

The State Advisory Committee on the
Regulation of Child Care Facilities Minutes
Thursday, August 28, 2025
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
In-person as well as Virtual Meeting
DSS State Office Rm. 310
1535 Confederate Ave. Columbia, SC 29201

Members Present:

Person:

Chasity Lesley

Virtual:

Lisa Corning

Tammy Compton

Bonnye Hughes Peebles

Jessica Sharp

Althea Benson

BJ Norris Long

Phone:

(864) 704-0131 Felicia O'Neal

QUORUM reached with 8 members

Members Absent:

Edward Brashier, Rachel Ellis, Caroline Mullins, Tami Nix, Brandy O'Neill, Reginald Williams

Staff to Committee:

Cynthia Lara, Frankie Peterson, Rebekah Louis

Guests:

Princess Hodges, Assistant General Counsel

Kena Hall, ABC Quality Program Manager

Tylisha Hickson, Central Child Care Licensing Program Coordinator

Kenneth Smith, Child Care Licensing Chief Fire Marshal

Nicole Shea, SC Endeavors Program Manager

Hannah Sane, SC Endeavors Program Coordinator

Michele Bowers, Early Care and Education Director

April McDaniel, DSS

Briana Davis-Gee, DSS

Melissa Starker, SC Endeavors

Citaly Rojo, Institute for Child Success

Deborah Depali, Institute for Child Success

Phone:

(843) 513-5020 Debbie Earwood

Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:29 am. Tammy Compton, Chair, called the roll. The roll was taken with 8 members present. Ms. Compton then welcomed all committee members and guests.

Tammy Compton asked if there was a recommendation to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting. It was moved by Jessica Sharp, seconded by Lisa Corning. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

Tammy Compton, Chair, asked if there was a motion to accept the agenda for the March 12, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Althea Benson and seconded by BJ Norris. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

Old Business

Tammy Compton asked Princess Hodges if there were any updates on old business but there were none.

New Business

We picked up on Group Child Care Homes

114-514. Supervision.

A. Supervision

Supervision of children shall be adequate at all times and requires:

- (1) Awareness and responsibility for the ongoing activity of each child, knowledge of activity requirements and children's needs and accountability of care.
- (2) The operator and/or caregiver is in the same general area as the children and immediately available to them at all times.
- (3) The operator and/or caregiver is directly overseeing the children and their activities at all times.
- (4) The operator and/or caregiver is monitoring all of the children's activities by sight.
- (5) The operator and/or caregiver is outside with all children in care during outdoor play.

B. Naptime Supervision

- (1) The operator and/or caregiver is awake and alert while the children nap.
- (2) The operator and/or caregiver is on the same level of the home where the children are napping.
- (3) The operator and/or caregiver keeps all doors open if children nap in different rooms or areas.
- (4) The operator and/or caregiver visually checks on each child every fifteen (15) minutes.
- (5) The operator and/or caregiver shall be accessible to the children during naptime in case they have an emergency, i.e. asthma attack, breathing stops, or any other traumatic experience or in case of an emergency situation that requires evacuation, such as a fire.

Jessica Sharp made a motion to accept the changes to add the same language from Family Child Care regs to Group Child Care regs for section A and B for consistency and Felicia O'Neal seconded. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

C. Water safety staffing

- (1) The following staffing ratios apply at all times while children are swimming or wading. The staffing ratios shall also apply at all times while children are near a body that poses a potential risk to a child.
- (2) All swimming activities shall be supervised by a person with a current lifeguard certification. In instances in which water is 1 foot or less in depth, a certified lifeguard is unnecessary.

(3) Access to swimming pools and wading pools shall be controlled by a device or method that promotes safety of children, including a latch, lock, protective fence, protective cover, or other device or method which enhances child safety.

Jessica Sharp made a motion to accept the changes to add the same language from Family Child Care regs to Group Child Care regs for Outdoor Space #3 for consistency and Althea Benson seconded. All in favor, none opposed; so, moved.

WATER SAFETY STAFF: CHILD RATIOS

Child's Age	Staff: Child Ratio
Birth to two years	1:1
Two to three years	1:2
Three to four years	1:3
Four <u>years</u> and older	1:6

Next meeting:

Start on 114-515. Health, Sanitation and Safety on the next scheduled meeting on September 18, 2025.

The next 2 scheduled meetings are for September 18, 2025 and October 9, 2025 at DSS State Office from 10am – 1pm.

Quorum was not met after Lisa Corning had to leave so we adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.