

The State Advisory Committee on the  
Regulation of Child Care Facilities Minutes  
Monday, December 15, 2025  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Tammy Compton  
Lisa Corning  
Jessica Sharp  
Chasity Lesley  
Rachel Ellis  
Bonnye Hughes Peebles  
Althea Benson  
Felicia O’Neal  
Reginald Williams Joined at 10:40am

**QUORUM met with 8 members present virtually.**

**Members Absent:** BJ Norris Long, Tami Nix, Edward Brashier, Caroline Mullins, Brandy O’Neill,

**Staff to Committee:** Melissa Outen, Rebekah Louis, Karla Juarez

**Guests:** Nicole Shea, SC Endeavors Program Manager  
Princess Hodges, Assistant General Counsel  
Lovetta Williams, Early Care and Education  
Kena Hall, ABC Quality  
Allyson Boone, Child Care Licensing  
April McDaniel, Child Care Licensing Program Manager  
Tylisha Hickson, Child Care Licensing Program Coordinator  
Kenneth Smith, Child Care Licensing Chief Fire Marshall

**Meeting called to order**

Tammy Compton called the roll. The quorum was taken met with 8 members present. Ms. Compton then welcomed all committee members and guests. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am.

Tammy Compton asked if there was a recommendation to approve the minutes from the November 10th, 2025 meeting, none were voiced. It was moved by Jessica Sharpe to approve, seconded by Lisa Corning. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

Tammy Compton asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda for this meeting, December 15th, 2025. The motion was made by Chasity Lesley, seconded by Rachel Ellis. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

**Old Business**

No updates from the legislators.

## New Business

We continued with the review of the Group Child Care Homes.

114-517. Physical Site.

2.Ventilation.

b. No discussion

4.Lighting

c. No discussion

5.Environmental Hazards.

c. No discussion

h: i. No discussion

6.Water Supply

a. No discussion

b. No discussion

c. No discussion

There was a discussion among the committee members to move (g) into a (g) and (h). Now reading:

g. Portable sinks shall be cleaned and sanitized in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, which shall be kept on file at the facility.

h. Portable sinks shall be prohibited for use after diapering and/or toileting.

Vote on 114-117 A 1-6 Changes made by Chasity Lesley, seconded by Jessica Sharp, 7 in favor, 1 opposed: so, moved.

7. Temperature

a. typo, remove the extra "t" in than

b. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on 7 A-B, made by Bonnye Hughes, seconded by Rachel Ellis, all in favor, none opposed: so moved.

9. Doors

b. The egress doors shall not have child safety locks on them to prevent escape in case of emergency.

Vote to approve changes on 8-10, made by Rachel Ellis, seconded by Lisa Corning, all in favor, none opposed: so moved.

11. Electric Sources

a. No discussion

b. No discussion

c. No discussion

d. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on 11 A-D, made by Rachel Ellis, seconded by Chasity Lesley, all in favor, none opposed: so moved.

12. Bathrooms

a. No Discussion

There was a discussion among the committee members to strike the last sentence in B, now reading:

b. Toilet training equipment shall be provided to children who are being toilet trained. Toilet training shall occur in a bathroom, Adult's and child's hands shall be washed after assisting each child with toilet training. ~~All toilet training equipment shall be cleaned and sanitized after each use.~~

- c. No discussion
- d. No discussion
- e. No discussion

There was a discussion among the committee members to strike the word "at all times" and replace with "accessible", F is now reading:

f. Liquid or granular soap and disposable towels shall be provided at each sink. Toilet paper shall be available at each toilet ~~at all times~~ accessible to staff and children.

- g. No discussion
- h. No discussion

There was a discussion among the committee members to strike the words "Bathroom facilities" and "completely enclosed for" and replace with "Privacy" and " , I is now reading:

i. ~~Bathroom facilities~~ Privacy shall be provided for toilets used by ~~completely enclosed~~ preschool and school age children.

- j. No discussion
- k. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on 12 A-K, made by Chasity, seconded by Lisa Corning, all in favor, none opposed: so moved.

#### B. Outdoor space

- 1. No discussion
- 2. No discussion
- 3. No discussion
- 4. No discussion
- 5. No discussion
- 6. No discussion
- 7. No discussion
- 8. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on B 1-8, made by Lisa Corning, seconded by Chasity Lesley, all in favor, none opposed: so moved.

Tammy Compton exited at 11:20am

10-min break

Lisa Corning called the roll. 8 members present so the meeting continued.

