

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 21, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE
Autumn Garber, RN, CRNA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Roger Pierce, RN, MSN
Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Brandy Hollins, LPN

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 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zinker moved, Garber 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, May 21, 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)

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

00244606 – Approve termination of probation.

00261138 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00229263/

00268490 – Refer to AG for a Public CO with stayed suspension language, 2 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a.), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, and a course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00222724 – Proceed with lifting suspension.

00260788 – Close case.

00261886 – Close case with LOC- Substandard Practice.

00280493 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with complete payment of fine (\$700).

00261086 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00264534 – Close case with LOC- Substandard Practice.

00281348 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-Criminal pending charges, qualifies for eNLC since Georgia is now her PSOR (will also need to submit final disposition after adjudication).

00281349 – Refer to staff for Private Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for FTD an arrest, then issue the multistate license with payment of fine and signed order (will need to send final disposition after adjudication and also disclose the arrest on upcoming renewal 2027-2029).

00280587 – Close with a LOC and continue monitoring.

00262747 – 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>).

00264603 – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

00281364 – Refer to Legal Services for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

00241063 – Approve early termination of narcotic restrictions.

00280911 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00263794/

00267320 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for working impaired, stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a.), random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00281582 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a LPN with a LOC-Criminal, qualifies for eNLC since Georgia is now her PSOR.

00259739 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 -

Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Home Care Documentation and Legal Considerations
(<https://www.nurse.com/ce/home-care-documentation-and-legal-considerations>).

00260074 – Close case with LOC – Substandard Practice.

00259831 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00281279 – Refer to AG – Private Consent Agreement with \$2050 fine for unauthorized practice. May issue license upon receipt of signed docketed order and payment of fine. May issue license upon the set-up of a payment plan.

00260117 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260091 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00281345 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Not eligible for eNLC due to Felony Conviction.

00281390 – Applicant MPE.

00242340 – Close case with LOC – Arrest.

00264464 – Close case with LOC- Substandard Care.

00254780 – Close Case with no action.

00281646 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with LOC – Arrest.

AG MEMOS

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

00257898 – Rescind previous motion and close case.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 13, 2026, at 4:34 pm.



Presiding Officer

Joshua Batson, **Board Member**

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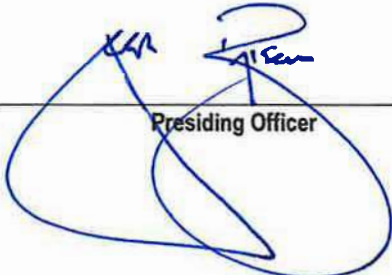
**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

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 May 21, 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 21st day of May, 2026.



Notary Public

