

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 5, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Bohannon, MHA, LPN, CPC
Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Ashlan Porter, BSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Porter moved, Watkins 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, February 5, 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)

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

00261848 – Approve work request.

00270585 – Proceed with Licensure by Repeat Exam as a LPN with Letter of Concern- FTD and Criminal (due to age and prior to completing nursing school) (also, applicant is not eligible for eNLC).

00225652 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

00272155 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with Letter of Concern- Pending Criminal that states pending action could occur with receipt of final court disposition (also, applicant is eligible for eNLC).

00257053 – Close Case. Refer to AG for Cease and Desist and place respondent on Board's Imposter list. Also refer this complaint to the Georgia State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators (Trades 3).

00234392 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

00224711 – Approve request to prescribe hormone therapy that includes testosterone in the form of pellets, creams, and injections.

00257391 – Proceed with lifting suspension. The Board has been in receipt of CE documentation and payment of \$500 fine.

00260504 – Close with Letter of Concern-Criminal (will need to send in final court documents at completion of First Offender terms, order of discharge).

00257832 – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard, 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Documentation- Accurate and Legal.

00271785 – Applicant MPE.

00271805 – Refer to Staff – Private Consent Agreement with \$500 fine for FTD AAJ – Ohio & FL BON. May proceed with licensure upon receipt of signed consent agreement and payment of fine.

00257754/

00272084 – Applicant MPE.

00234893 – Refer to AG – Suspension x 3 months. May petition to lift with MPE.

00269109 – Refer to SOS Investigations to obtain criminal case documents including arrest records, warrant affidavits, etc.

00260111 – Close case with Letter of Concern-Unprofessional Conduct.

00260474 – Close case. Send the respondent and physician a copy of the Board's Cosmetic/Aesthetic position statement. Also refer the complaint to both the Cosmetology Board to investigate and Composite Medical Board to determine if the medical director is allowing the respondent to practice cosmetic medicine.

00257093 – Investigative Letter with Courses: 1- Upholding the Standard- Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence- Georgia RN; 3- Accurate and Legal Documentation.

00257753 – Refer to AG – Psychosexual MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirements.

00261089 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2

- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

00261090 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

00271066 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for violation of CO. Restart sobriety date. (*Summerlin abstains*)

00272222 – Applicant MPE.

00271345 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of CO.

00270411

00271392 – Close case with Letter of Concern. Refer case to TN State Board of Medical Examiners and TN Board of Nursing.

00264021 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00214995 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

00260873 – Close case with Letter of Concern-Alcohol.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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

00256640 – Uphold original order.

LPNI250120 – Uphold original order.

00253176 – Refer to AG for Revocation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 4:32 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Bohannon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heather" and last name "Bohannon" clearly distinguishable.

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 February 5, 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 5th day of February, 2026.


Notary Public

