



GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING

The Georgia Board of Nursing met on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 4:00pm via Teams for an emergency meeting.

Thursday, July 30, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Maceo Tanner, RN, President
- Heather Bohannon, LPN, CPC, Vice President
- Lydia Watkins, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
- Joshua Batson, RN, NP-C
- Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
- Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN
- Dena Zinker, MSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE
- Ashlan Porter, RN, BSN
- Autumn Garber, RN, CRNA
- Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
- Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
- Roger Pierce, RN, MSN

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Natara Taylor, Executive Director
- Trisha McNair, RN, BSN, Legal/Discipline Nursing Consultant
- Giovanna Franchi Souva, Assistant Attorney General
- Renea Gray, Discipline Analyst

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Brandy Hollins, LPN

OPEN SESSION

Tanner called the emergency meeting to order at 4:02 pm on Thursday, July 30, 2026. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zinker moved, Bohannon seconded, and the Board 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 cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session on Thursday, July 30, 2026, Tanner 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.

CASE REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number, LPNI=Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Pierce moved, Garber seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during the executive session:

00274873 – Refer to AG for Summary Suspension.

00257893 – Refer to AG for Summary Suspension.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned July 30, 2026, at 4:20 pm.



Maceo Tanner, **President**



Natara Taylor, **Executive Director**

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 July 30, 2026 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 30 day of July, 2026.

