

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, April 23, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Brandy Hollins, LPN
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE
Autumn Garber, RN, CRNA
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Roger Pierce, RN, MSN

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, RN, BSN, Executive Director
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, April 23, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zinker moved, Loke 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, April 23, 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. Loke seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

00260477 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Resident’s Rights, and 4 – Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

00278181 – Close case; is now compliant.

00260481 – Close case and place respondent on the Board's Imposter list, (the respondent signed a Cease-and-Desist Order on 09/12/2025, discipline analyst will need to send for signatures so order can be docketed).

00260902 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00267355 – Close the case with no disciplinary action.

00260495 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00270578 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00273713 – Reinstate license and refer to AG for a Public Consent Agreement to include stayed suspension language, 3 years' probation (monitoring for 2yrs for remaining criminal probation and 1yr off probation), quarterly reports X2 (s, e), quarterly Hairstat 5 x12mo, random twice monthly UDS X 24mo then monthly throughout the duration of probation, SAS, Standard work restrictions, and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN. Pending charges could bring additional discipline.

00257055 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260527 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for AAJ (discipline against Privilege to Practice).

00278185 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation (refer to AG so both cases can be combined in one order)

00278977 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with a LOC-Criminal, qualifies for eNLC.

00260145 – Close case and place respondent on the Board's Imposter list, (the respondent signed a Cease-and-Desist Order on 08/25/2025, discipline analyst will need to send for signatures so the order can be docketed).

00259757 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00272564 – Close case with LOC – Arrest.

00266817 – Refer to AG – Private Reprimand with \$500 fine for failure to disclose arrest on 2026-2028 renewal application.

00256615 – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain the medical records from Respondent's care and obtain a statement. Upon receipt of records – refer for Peer Review.

00278991 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with LOC. Not eligible for eNLC due to Felony Conviction.

00278993 – Proceed with GAA- APRN Licensure.

00279138 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Not eligible for eNLC due to Felony Conviction.

00261881 – Refer to AG – MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirement.

00261091 – Refer to AG – MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirement.

00275384 – Refer to AG for Private consent agreement for 1yr with QR x 1 (med management).

00263371 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00265613 – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

00279089 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-Criminal, qualifies for eNLC.

00225650 – Approve the request for early termination of probation.

00218198 – Approve the request for early termination of probation.


00244430 – Lift suspension and refer to the AG for a Public CO with stayed suspension language, to include the current terms of the 02/21/2025 Public CO, 3 years' probation, quarterly reports X4 (s, e, addictionologist, psychotherapy), random twice monthly UDS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions.

00272222 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include stayed suspension language, 1 years' probation, quarterly reports X2 (s, e.).

00249823 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN; 3- Airway Management: Basics for Healthcare Providers; 4 - Documentation- Accurate and Legal.

00278803 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, and may lift suspension with 1 quarter of compliance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 4:17 pm.



Presiding Officer

Joshua Batson, **Board Member**

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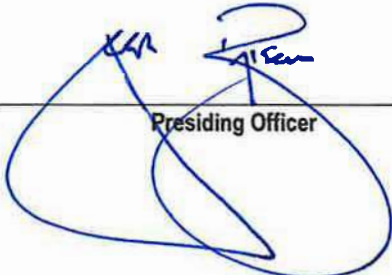
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 April 23, 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 23rd day of April, 2026.



Notary Public

