

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 7, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Bohannon, MHA, LPN, CPC
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Ashlan Porter, BSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP

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

Bohannon called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Porter 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, May 7, 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)

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

00264750 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and

standard practice language.

00261080 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for Unprofessional Conduct, and include courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong - Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing, 4 - Professional Boundaries in Nursing: Ethical and Legal Imperatives (<https://www.netce.com/course/overview/professional-boundaries-in-nursing-ethical-and-legal-imperatives/37320/3252>), and 5 - Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors ([rnlms.amnhealthcare.com/course/details.php?id=30651](https://www.rnlms.amnhealthcare.com/course/details.php?id=30651)). Investigative Costs: \$441.41 (if applicable)

00261166 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00261139 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00262986 – Close case. Send Underground Strength and Wellness, LLC and the respondent a copy of the Board's Cosmetic/Aesthetic position statement (for the practice and respondent to use for guidance and reference).

00262989 – Close case. Send Underground Strength and Wellness, LLC and the respondent a copy of the Board's Cosmetic/Aesthetic position statement (for the practice and respondent to use for guidance and reference).

00262114 – 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>).

00278816 – Investigative letter with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN and 3. Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal (Article).

00260545 – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

00263791 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00263935 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00262882 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00280185 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with LOC-Criminal/Action in Another Jurisdiction (AAJ).

00278947 – Approve the request for termination of probation.

00279648 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with LOC – AAJ.

00280306 – Applicant MPE. Will require reentry.

00260053 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260898 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260128 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00279442 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with 1 quarter of compliance.

00270749 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00259740 – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct and include the language §43-1-33(d.1) (1) An advanced practice registered nurse shall verbally identify himself or herself as an advanced practice registered nurse during each patient interaction in a clinical setting. An advanced practice registered nurse who holds a doctorate degree and identifies himself or herself with the title 'doctor' while in a clinical setting shall clearly state that he or she is not a medical doctor or physician.

00280338 – Table – Review with Full Board at May 2026 meeting.

00260500 – Refer to the AG for MPE. If non-compliant – Revocation of multi state licensure privilege to practice.

00267146 – Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for UPC (medication discrepancies), courses to include. 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia LPN 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

00280442 – Refer to AG – Public Consent Agreement to mirror the same term/conditions of his current Public Consent Order – Docket 2024 – 0137 - 5 years' probation, Narcotic restrictions x3 yrs., quarterly reports X4 (s, e, a, addictionologist), monthly PEth X24 months, QTR Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12 mos., random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions. Order to include - shall not prescribe, order, dispense, or administer any controlled substances under this protocol. Prescriptive authority is limited to non-controlled medications consistent with the APRN's scope of practice and the delegating physician's authorization. May proceed with APRN authorization upon receipt of signed, docketed agreement.

00217757 – Approve early termination of probation.

00280386 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 4:18 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 May 7, 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 7th day of May, 2026.


Notary Public

