

The State Advisory Committee on the  
Regulation of Child Care Facilities Minutes  
January 16, 2025  
Room 631  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Members Present:**In person:

Tammy Compton  
Lisa Flood  
Jessica Sharp  
Chasity Lesley

Virtual:

Felicia O'Neal  
Lisa Corning  
Rachel Ellis  
BJ Norris Long  
Bonnye Hughes Peebles (joined at 10:28am)

**Members Absent:**

Althea Benson  
Tami Nix  
Reginald Williams

**Inactive Appointees:**

Edward Brashier  
Caroline Mullins  
Brandy O'Neill

**QUORUM reached with 8 members; 9<sup>th</sup> committee member joined later.**

**Staff to Committee:**

Cynthia Lara, Melissa Outen, Rebekah Louis

**Guests:**

Princess Hodges, Assistant General Counsel  
Laura Drew, Assistant General Counsel  
Samuel Fredricks, Child Care Licensing  
April McDaniel, Central Child Care Licensing Supervisor  
Tylisha Hickson, Central Licensing Program Coordinator  
Allyson Boone, Central Licensing Program Coordinator  
Cathy Kovacs, ABC Quality Program Manager  
Beth Lemons, Legislative  
Nicole Shea, SC Endeavors  
Monica Akers-Bellamy, Family Child Care Quality Coach  
Hannah Sane, SC Endeavors  
Melissa Starker, SC Endeavors  
Kena Hall, ABC Quality  
Karen Morgan, Northway Academy Preschool  
Jenn Adams, Child Care Licensing  
Jonica Penn, Child Care Licensing, Program Manager  
Nomiqua Hall, Child Care Licensing  
Kenneth Smith, DSS Fire Marshal  
Frankie Peterson, Child Care Licensing Program Manager

Peggy Wilson, Child Care Licensing, Program Manager  
Cecilia Lee, Child Care Licensing

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 am. Tammy Compton, Chair, called the roll, welcoming all committee members and guests. The roll was taken with 8 members present.

Tammy Compton asked if there was a recommendation to approve the corrections to the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting. Corrections were made to Chasity Lesley's name as well as grammatical errors. It was moved by Jessica Sharp, seconded by BJ Norris Long. All in favor, none opposed; so moved.

Tammy Compton, Chair, asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda for the January 16, 2025, meeting. A motion was made by Chasity Lesley and seconded by Jessica Sharp. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

### **Old Business**

Tammy Compton asked Laura Drew to discuss the 9 modifications into the final regulations that were submitted; the committee will get an emailed copy of the submitted center-based regulations. All in motion

### **New Business**

Lisa Corning makes the motion to put the Faith-based regulations put on hold until we hear back from the submitted regulations; Jessica Sharp seconded. All in favor; none opposed. So moved.

The committee moved over to the Regulations for the Licensing of Group Child Care Homes.

Jessica Sharp made the motion to update the codes and department changes/titles. Chasity Lesley seconded, all in favor, none opposed; so moved.

#### 1. 114-510. General Provisions.

Review of the corrected (in red) wording. Motion to accept the recommendation made Rachel Ellis, seconded by Jessica Sharp. The committee voted unanimously in favor, none opposed; so moved.

#### 2. 114-511. Definitions.

Review proposed regs v. group home regs

(4) Break in service: remove 'approval'

(9) Corporal punishment: remove and move to another area

(12) Full Evaluation: change to Follow up visit after forty-five (45) days from issue date of provisional license, with seven or more children present at the time of visit. Staff and childrens' files shall be reviewed.

(14) Household member: change to family reg definition

(17) Infrequently: strike out this definition

(23) Provisional Evaluation: change Initial visit with Owner/Director to inspect per regulations, measure facility, review staff files

(25) Regular approval: A written notice issued by the Department for a **three year period** to a Department, agency, or institution of the State, or a county, city, or other political subdivision, approving the operation of a public child care center in accordance with the provisions of the regulations of the Department.

(26) Regular license: change two years to three years

(28) Renewal: To grant an extension of a regular **license for another three years.**

(30) Safe Sleep: Remove comma after Practices

(36) Supervisor: strike the red notation

(39) Add: **All training shall be documented through South Carolina Endeavors** (as final line)

(42) Volunteer: **In individual parent, grandparent, other professional or skilled individual artist or craftsman at least 16 years of age assisting with the daily activities for children in a group child care home who provides services without compensation and who is supervised by an operator or care giver at all times when providing direct care to children. An individual meeting this definition is required to undergo a comprehensive background check.**

Motion made to pass recommended revisions for 114-511 made by Chasity Lesley and seconded by Lisa Flood. All in favor, none opposed; so moved.

Break called from 11:50 – 12.

Order called back in session at 12:06 with 8 members present to make quorum.

114-512. Procedures.

A. Licensing

- a. (3) Add apostrophe. After giving the applicant at least two working days' notice, Department staff shall arrange a provisional evaluation to the proposed group child care home to determine compliance with applicable regulations.

C. Inspection and Consultation

- (5) Upon receipt of a regulatory complaint, the Department shall conduct an unannounced inspection of the home to investigate the complaint. The Department shall provide a copy to the operator upon request.

~~(9) The use of physical or verbal aggression towards the Department's Licensing staff is prohibited.~~

Motion to approve the recommendations to 114-512 made by Bonnye Hughes Peebles and seconded by Jessica Sharp. All in favor, none opposed; so moved.

Motion made by Jessica Sharp to revisit upon section 115-512 for further discussion at a later date, seconded by Lisa Flood. All in favor for discussion, none opposed; so moved.

Motion to adjourn made by Chasity Lesley, seconded by Jessica Sharp. All in favor, none opposed; so moved. Next Meeting: February 12, 2025.

Next meeting dates:

- February 12, 2025 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)
- March 12, 2025 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)
- April 2, 2025 (10:00 am to 1:00 pm)
- May 7, 2025 (10:00 am to 12:00 pm)