- 9. No discussion
- 10. No discussion
- 11. No discussion
- 12. No discussion
- 13. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on B 9-13, made by Chasity Lesley, seconded by Jessica Sharp, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

C. Furniture, toys, and recreational equipment shall meet the following requirements:

1. No discussion
2. No discussion
3. No discussion
4. No discussion
5. No discussion
6. No discussion
7. No discussion
8. No discussion

D. Rest equipment

1. No discussion
2. No discussion
3. No discussion
4. No discussion
5. No discussion
6. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on C and D, made by Rachel Ellis, seconded by Jessica Sharp, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

E. Environmental Hazards

2. Mold and Water Damage
  - a. No discussion
  - b. 3 business days was strike out and replaced with 3 weeks.
  - c. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on E 2B, made by Rachel Ellis seconded by Jessica Sharp, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

3. Water hazards

- a. No discussion
- b. No discussion
- c. No discussion
- d. No discussion

4. There was a discussion to add “are” to the phrase, ”when children present”.

5. There was a discussion among the committee members to split ‘a’ into 3 sections. The new change is now reading:

- a. Healthy animals which present no apparent threat to the health and safety of the children shall be permitted, provided they are cleaned, properly housed, fed, and cared for and have had required vaccinations, as appropriate.
- b. Live animals shall be excluded from areas where food for human consumption is stored, prepared or served.
- c. Any animal bite requiring medical attention shall be reported to the Department and the animal shall be permanently removed from the facility.
- d. Animals shall not be permitted if a child in the room or area is allergic to the specific type of animal.
- e. Animal litter and waste shall not be accessible to children.
- f. Reptiles, amphibians and rodents shall not be accessible to children without adult supervision.
- g. Children and adults shall wash their hands after touching animals.
- h. Parents shall be notified twenty-four (24) hours prior to a new animal entering the facility. Verification of this notice shall be saved and kept on file.

Vote to approve changes on E 1-5, made by Bonnye Hughes seconded by Rachel Ellis, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

114-518. Meal requirements and Preparation, Serving, Storage and Protection of Food Supplies.

A. Meal Requirements

- b. No discussion
- 4. No discussion
- 5. No discussion
- 6. No discussion
- 7. No discussion
- 8. No discussion
  - a. No discussion
  - b. No discussion
  - c. No discussion
- 10. No discussion
- 11. No discussion

B. Food preparation

There was a discussion among the committee members to split ‘4’ into 2 sections. The new change is now reading:

4. Staff shall thoroughly wash their hands and exposed areas of arms with soap and warm water in an approved hand-washing sink before starting work, during work as often as is necessary to keep them clean, e.g., after smoking, eating, drinking, or using the toilet.

5. When preparing food staff shall clean their hands and exposed portions of their arms for at least twenty (20) seconds, using a cleaning compound in a kitchen sink, during work, as often as necessary, to keep hands clean to avoid cross contamination. All staff shall keep their fingernails clean and trimmed. Staff shall wear gloves during food preparation and/or serving food. There shall be no tobacco or vape use in any form while preparing or serving food, nor while in areas used for equipment or utensil washing or for food preparation.

6. The outer clothing of all staff shall be clean. The facility shall ensure... and to add at the end of the sentence “food preparation staff”.

- 7. No discussion
  - a. No discussion
  - d. No discussion
- 10. No discussion
  - a. No discussion
- 11. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on 114-518 A-B, made by Jessica Sharp seconded by Rachel Ellis, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

C. Food Service

- 8. No discussion

D. Storage

- 2. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on C-E, made by Rachel Ellis seconded by Jessica Sharp, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

114-519. Infant and Toddler care, care for mildly III Children, and Night Care

A. Infant and toddler care

1. Stimulation and Nurturing
  - a. Children shall not remain in restrictive play equipment for more than fifteen (15) minutes at a time.
  - b. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on A 1A, made by Rachel Ellis seconded by Jessica Sharp, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

2. Programs for infants and toddlers

- b. No discussion
- c. No discussion

3. Feeding, eating and drinking.

- a. No discussion
- b. No discussion
- c. No discussion
- d. No discussion
- e. No discussion
- f. There was a discussion among the committee members strike the last sentence in F.
- g. Breast milk served in a bottle shall be properly prepared, labeled with the child's name and dated.

Breast milk bottle shall be used within two hours of initial feeding to the infant and shall not be reheated after initial warming. Thawed breast milk shall be maintained at 45 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Frozen breast milk shall remain frozen until prepared for use.

- h. No discussion
- i. No discussion

There was a discussion among the committee members to strike out J. New j reads:

- j. Food for infants shall be cut in pieces one-quarter inch or less.
- k. Food for toddlers shall be cut in pieces one half inch or less

4. Feeding chairs.

- d. No discussion

5. Sleeping

- a. No discussion
- b. No discussion
- c. No discussion
- d. No discussion
- e. No discussion
- f. No discussion
- g. No discussion
- h. No discussion
- i. No discussion
- j. No discussion
- k. No discussion

6. Equipment and Material

- b. No discussion

B. Care for mildly ill children

- 2.

b. No discussion

C. Night care

1. No discussion

2. No discussion

4. Bedtime

d. No discussion

Vote to approve changes on 114-119, made by Jessica Sharp seconded by Chasity Lesley, all in favor, none opposed: so moved

Motion to cancel the meeting for January 8<sup>th</sup> was made by Jessica Sharp, seconded by Rachel Ellis. Meeting for January 8<sup>th</sup> cancelled.

The next scheduled meeting is for February 23, 2026, at DSS State Office from 10am – 1pm.

Rachel Ellis made a motion to conclude the meeting, seconded by Jessica Sharp. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting concluded at 12:53 pm.