The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 22, 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

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, January 22, 2026.

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, January 22, 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** = **L**icensed **P**ractical **N**urse **I**nvestigative Case Number) (**RNI**=**R**egistered **N**urse **I**nvestigative Case Number)

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

00260508 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00257446 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, $500.00 fine for UPC, Courses to include: 1 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, 2 - Patient Rights, and 3 - Preventing Medication Errors (https://www.nurse.com/ce/medication-error-prevention). Investigative Costs: $263.37 (if applicable)

00261155 – Close case.

00257512 – Investigative Letter with 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.

00257131 – Close case with no disciplinary actions.

00268661 – Close case, respondent has met CE requirements.

00270398 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and $1,000.00 fine for FTD to disclose arrest on her 2023-2025 LPN Renewal application and her Application for Licensure by Endorsement as a RN. RN license can be issued with signed/docketed order and payment of fines. Applicant will need to send final court disposition after adjudication. Verify with licensing analyst if a multistate can be issued.

00270585 – Table for next meeting.

00270926 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with LOC- Criminal that states pending action could occur with receipt of final court disposition (verify with licensing analyst if eNLC can be issued)

00229263/
00268490 – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirements.

00259753 – Refer to AG for Private Reprimand with $500 fine for FTD AAJ on 2026-2028 renewal application.

00270392 – Proceed with licensure by endorsement with LOC – FTD Arrest.

#12 – Proceed with licensure by endorsement with LOC – AAJ.

00203068 – Proceed with licensure by reinstatement with LOC – AAJ.

00260810 – Close case with no disciplinary action with LOC- AAJ.

00257832 – Table for next meeting.

00257441 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00245430 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, Public Reprimand and $500 fine for AAJ, 3 yrs probation, quarterly reports x5 (s,e, psych, addictionologist, med management), random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, Standard work restrictions, SAS, and courses: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2.Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation 4. Documentation Accurate and Legal (Covers legal aspects of documentation). Once Respondent completes CA order, she may petition to terminate GA order.

00261439 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a Public Reprimand and $500 fine for diversion, $500 fine for positive drug screen, 5 years' probation, stayed suspension language, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), , monthly UDS x24mo then monthly

throughout the duration of probation, quarterly Hairstat 10 x 12mo, narcotic restrictions x 2yrs, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. To include investigative costs as applicable.

00252564 – Refer to AG for a Public CO with stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, psych and 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. Must submit certificate of completion of IOP within 10 days of docket date.

00175992 – Will need reentry. Issue license and Refer to AG for a Public Consent Agreement to include stayed suspension language, with 3 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, quarterly Hairstat 7 x24mo, monthly PEth X24 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Add narcotic restrictions x2yrs.

00260803 – Refer to AG for a Public CO, 5yr probation, stayed suspension language QRs x 5 (s,e,a, psych, med management), QTR Hair (Hairstat 7) x 12mos, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00254812 – Refer to AG for a Public CO stayed suspension language, with 3 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, and addictionologist), narcotic restrictions x 2yrs, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions and courses 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

00260159 – Close case, now compliant with CEs.

00254625 – Close case with no disciplinary action and refer complaint to Georgia Composite Medical Board to review.

00251375 – Refer to AG for suspension of PTP (unable to monitor).

00257680 – Approve request to continue employment with Aveanna Healthcare only.

00237305 – Deny work request.

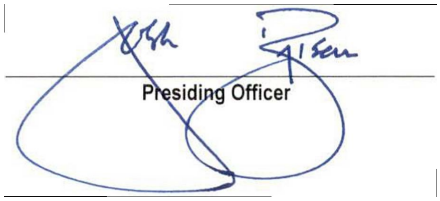
00261118 – Close case with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct (appears to be more of a domestic issue involving personal relationships, this did not occur where the respondent was employed or while she was working)

00270939 – Close case; respondent is now compliant with CEs.

0271076 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Agreement to mirror the terms/conditions of Arkansas BON Agreement – Probation x 3 yrs; SAS; Standard Work Restrictions to include no employment in Emergency Room, Pre and Post Op, Labor and Delivery, Home Hospice, Home Health or any Intensive Care Unit; QTR x 4 (e,s,a, medication management); Random twice monthly UDS X 2 years then monthly throughout period of probation. Add ETS and ETG testing.

00271080 – Proceed with Initial Authorization -GAA – APRN with LOC AAJ.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 4:55 pm.



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 January 22, 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 22nd day of January, 2026.

Renea L. Gray
Notary Public

RENEA L. GRAY
Notary Public, Georgia
Houston County
My Commission Expires
June 01, 2027