

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 8, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Bohannon, MHA, LPN, CPC
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN
Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Ashlan Porter, BSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

Bohannon called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gresham moved, Porter 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, January 8, 2026, Bohannon 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)

Porter moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Willcox seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

00261125 – Close with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct.

00251091 – Refer to AG for Cease and Desist and place Imposter on the Board's Website.

00268577 – Proceed with Initial Licensure as an APRN with a LOC-Criminal.

00268579 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst an eNLC can be issued)

00261074 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00261063 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00268663 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for FTD an arrest on 2024-2026 Renewal Application and \$500.00 fine for FTD an arrest on Application for Multistate Conversion of Existing License (\$1,000.00 total fine); eNLC can be issued with signed/docketed order and payment of fines. (*Willcox and Bohannon abstain*)

00261179 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00257017 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN, 3 – Scope of Nursing Practice: Decision Making Framework (Article).

00268607 – Refer to Legal Services - Private Consent Order with \$500 fine - CE Violation 2024-2026 Renewal.

00200145 – Approve early termination of probation.

00224157 – Approve early termination of probation.

00256746 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, psych), narcotic restrictions x2yr, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, quarterly Hairstat 10 x12mo., SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00257146 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a,psych), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. \$500 fine for working impaired.

00262750 – Issue license and Refer to AG for a Public Consent Agreement, stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, addiction psychiatrist), narcotic restrictions x3yrs (recommended by Dr Antin), quarterly Hairstat 5 x12 mo, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00251938 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260118 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00267978 – Refer to AG – Private Consent Order with \$500 fine for Failure to Disclose Arrest on 2023-2025 Renewal Application. May proceed with issuance of eNLC upon receipt of signed /docketed consent order and payment of fine.

00268094 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement with LOC- Arrest. Eligible for eNLC, no felony convictions.

00260584 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260149 – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

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00259743 – Refer to AG - Public Consent Order with \$500 fine for Medication Discrepancies. Probation x 2 yrs, QTR x 2 (e,s) with Courses - Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN; 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

RNI240886 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a Public Reprimand \$500 fine for drug diversion and a \$500 fine for working impaired, stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X4 (s,e,a psych), 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.

00260139 – Table pending final court disposition.

00214888 – Deny request for early termination of probation, will not have 3yrs of continuous documented sobriety 04/19/2026 and violated CO in 2024.

00257107 – Deny request. Respondent only been on CO since 11/24/2025.

00257858 – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirement.

00209802 – Approve early termination of probation.

00268359 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement as a LPN with LOC – AAJ.

00257385 – Accept treatment records in lieu of an MPE and Proceed with lifting suspension and Refer to AG for a public consent order, stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,), quarterly Hairstat 5 x12mo, 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 5:24 pm.



Heather Bohannon, **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.

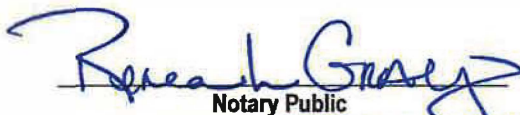
Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 January 8, 2026 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 8th day of January, 2026.


Notary Public

