

The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, August 27, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Brandy Hollins, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pierce 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, August 27, 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. Pierce seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

00261516 – Refer to AG for Psychosexual MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements.

00262559 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00262330 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand and \$500.00 fine for UPC and include courses: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 – Establishing and Maintaining Professional Boundaries (<https://ceufast.com/course/establishing-and-maintaining-professionalboundaries>) Investigative Costs: \$100.98 (if applicable).

00275699 – Refer to AG for MPE, VS/IS if non-compliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and standard practice requirements.

00289547 – Proceed with Initial Authorization as an APRN based on a Multistate RN License in Another Jurisdiction with LOC-Action in Another Jurisdiction/Criminal.

00289551 – Recommendation: Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with LOC- Criminal, qualifies for eNLC.

00261368 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 - Challenging Patient Communication Encounters (https://reliasacademy.com/rls/store/courses/challenging-patient-communication-encounters/_/A-product-c1561049).

00273903 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00287069 – Refer to Legal Services for Private Consent Order and \$500.00 fine for CE violation.

00289675 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with LOC- Criminal; does not qualify for eNLC.

00289820 – Request an Applicant MPE.

00287473 – Applicant MPE.

00234146 – Refer to AG – Public Reprimand with \$500 fine for action by another jurisdiction.

00253277 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00234172 – Refer to AG – Suspension x 3 months, may petition to lift with payment of \$500 fine for failing to submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication.

00260525 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for medication discrepancies, and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia RN 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. To include investigative costs as applicable.

00268966 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a Public Reprimand and a \$500 fine for medication discrepancies, 2yrs probation, QRs X2 (s, e).

00234179 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00257115 – Refer to AG – Psychological MPE. If non-compliant, VS/IS and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice.

00287827 – Proceed with licensure by exam with LOC – Arrest. Eligible for eNLC.

00281443 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for medication discrepancies, 2yrs probation, QRs X2 (s, e).

00277668 – Refer to AG for MPE; if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00262882 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a reprimand and \$500 fine for medication discrepancies, stayed suspension language, 2yrs probation, quarterly reports x 2 (s, e), random twice-monthly UDS, SAS, standard work restrictions and courses 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia RN 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation. To include investigative costs as applicable.

00279753 – Accept safe-to-practice statement, lift suspension, and refer to AG for a Public CO to include current terms and conditions of the 08/19/2025 Public CO, stayed suspension language, 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X3 (s, e, a), random twice-monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x12 mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions. Restart sobriety date.

00288343 – Proceed with licensure by exam with LOC – Arrest.

00288370 – Proceed with licensure by exam with LOC – Arrest.

00270749 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for medication discrepancies and courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia RN 3. Accurate and Legal Documentation. To include investigative costs as applicable.

00278165 – Refer to AG for a public consent agreement with 5 years' probation; stayed suspension language, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, psych, med management); QTR Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12 mos., random, twice-monthly UDS x24 mo., then monthly throughout the period of probation; SAS; standard work restrictions; course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. May issue a temporary permit to complete reentry upon receipt of the signed consent agreement and a board-approved reentry program. include narcotic restrictions X2 years.

00273085 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00270578 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine for diversion, stayed suspension language, 5 yrs probation, QRs x 3 (s, e, a), QTR Hair (Hairstat 5) x 12 mos., narcotic restrictions x2yrs, random twice-monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24mo then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, standard work restrictions and course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction. To include investigative costs as applicable.

00248359 – Approve request to lift narcotic restrictions.

00290364 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement as a RN with a LOC-AAJ/Criminal, qualifies for eNLC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 4:23 pm.


Presiding Officer

Joshua Batson, **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 27, 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

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 27th day of August, 2026.



Presiding Officer



Notary Public

