

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, October 23, 2025, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Brandy Hollins, LPN
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

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 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 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, October 23, 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)

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

00264559 – Proceed with single state Licensure by Exam as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal.

00264560 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-Action in Another Jurisdiction (verify with licensing analyst a multistate license can be issued as well).

00260551 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand to include stayed suspension language and \$500 fine for Violation of CO (missed quarterly report and aftercare noncompliance).

00257819 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00263068 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand to include stayed suspension language and \$500 fine for violation of CO. Restart sobriety date.

00259814 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for UPC, and courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, 4 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal. Investigative Costs: \$173.10 (if applicable)

00264280 – Refer with above case to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

00249085 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift suspension once the terms and conditions of the Private and Public CO.

00256849 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift suspension once the terms and conditions of the Private and Public CO.

00260899 – Close case with LOC – THC.

00254626 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Resident's Rights.

00264599 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst a multistate license can be issued as well).

00257645 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260069 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$300.00 fine for action on Privilege to Practice (PTP).

00264275 – Close case with no disciplinary action, is now compliant.

00259796 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00257895 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00253706 – Refer to AG with 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. Refer to Georgia Composite Medical Board.

00251003 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00261129 – 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 requirement.

00264596 – Applicant MPE.

00261168 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Agreement to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), QTR Hairstat 14 x 24 months, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May issue a temporary permit to complete reentry upon receipt of the signed consent agreement and a board approved reentry program. Allow Applicant to withdraw application in lieu of signing consent agreement. (*Zinker abstains*)

00256611 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, psychotherapy with addiction- focused counselor, and a treating addiction psychiatrist), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtSx24 mo. then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00222724 – Lift suspension and Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions x2yrs (never requested to lift), quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,), random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions.

00259782 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00264659 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam with LOC- Arrest. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication.

00264660 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam with LOC- Arrest.

00251940 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00256626 – Refer to SOS Investigations - (1) Obtain proof of her employment with Northside - Obtain a copy of her employee file, including application and photo ID; (2) Copy of the Lease in Jonesboro; (3) Copy of the Application submitted for Liability Insurance from Biberk. Upon receipt of file, refer to AG for Revocation.

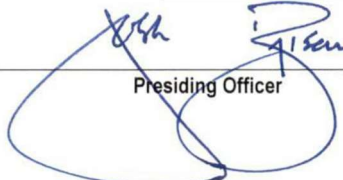
00229012 – Approve Early Termination of Probation.

00181334 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

00263904 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand to include stayed suspension language and \$500 fine for a positive drug screen.

00260550 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with 1 quarter of compliance and a safe to practice statement. CEs will need to be addressed if Respondent requests to lift suspension.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 4:32 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 October 23, 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 23rd day of October, 2025.



Notary Public

