

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, March 26, 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  
Autumn Garber, RN, 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ziner moved, Pierce 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, March 26, 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)

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

**00256626** – Investigative Interview.

**00275508** – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a), monthly PEth testing X12 months, random twice monthly UDS with EG and EtS 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 the Applicant to withdraw the application in lieu of signing the consent agreement.

**00276449** – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal, qualifies for eNLC.

**00276591** – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$1,000.00 fine for FTD an arrest on BOTH her 2025-2027 LPN Renewal (\$500.00) and Application for Licensure by Exam as a RN (\$500.00), proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN upon receipt of signed consent agreement and payment of fine. Also, qualifies for eNLC.

**00274821** – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

**00259759** – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language. Will need to address AAJ with MPE results.

**00271531** – Due to the use of new substances, Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

**00276666** – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal, qualifies for eNLC.

**00276095** – Applicant MPE.

**00276119** – Proceed with Licensure by Exam. Not eligible for eNLC due to felony agreed disposition.

**00260906** – Refer to AG - Indefinite Suspension, May petition to lift upon final adjudication of criminal charges. (*Pierce abstains*)

**00257706** – Close case with no action.

**00257879** – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia LPN;3 – Wound Care Essentials Bundle B.

**00257816** – Refer to AG – Private Reprimand with \$500 fine for failing to disclose arrest on renewal application. Must submit final court disposition upon adjudication.

**00260094** – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500.00 fine for UPC (Falsification of Documentation), and include Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 - Resident's Rights. Investigative Costs: \$259.65 (if applicable)

**00257929** – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with complete payment of fine.

**00274873** – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

**00275036** – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

**00261163** – Deactivate eNLC and refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500.00 fine for UPC (Falsification of Documentation), Probation x 1 year with Quarterly Reports x 2 (s,e), and include Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 - Resident's Rights. Investigative Costs: \$108.19 (if applicable)

**00265639** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**00265017** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**00257734** – Close case.

**00259824** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**00257440** – Refer to AG – Public Consent Agreement with Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for AAJ (TN). May proceed with Licensure upon receipt of docketed order and payment of fine. Not eligible for eNLC due to VS of multi state PTP (TN).

**00257695** – Close case with no disciplinary action.

**00257743** – Refer to AG for Revocation of PTP (since this is the 4th complaint with allegations of falsifying home visits since 2024). Investigative Costs: \$158.67 (if applicable)

**00259823** – Refer this case along with case 00257743 (similar allegations) to AG for Revocation of PTP. Investigative Costs: \$216.37 (if applicable)

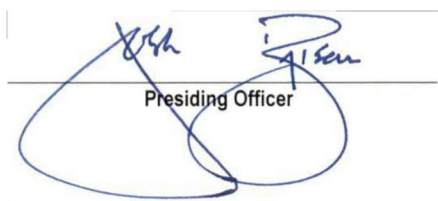
**00263042** – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Resident's Rights, and 4 - The Professional Nurse and Social Media (<https://www.nurse.com/ce/social-media-for-the-professional-nurse>).

**00268701** – Refer to AG for a public consent order to include stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, psychotherapy with addiction psychiatrist), 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. May petition to lift after 3 years of compliance.

**00274057** – Refer to AG for a mandatory 3mo suspension for Felony and then proceed with a Public Consent Order with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a), random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, QTR Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12 mos., SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

**00276416** – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with MPE and/or safe to practice statement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:33 pm.



Handwritten signatures in blue ink are positioned above a horizontal line. The signature on the left is partially obscured by a large blue scribble. The signature on the right is more legible, appearing to read 'J. Batson'. Below the horizontal line, the text 'Presiding Officer' is printed.

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.

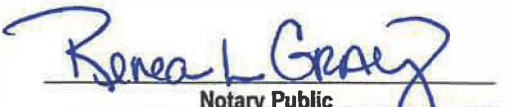
**Comes now the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.**

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 March 26, 2026 (C/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

  
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Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 26th day of March, 2026.

  
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Notary Public  
