

The State Advisory Committee on the  
Regulation of Child Care Facilities Minutes  
Monday, November 10, 2025  
10:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Tammy Compton  
Lisa Corning  
Jessica Sharp  
Chasity Lesley  
Rachel Ellis  
Bonnye Hughes Peebles  
BJ Norris Long  
Felicia O'Neal  
Reginald Williams joined at 11:17am

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

**Members Absent:** Althea Benson, Tami Nix, Edward Brashier, Caroline Mullins, Brandy O'Neill,

**Staff to Committee:** Cynthia Lara, Melissa Outen, Karla Juarez, Frankie Peterson

**Guests:** Laura Drew, Assistant General Counsel  
Princess Hodges, Assistant General Counsel  
Connelly Anne Ragley, DSS Communication of External Affairs  
Nicole Shea, SC Endeavors Program Manager  
Lovetta Williams, Early Care and Education  
Hannah Sane, SC Endeavors Department Head  
Kena Hall, ABC Quality  
Shanae White, Child Care Licensing  
Dirvondra Hill, Child Care Licensing  
Deidra Cobb, Child Care Licensing  
Allyson Boone, Child Care Licensing  
Rebecca Woodward, Child Care Licensing

**Meeting called to order**

Tammy Compton, Chair, asked Melissa Outen to call the roll of the Advisory Committee member's name as we were meeting virtually. The quorum was met with 8 members present. The meeting was called to order at 10:47 am. Tammy Compton, Chair, then introduced herself and asked all Committee members to introduce themselves. After the last Committee Member introduced themselves, Ms. Compton welcomed all guests and allowed them to introduce themselves.

Ms. Compton asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2025, meeting, none were voiced. It was moved by Chasity Lesley to approve, seconded by BJ Norris Long. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved. Ms. Compston then asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda for today's meeting. The motion was made by BJ Norris Long, seconded by Chasity Lesley. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

## Old Business

Connelly Anne Ragley reviewed list of concerns of the Child Care Regulations that were presented by Rep. James Teeple from the House Regulations Committee. DSS State Director Catone, Connelly Anne Ragley, Michele Bowers, Cynthia Lara and Rep. James Teeple met together to discuss the concerns he has with the Proposed Amendments for this year to Document 5314 (currently the proposed amended regulations for DSS). The Advisory Committee decided to table revisions to propose regulations 114-502 procedures from Rep. Teeple's list. He had a question in regard to regulation 114-502 B (4), "A license approval may be denied, revoked or not renewed by the Department if the owner or staff member has been determined to have abused or neglected any child as defined in section 63-7-20 of SC Code of laws as amended." Rep. Teeple's was concerned with the phrase '*or staff member*'. Laura Drew, Asst. General Counsel, consulted with the current Asst. General Counsel Paula Brown. They both agreed this should not be changed. Ms. Drew advises distinguishing between former staff member and current staff member but that the regulation this is supported under Statute 63-13-430. Note: the discussion was regarding procedures **114-502 (D) (1) is the specific regulation in question**. Additional discussion as a review to the Committee occurred regarding Rep. Teeple's concerns. Child Care Licensing completed a crosswalk to show the Proposed Regulations and whether there were Federal Rules or Building Codes governing those proposed regulation changes. There were a lot of Federal Rules around background checks. Several members of the General Assembly wanted to give Providers the ability to conduct a SLED Catch. The law, however, changed in 2019 to bring us in compliance with the Federal Rules. Also, previous COVID waivers have not expired and that has been explained to those members.

Tammy Compton recommends ask if there was a motion to leave 114-503 ~~(E)~~ (D)(1) as written. Jessica Sharp made a motion and Chasity Lesley seconded. There was a motion to leave this regulation as it was moved by Ms. Sharp and Ms. Lesley seconded. The roll was called for the vote:

Chasity Lesley – voted yes  
Felicia O'Neal – voted yes  
Rachel Ellis – voted yes  
Jessica Sharp – voted yes  
Lisa Corning – voted yes  
Bonnye Hughes Peebles – voted yes  
BJ Norris Long – voted yes  
Tammy Compton – voted yes

All in favor, none opposed; the motion carried.

Ms. Ragley also reviewed all the concerns in Rep. Teeple's letter of concerns to determine if the Committee was still in agreement with the previous decision and also highlight to the changes. Ms. Compton asked if we have a motion to accept the changes to Rep. Teeple's concerns on #4J in his letter, adding the professional development learning record that is available from SC Endeavors, and The Committee agreed to change the Health Assessment from being due every four years to every five years to be consistent with the fingerprint background check and central registry check review that's required by state law. Chasity Lesley made the motion to accept, Jessica Sharp seconded.

Chasity Lesley – voted yes  
BJ Norris Long – voted yes  
Jessica Sharp – voted yes  
Rachel Ellis – voted no  
Felicia O'Neal – voted yes  
Bonnye Hughes Peebles – voted yes  
Lisa Corning – voted yes  
Reginal Williams – voted no  
Tammy Compton – voted yes

Results:

7 in favor and 2 opposed. The motion carried.

Ms. Corning asked for documentation dates. The initial meeting was in May 2025, and this document was sent to the Advisory Committee on October 9, 2025.

Rachel Ellis asked what the next steps were. Connelly Anne Ragley will present the response to Rep. Teeple and Chair Lady Shannon Erickson, of the House Education Committee, as well as Chairman Jeff Bradley of the Regulations Committee, on behalf of the agency. She will explain that it was presented it to the Committee, the Advisory Committee reviewed it. She further explained that the Representatives can either choose to accept it or not. They will decide if they want the regulations to move forward or not.

5-minute break

Ms. Tammy Compton called the roll. 9 members present so the meeting continued.

### **New Business**

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

114-516. Program.

A. Program of activities.

7. leave as amended

8. No other discussion to the word technology being added

B. Discipline and behavior management

1. No discussion

2. No discussion

7. No discussion

8. We scratched through this option since it is now state law and discussion to what was added.

9. *Parents should be informed of any discipline their child may be experiencing while at the group childcare home.*

There was discussion among the Committee member regarding the word punishment versus discipline where others have a concern about the wording change. Rachel Ellis suggested that we would need to decide whether we're going to be consistent and match the language of the Family Child Care Home regulations or if we're going to modify it more towards the license regulations.

9. ~~*Parents should be informed of any discipline their child may be experiencing while at the group childcare home.*~~ Parents shall be informed of any discipline their child may be experiencing while at the group childcare home in accordance with the group childcare homes discipline policy.

BJ Norris Long made the motion to accept the changes, Bonnye Hughes Peebles seconded. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

The next 2 scheduled meetings are for December 15, 2025, January 8, 2026, and February 12, 2026 at DSS State Office from 10am – 1pm. The Committee agreed to discuss the meeting date for March 2026 at the next meeting.

Rachel Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Jessica Sharp. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.

