

The State Advisory Committee on the  
Regulation of Child Care Facilities  
Amended Minutes  
Thursday, January 11, 2024  
10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Virtual Meeting as well as in-person  
DSS State Office / North Tower Building Room 310  
1535 Confederate Avenue Columbia, SC 29201

**Members Present:** Althea Benson  
BJ Norris Long  
Bonnye Hughes Peebles  
Felicia O’Neal  
Jessica Sharp  
Lisa Corning  
Rachel Ellis  
Reginald Williams  
Tami Nix  
Tammy Compton

**QUORUM reached with 10 members**

**Members Absent:** Justin Hopson, Brandy O’Neill, Edward Brashier, Caroline Mullins, Patricia Scarry, Lisa Flood (new member), Chasity Lesley

**Staff to Committee:** Cynthia Lara, Sam Frederick, Melissa Outen, Rebekah Burton

**Guests:** April McDaniel, Child Care Licensing  
Cathy Kovacs, Program Manager ABC Quality Columbia, SC  
Debra Earwood, SC Association of Christian Schools  
Frankie Peterson, Child Care Licensing Program Manager  
Heather Reyes, CR&R  
Jenn Adams, Child Care Licensing  
Lashonja Grampus, Child Care Licensing  
Melissa Burgess, Child Care Licensing  
Melissa Starker, SC Endeavors  
Michele Bowers, Early Care and Education Director  
Monica Akers-Bellamy, CCR&R  
Nicole Shea, Endeavors office Greenville  
Princess Hodges, New Assistant General Counsel  
Roseanna Bryant, Child Care Licensing  
Sam Frederick, Child Care Licensing  
Sheila Gran Diaz  
Sherry Smith, Program Coordinator ABC Quality Columbia  
Stacie Turcotte, Child Care Licensing Supervisor, Lowcountry  
Tiffany Paschal, DSS Office of Communications  
Tex Davis, Assistant General Counsel  
Tylisha Hickson, Child Care Licensing

Tammy Compton, Chair, welcomed all committee members and guests. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. The roll was taken with 10 members present.

**The next order of business**

Ms. Compton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023. The motion was made by Lisa Corning, vice chair, Rachel Ellis seconded, all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

Ms. Compton continued the meeting by calling for a motion to accept the agenda for today, December 4, 2023. Jessica Sharp made the motion, Rachel Ellis seconded, all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

**Old Business**

**In continuing the Group Child Care Home regulation proposals, the members began with**

**114-514. Supervision.**

- A. (2) After Cynthia Lara consulted with Kenneth Smith, Chief Fire Marshal, it was clarified that another caregiver needs to be present when there are 3 children under the age of 24 months. Tex Davis also compared this to the Family Child Care Home regulations.
  
- B. (1) Tammy Compton asked if this was ok to be removed; Rachel Ellis nodded yes then several others nodded in favor and agreed upon to read:
  - (1) During nap times staffing ratios do not change.
  
- C. (1) Jessica Sharp suggested removing the term wading pools and Rachel Ellis suggested it should match center regulations.

**WATER SAFETY STAFF: CHILD RATIOS**

Based on comments by the Committee, Tex Davis recommended that the language in this section be aligned with the language for the similar section in the proposed revisions to the Center regulations.

- (2) Tex Davis recommended striking the revised language and Jessica Sharp also agreed.

Tammy Compton, Chair, then asked for a motion to accept all changes made to 114-514 A through 114-514C(2). Jessica Sharp made the motion and Rachel Ellis seconded, all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

***The committee will begin the next meeting with Section 114-515 Health, Sanitation and Safety.***

***The next tentative meetings are scheduled as follows:***

- 1) February 9, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 2) March 14, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 3) April 11, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 4) May 23, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 5) June 13, 2024 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ms. Compton then asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:39 pm since there would no longer be a quorum present. Motion made by Jessica Sharp, seconded by BJ Norris Long, all in favor, none opposed, and motion carried.