The Investigative Committee B of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, October 22, 2026, via conference call.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Loke, Consumer Member
Brandy Hollins, LPN
Autumn Garber, RN, CRNA

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director
LaWanda Davis, 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 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zinker 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, October 22, 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

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

00277186 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia LPN, and 3 – Righting a Wrong: Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing.

00272734 – Investigative Letter with Courses to include: 1 - Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing, 2 - Jurisprudence – Georgia RN, and 3 – Accurate and Legal Documentation.

00275149 – Close case (did not provide any support documentation to allegations).

00294281 – Refer to Legal Services for Private Consent Order and $500.00 fine for CE violation (2025-2027 Renewal).

00279578 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00275456 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00278094 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00280398 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00294897 – Proceed with Multistate License with a LOC-Failure to Disclose and Criminal.

00294047 – Amend current CO and refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and $500 fine for violation of CO, restart sobriety date, add stayed suspension, and increase UDS (with EtG and EtS) to twice monthly throughout the remainder of probation.

00284173 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00271485 – Close case with Letter of Concern.

00282650 – Refer to AG – Public Reprimand with $500 fine for UPC with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN; 3 - Documentation- Accurate and Legal.

00286032 – Refer to AG – Private Consent Order to mirror the terms of condition of her PHP Monitoring Agreement – Monitoring x 5 years - QTR x 5 (e, s, a, addictionologist, psychotherapy); SAS; Narcotic Restrictions x 2 years; Affinity Drug Testing - QTR Hairstat 5 to include Propofol Testing x 12 months, random UDS to include Propofol 2 x month/24 months then monthly throughout the period of probation, SAS, Standard Work Restrictions.

00260820 – Investigative Letter with Courses - 1- Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing; 2- Jurisprudence – Georgia RN; 3 - Documentation- Accurate and Legal.

00268286 – Close Case with No Disciplinary Action

00268286 – Refer to AG – Suspension x 3 months. Upon completion of 3-month suspension - Probation x 5 yrs – QTR (e,s); Random twice monthly UDS x 24 months, then monthly throughout Probation. May petition to lift probation upon completion of criminal probation. AG may negotiate UDS Testing from twice monthly to monthly UDS throughout period of probation.

00294518 – Proceed with Licensure by Exam with Letter of Concern – Arrest. Eligible for eNLC.

00288065 – Refer to AG for MPE, if non-compliant, VS/IS, and deny renewal. May petition to lift suspension with MPE and standard practice language.

00270539 – Close case with LOC.

00265469 – Close Case with No Disciplinary Action.

00288927 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and $500 fine for practicing outside the scope of practice.

00280624 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00295036 – Proceed with Initial Licensure as an APRN with a LOC- Criminal.

00270601 – Refer to AG for a Public CO; stayed suspension language; QRs x 4 (s, e, psy, psychotherapy) x 3 years; twice-monthly UDS x 24 mo, then monthly throughout the period of probation; SAS; Standard Work Restrictions. Must schedule psychological test within 30 days; will need to submit psychological test results and court documents within 10 days of adjudication. Not eligible for eNLC.

00293459 – Refer to AG for VS/IS, may petition to lift with a safe-to-practice statement from an addictionologist. Will combine previous order with the VS/IS.

00245580 – Approve request to lift narcotic restrictions.

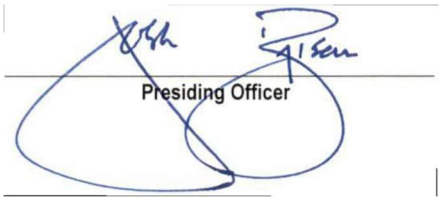
002094737 – Refer to AG for VS/IS; may petition to lift with a safe-to-practice statement.

00294963 – Proceed with APRN Licensure. Deactivate Respondent's eNLC as she does not qualify for eNLC due to VS of NY & CA License and the Suspension of WA license.

00266873 – Close case with no disciplinary action.

00289228 – Refer to AG for a Public Reprimand and $500 violation of CO.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 4:25 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 October 22, 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 22nd day of October, 2026.

Notary Public

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