

The Investigative Committee A of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 9, 2024, via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maceo Tanner, RN
Cynthia Summerlin, NP-C, DNP
Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC
Jessica Willcox, MSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ashley Gresham, MSN, RN, CCRN
Heather Bohannon, LPN

OTHERS PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director
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
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. on May 9, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Summerlin 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, May 9, 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)

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

RNI24394 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - 5. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, 4 – Patient Rights (Deactivate MSL, the licensee is ineligible related to the suspension of Florida license).

RNI240152 – Investigative Letter with courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Accurate and Legal Documentation, and 4 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

LPNI240183 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 2 - Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, 3 – Challenging Patient Communication Encounters (<https://www.nurse.com/ce/challenging-patient->

communication-encounters).

LPNI240197 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant may petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements.

LPNI240134 – Refer to AG with case LPNI240197.

RNI230952 – Approve request to lift suspension and Refer to AG for a Superseding order with stayed suspension language, to include terms and conditions of prior order, change UDS from quarterly to monthly, and restart sobriety date.

RNI240426 – Investigative Letter with courses to include 1. Best Practices for Avoiding Medication Errors, 2. 8 Rights of Medication Administration, and 3. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing.

LPNI240040 – Close Case with LOC-UPC.

RNI241423 – Issue single state Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC- AAJ (she would not be eligible for a multistate license until the PTP is restored with Texas BON).

RNI241271 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement- Applicant is eligible for eNLC.

LPNI240125 – Refer for Peer Review.

LPNI240112 – Refer to AG for revocation of multi-state privilege to practice.

LPNI230552 – Refer to AG for revocation of multi-state privilege to practice.

RNI231303 – Close case with no action.

RNI240454 – Close case with LOC-UPC.

RNI191222 – Refer to AG - Public Consent Agreement to include a stayed suspension - 5 Years Probation , QTR x 5(e,s,a,psych,medication management), SAS, Work Restrictions, Narcotic Restrictions x 3 years; QTR Hairstat 7x 24 months, Monthly PEth testing X 24 months and random twice monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x 24 months then random monthly throughout period of probation. May issue a temporary permit to complete reentry upon receipt of the signed consent agreement and a board-approved reentry program.

RNI240334 – Close case with no action.

RNI240560 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

RNI240566 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE, deny renewal, and include standard practice requirements.

LPNI240080 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, 3 – Patient Rights (deals with Patient Safety).

RNI240420 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

LPNI240386 – Request an Applicant MPE.

RNI241415 – Refer LPNI210205 to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant, may petition to lift with MPE, deny renewal and include standard practice requirements (NOTE: LPNI210205 contains court documents related to 2020 and 2021 arrests). Table Licensure by Endorsement as an RN application (RNI241415) until MPE results are reviewed.

LPNI180303 – Approve request to lift suspension. Refer to AG for a Public CO r with 5 years' probation, narcotic restrictions x2yrs, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a,), Hairstat 10 x12mo, random monthly UDS with EtG and EtS throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

LPNI240058 – Close case with no further discipline.

LPN240132 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN and 3. Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. 4. Dependent Adult Abuse (Patient Abuse).

LPN24037 – Refer to AG for Private Consent Order with \$500 fine for CE violation if no response within 10 business days regarding CE violation letter sent.

RNI211294 – Deny request. Must have 5 years of documented continuous sobriety.

RNI211277 – Approve request to lift suspension. Refer to AG for a new CO with 5yrs probation to include stayed suspension language, quarterly reports x 5 (s,e,a,psy- psychiatrist,psy), PEth x 12mo, monthly UDS for the remainder of probationary period, SAS, Standard work restrictions along with no excess work over 40 hours per week. Must submit documentation of completion of IOP within 10 days of completion.

RNI231115 – Investigative Letter with courses to include: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence – Georgia RN 3. Risk Advisor for Advanced Practice Nurses: How to Protect Your License.

RNI230162 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and a \$500 fine for UPC.

LPNI240319 – Refer to AG for VS/IS. May petition to lift with a safe-to-practice statement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 4:23pm.



Maceo Tanner, **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 9, 2024 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

R. Janner, RN
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 9th day of May, 2024.

Renea L. Gray
Notary Public

