

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 25, 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 25, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA

STAFF PRESENT

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 4:03 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Loke 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, September 25, 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. Hollins seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

00221193 – Approve early termination of probation.

00257092 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for diversion, 2yrs probation, QRT reports x2 (s,e), Qtr. Hairstat 10 x12mo, random twice monthly UDS x24mo, SAS, standard work restrictions and a course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00262592 – Proceed with Licensure for Initial Authorization as an APRN based on a Multistate RN License in Another Jurisdiction (GAA) with a LOC-AAJ.

00262596 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with LOC-Criminal (applicant is eligible for eNLC, verify with licensing analyst everything is complete)

00253742 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for fraudulent documentation with Courses – 1- Jurisprudence Georgia RN; 2- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 3- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

00254729 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for fraudulent documentation with Courses – 1- Jurisprudence Georgia RN; 2- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 3- Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

00262773 – Close case.

00253751 – Refer to AG for \$500 fine for UPC with Courses: - 1- Jurisprudence Georgia RN; 2- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 3- Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal (Article).

00256738 – Refer to SOS Investigations for medical records (*Zinker abstains*).

00256640 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for working impaired, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, psychotherapy, addictionologist or addiction psychiatrist), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. To include Investigative Costs as applicable. Must enroll in IOP within 10 days of docket date and submit certificate of completion.

00256643 – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

00257140 – 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.

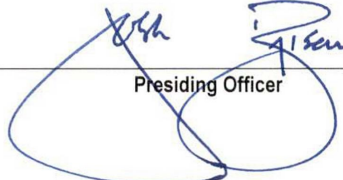
00262750 – Applicant MPE (*Zinker abstains*).

00257892 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260124 – Proceed with Licensure and Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), monthly PEth x12 mo., 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. Allow Applicant to withdraw application in lieu of signing consent agreement. Must submit court documents related to the 01/2025 arrest.

00252440 – Withdraw Application due to incomplete Form A and receipt of NOT SAFE TO PRACTICE STATEMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 4:18 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 September 25, 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 25th day of September, 2025.



Notary Public

