

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 11, 2024, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, January 11, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
LaWanda Davis, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Trisha McNair, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Michelle Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General
Shiela Guider, Assistant Attorney General
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on January 11, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gresham moved, Summerlin 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, January 11, 2024, 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.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

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

Thompson moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Gresham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LPNI230348 – Refer to AG:Public Reprimand with 2 year Probation – QTR x2 (e,s). Deactivate eNLC license.

RNI230354 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI231100 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI230682 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI240127 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI220578 – Refer to AG for MPE. VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice. Not eligible for eNLC due to encumbrance on CA license.

LPNI240239 – May reapply for Licensure by Reinstatement as an LPN after 24 months of continuous sobriety and submission of a current MPE. May withdraw application (if not withdrawn within 30 days, deny).

RNI240472 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

LPNI230454 – Refer to AG for Public Consent Order with 3 years' probation, quarterly reports X2 (s,e), quarterly Hairstat 14 testing X 12mo, PEth X12 months, monthly UDS with EtG and EtS for duration of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions, and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

RNI231264 – Refer to AG for superseding order with stayed suspension language to include current stipulations, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports x 3 (s,e,a), narcotic restrictions x 1yr, (quarterly Hair (Hairstat 10) x 12 months – not needed has completed 12mo), quarterly UDS throughout the period of probation; substance use stipulations; standard work restrictions, \$500 fine for violation of consent order and restart sobriety date.

LPNI240212 – Refer to AG for superseding order with stayed suspension language to include 5yr probation, QRs x 4(s,e,a, and psych), monthly PEth x 24 months(restarting), QTR Hairstat 5 x 12 months (restarting), Monthly UDS, Standard work restrictions, SAS, and not to work more than 40hrs in a scheduled work week x 3mo.

RNI230269 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240554 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice language.

RNI230024 – Deny request. May petition to lift suspension with MPE from addictionologist and safe to practice statement.

RNI230038 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI230191 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

LPNI230561 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI230228 – Close case with LOC- UPC.

LPNI230552 – Refer to AG for MPE. Revocation of PTP if non-compliant.

LPNI230433 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240164 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

RNI231321 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3- Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI231115 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements.

RNI240723 – Proceed with Licensure by Reinstatement as a RN.

RNI240444 – Refer to AG for MPE, if noncompliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice

language.

RNI211101 – Refer to AG- Public CO with Probation x 1 yr with QTR (e,s) with Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for Medication Discrepancies. May issue license with signed Consent Order and payment of fine.

RNI221384 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken. No supporting evidence noted.

RNI240212 – Close case with no disciplinary action taken.

LPNI240240 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as an LPN with a LOC-Criminal (eligible for eNLC).

RNI180652 – Approve request for termination of probation. Has been in compliance with consent order.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 4:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maceo Tanner, RN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Maceo Tanner, **Board Member**

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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 January 11, 2024 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

R.anner, RN
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 11th day of January, 2024

Renea L. Gray
Notary Public
