

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 9, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Bohannon, MHA, LPN, CPC
Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Ashlan Porter, BSN, RN

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 3:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Watkins moved, Willcox 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, April 9, 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)

Summerlin moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Watkins seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

00277940 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with a LOC- Previous Board Discipline. Qualifies for eNLC.

00277091 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam with LOC – Arrest. Not Eligible for eNLC due to Felony Conviction (Diversion= Agreed Disposition)

00241104 – Refer to AG – Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for AAJ (Tx BON)

00260487 – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3 – Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation (Bohannon and Willcox abstain)

00257422 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00257894 – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- A Nurses Guide: How to Deal with Difficult Patients (*Watkins abstains*)

00257804 – Close case with no action.

00257896 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00257837 – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

00276478 – Refer to Board Staff – Private Consent Agreement with \$500 fine for failure to disclose AAJ (VA BON). May proceed with licensure upon receipt of signed agreement and payment of fine.

00249770 – Close Case with LOC.

00257147 – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3 – Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation (*Bohannon and Willcox abstain*)

00260164 – Deactivate eNLC and refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500.00 fine for UPC (Falsification of Documentation/Medication Discrepancy), 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, 4 - Resident’s Rights, and 5 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. Investigative Costs: \$259.65 (if applicable)

00261102 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500.00 fine for UPC (Medication Discrepancy) and include Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal, and 4 - Preventing Medication Errors (<https://www.nurse.com/ce/medication-error-prevention>) Investigative Costs: \$230.80 (if applicable)

00260079 – Refer to Investigations to investigate allegations of the respondent misrepresenting herself as a Registered Nurse in November 2024. Interview complainant and obtain statement from witness/es of LPN representing herself as an RN.

00260512 – 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: \$201.95 (if applicable) (Bohannon abstains)

00259731 – Once the respondent’s license has been reinstated, issue a LOC-Unprofessional Conduct (right now her license is lapsed and her application for reinstatement is in draft status)

00261372 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand, \$500.00 fine for UPC, 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: \$287.30 (if applicable)

00261120 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00257845 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00224166 – Approve the request for early termination of probation.

00271272/

00266346 – Refer to AG for a Public Consent Order with a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for diversion and \$500 fine for working impaired, 5 years' probation, stayed suspension language, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X3 (s,e,a), QTR Hair (Hairstat 14) x 12 mos, random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. Must submit IOP certificate of completion within 10 days of completion and final court documentation within 10 days of adjudication.

00277301 – Proceed with licensure by endorsement. Eligible for eNLC.

00260162 – 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>)

00276687 – Close with LOC.

00260830 – Investigative letter with course to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN 3. Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors and 4. 8 Rights of Medication Administration.

00260155 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for UPC courses, to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN 3. Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing 4. Documentation Accurate and Legal (Covers legal aspects of documentation).

00263227 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for medication discrepancies 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) (*Watkins abstains*)

00260083 – Refer to AG for Psychological MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00260525 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00261874 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 4:35 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Bohannon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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 April 9 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 9th day of April, 2026.


Notary Public

