The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 24, 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
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Batson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Garber moved, Pierce 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, September 24, 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** = **L**icensed **P**ractical **N**urse **I**nvestigative Case Number) (**RNI**=**R**egistered **N**urse **I**nvestigative Case Number)

Zinker moved to present the following recommendations to the Board. Pierce seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

00290833 – Table application – May Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement upon receipt of free and clear letter from Iowa

Board of Nursing. If not received within 30 days, allow Respondent to withdraw application.

00292093 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a RN with LOC- Criminal; qualifies for eNLC.

00292046 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam as a LPN with LOC- Criminal; qualifies for eNLC.

00292382 – Proceed with Licensure by Repeat Exam as a RN with LOC- Criminal – pending action could occur with receipt of final court disposition; qualifies for eNLC.

00276129 – Close case with LOC- Patient Abandonment.

00275599 – Close case (case can be reopened if supporting documentation is received).

00272714 – Close case with LOC- Unprofessional Conduct.

00282975 – Close with LOC- Positive THC (warning the licensee of the BON's concern regarding illegal use of cannabis and future positive THC testing may result in a substance use evaluation).

00292159 – Proceed with Licensure by Repeat Exam as a LPN with LOC- Criminal; qualifies for eNLC.

00274138 – IL with courses to include: 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia RN 3. Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

00281395/
00281839 – Refer to AG – MPE. VS/IS if noncompliant and deny renewal. May petition to lift with MPE and proof of standard work practice requirement.

00260554 – Refer to AG – Public Reprimand with $500 Fine for Unprofessional Conduct with Courses – 1- Upholding the Standard – Professional Accountability with Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN; 3- Elder Care.

00292400 – Refer to AG – Private Reprimand with $500 fine for CE Violation 2025-2027 renewal cycle.

00291860 – Proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with LOC. Not eligible for eNLC due to Felony Conviction.

00291939 – Allow Applicant to withdraw application, may resubmit application upon removal from OIG Exclusion List.

00291963 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam with LOC. Not eligible for eNLC.

00276002 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00286150 – Will need reentry- refer to AG for a Public CO with 5 years' probation, quarterly reports X5 (s, e, a, addiction-centered psychotherapy, mm), narcotic restrictions x2yrs, random twice-monthly UDS with EtG and EtS x24 mo, then monthly throughout the period of probation, quarterly Hairstat x5 x12 mo, monthly PEth X12 months, SAS, standard work restrictions, and a 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. Allow Applicant to withdraw application in lieu of signing consent agreement.

00286782 – Close case with LOC. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication.

00266196 – Close Case with No Disciplinary Action.

00283278 – Refer to AG for Public Reprimand with $500 fine for AAJ. Must submit final court disposition within 10 days of adjudication.

00290811 – Close case with LOC (alcohol) and continue monitoring.

00263953 – Investigative Letter with Courses - Upholding the Standard – Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN; 3 - Ethics and Professional Conduct: Striving for a Professional Ideal (Article).

00292001 – Refer to Legal Services – Refer to Legal Services – Private Consent Order with $500 Fine for CE Violation - 2025-2027 renewal cycle.

00287704 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, 3 - Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and 4 - Documentation: Accurate and Legal.

00259723 – Close case with LOC.

00272001 – IL with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia LPN 3. A Nurses Guide: How to Deal with Difficult Patients

00265552 – Refer to AG for a Public CO to include a Reprimand and $500 fine for diversion, stayed suspension language, 2 yr probation, quarterly reports x2 (s, e), narcotic restrictions for 1 year, SAS, Standard work restrictions, and a course in Understanding the Disease of Addiction.

00267446 – Approve request to change monthly Hairstat 14 to quarterly (standard frequency). Allow Respondent to petition to lift with completion of her PA order.

00290801 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with MPE or treatment records with a safe-to-practice statement.

00270832 – IL with courses to include 1. Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing 2. Jurisprudence - Georgia RN and 3. Prevention of Medical Errors.

00281880 – Close case.

00281468 – Refer to AG for MPE; if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 4:23 pm.



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 September 24 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

Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 24th day of September, 2026.

Notary Public

RENEA L. GRAY
Notary Public, Georgia
Houston County
My Commission Expires
June 01, 2027