

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 19, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Brandy Hollins, LPN
Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE
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 4:03 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

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, February 19, 2026, 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. Pierce seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

00260078 – Refer to AG for Public CO x 1 yr, QRs x 2 (s,e), \$500 fine for UPC – sleeping on the job, 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. Deactivate eNLC. Investigative Costs: \$230.80 (if applicable)

00239547 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with complete payment of fine.

00244852 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with complete payment of fine.

00217731 – Approve early termination of probation.

00168083 – Approve early termination of probation.

00241350 – Deny the request for early termination of probation.

00257374 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for UPC, include the following Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing. Investigative Costs: \$316.92 (if applicable)

00260883 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for narcotic discrepancies, Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 – Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. Investigative Costs: \$259.65 (if applicable)

00273226 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst if eNLC can be issued)

00273309 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with LOC-Criminal (verify with licensing analyst if eNLC can be issued)

00273310 – Proceed with Initial Authorization as an APRN based on a Multistate RN License in Another Jurisdiction with LOC- AAJ

00273414 – Proceed with Licensure by Reinstatement as a LPN with LOC-Criminal.

00260082 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for UPC, Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, and 4 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. Investigative Costs: \$100.98 (if applicable).

00263434 – Close with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

00273169 – Proceed with licensure by exam. Not eligible for eNLC due to felony conviction.

00244850 – Upon completion of Board Approved Reentry, Proceed with licensure by Reinstatement with LOC-Criminal.

00260058 – Refer to AG – MPE. If non-compliant VS/IS of multistate privilege to practice licensure in Georgia.

00272549 – Close with LOC- Action by Another Agency.

00270784 – Refer to AG - Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension, May petition to lift upon completion of time in custody.

00273713 – Applicant MPE.

00271763 – Refer to AG – Psychosexual MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirements.

00262341 – Refer to AG for a public consent order to include Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for working impaired, stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, psych/addiction therapy, med management with addiction psychiatrist), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00264109 – Approve request for termination of probation.

00260596 – If licensee does not renew and license lapses, close case and keep HOLD on license and place a note in NURSYS (if licensee does attempt to renew before expiration, send a Voluntary Surrender form for licensee to sign).

00249799 – Lift suspension and refer to AG for a Public CO with 5 years' probation, to include stayed suspension language, narcotic restrictions x2yrs, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,), quarterly hairstat 7 x 12mo, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12mo, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00257020 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, psychotherapy/addiction therapy, med management with addictionologist,), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00237029 – Approve early termination of probation for RN and APRN license.

00264018 – Applicant MPE, if evaluation has been completed by SC RPP, Respondent may submit that evaluation for Board Review if evaluation meets the MPE requirements.

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00240634 – 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. Will need to address FTD AAJ with MPE results.

00273723 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with LOC – UPC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 4:26 pm.



Presiding Officer

Joshua Batson, **Board Member**

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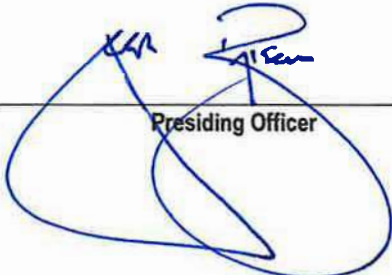
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 February 19, 2026 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 19th day of February, 2026.



Notary Public

