

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 6, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN

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
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Bohannon called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 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, August 13, 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.

AG MEMOS

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

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

00280493 – Rescind previous motion. Close case.

00270417 – Rescind previous motion. Public CO x 5yrs, QRs x 5 (s,e,a,psy,addictionolgist), Use Dr. Mathias for addictionologist, psychotherapy, aftercare and drug tests, Bimonthly UDS with EtG and EtS x 24 mos, then monthly UDS for remainder of probation. PEth x 12 mos, SAS, Standard work restrictions, Course: Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00269109 – Rescind previous motion. Refer to AG- Probation x 5 years; Mirror Terms of NJ Order – Work Restrictions - not allowed to work with mentally impaired populations or children under 18; QTR x 2 (s,e), Courses- Upholding the Standard – Professional Accountability in Nursing, Jurisprudence – Georgia RN.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

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00259721 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for Failure to Disclose an Arrest and the Board may want to include Courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Preventing Medication Errors (<https://www.nurse.com/ce/medication-error-prevention>).
Investigative Costs: \$244.22 (if applicable)

00261825 – Close case and send copy of the Board's Cosmetic Aesthetic Position Statement for the practice/respondent to use as guidance.

00260531 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 - Effective Communication Skills for Nurses (<https://www.nurse.com/ce/effective-communication-skills-for-nurses>).

00269076 – Close with LOC-Unprofessional Conduct (drug screen refusal).

00277601 – Close with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

00271416 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for Action with Another Jurisdiction.

00287493 – Refer to staff for Private Consent Agreement and \$500.00 fine for FTD (arrest), may proceed with single state Licensure by Exam as a RN after receipt of signed order and payment of fine, does not qualify for eNLC.

00287597 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with LOC-Criminal, qualifies for eNLC (The possession of cocaine charge was 14 years ago, and there have not been any other drug related charges. The charge is sealed and no longer on the applicant's background check).

00287801 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN, does not qualify for eNLC (will need to submit an order of discharge stating that she has successfully completed the terms and conditions of her sentence).

00274672 – Close case.

00286422 – Refer to Legal Services for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

00270397 – Proceed with licensure.

00286752 – Applicant MPE.

00286761 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam with LOC- Arrest. Eligible for eNLC as there was no Felony Conviction.

00286839 – Proceed with licensure by exam. Eligible for eNLC.

00286852 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement with LOC- Arrest. Not eligible for eNLC due to Felony conviction.

00260119 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00260120 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

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00263945 – Refer to AG – MPE. If non-compliant – Revocation of multi state licensure privilege to practice in Georgia.

00260575/

00283385/

00279951 – Refer cases to Consumer Protection Division.

00260789 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00266379 – Refer to AG for MPE; if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language. May submit evaluation completed for TN.

00237731 – Approve request for early termination of probation.

00260908 – Deny the request.

00286409 – Refer to AG to amend current CO to include a Public Reprimand, \$500 fine for violation of consent order, add stayed suspension language, and restart sobriety date.

00270601 – Refer to AG for MPE; if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00283415 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00286491 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for violation of CO. Amend current CO to add stayed suspension language and restart sobriety date.

00273966 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for working impaired and \$500 fine for diversion, stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions X2 years, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, psychotherapy with addiction counselor, med management with addiction psychiatrist), QTR Hairstat 14 x 12 mos, random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. To include investigative costs as applicable. Must submit PHP certificate within 10 days of completion.

00262516 – IL with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN and 3. Patient Rights (Deals with Patient Safety).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 4:10 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Bohannon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

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 August 6, 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 6th day of August, 2026.


Notary Public

