RNI251744 – Close case with LOC (THC).

LPNI250036 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250107 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI250307 – Refer to AG – Public Reprimand with \$500 fine with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Legal Implications of Practice That Every Nurse Practitioner Should Know.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 4:46 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 July 24, 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 24th day of July, 2025.



Notary Public

