

JULY 24-25, MEETING MINUTES

Sallie Beth Todd, Chairperson of the South Carolina State Board of Nursing, called the July 24, 2025, meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. Public notice was properly posed at the Board offices, as well as on its website. A copy was provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media agencies in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Member	Representing		BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT & VOTING
Bridget Enos, DNP, APRN, FNP-C	1 st Congressional District	Present	
Frances Pagett, RN	2 nd Congressional District	Present	
John Whitcomb, PhD, RN, CCRN, FCCM	Board of Nursing Secretary 3 rd Congressional District	Present	
Sallie Beth Todd, RN, MSN-Ed	Board of Nursing Chair 4 th Congressional District	Present	
Lisa James, DNP, RN, MHA, NEA-BC	5 th Congressional District	Excused 7/25/2025	
Bridget J. Holder, DNP, RNC-MNN, C-ONQS	Board of Nursing Vice- Chair 6 th Congressional District	Present	
Leslie Lyerly, RN	7 th Congressional District	Excused	
Melissa May-Engel, LPN	At-Large, LPN	Present	
Robert J. Wolff, PhD	Public Member	Present	
Lindsey Mitcham	Public Member	Present	
Teresa A. Pettigrew, LPN	At-Large, LPN	Present	

Carol Moody, Board Executive, Board of Nursing	LLR STAFF PRESENT
Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel for the Board of Nursing	
Tara Nixon, Office of Advice Counsel	
Peter Kubas, Nurse Education Consultant	
Mindy Carithers, Nurse Practice Consultant & Compliance Manager	
Shannon Stricklin, Office of Compliance Administrative Coordinator	
Tierra Sims, Office of Compliance	
Valirie Samuel, Board of Nursing Administrative Coordinator	
Tina Brown, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Sherri Butterbaugh, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Bianca Smith, Lead Investigator	
Kevin Pate, Lead Investigator	
Tina Behles, Court Reporter	

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Leslie Lyerly. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES: Deferred until Friday.

Chairperson Ms. Tood – Introduced the new Board Members: Teresa Pettigrew and Dr. Lisa James

Board Executive Carol Moody – Introduced the new Administrative Coordinator: Valirie Samuel

MUSC Florence: Request for additional acts: Gini Moore, APRN; Inyene Amos, APRN; Janet Bennett, APRN; Eric Ilharreguy, APRN; and Kim James, APRN. Motion: Under the current state age parameters of 12 and up, there is no need for a waiver if practicing within state guidelines. Motion carried. *

Dr. Holder was recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the appearance.

Motion: To send the position statement in regard to age parameters for APRN practice in South Carolina to a committee for review. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS:

Respondents appeared before the Board to determine disciplinary actions. Hearings are conducted in closed session to meet the statutory requirement that disciplinary actions remain confidential.

2021-382: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions: issuance of a private reprimand, civil penalty in the amount \$400 due in six months and completion of the following within six months. Upholding the Standard of Professional Accountability in Nursing, Nursing Documentation, Legal Aspects, and Writing a Wrong – Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing. Motion carried. *

2021-183: Respondent withdrew the Memorandum of Agreement. Case remains pending.

Dr. Whitcomb was recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the appearance.

2022-572: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction.

Motion to accept Memorandum of Agreement and for issuance for a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution. Motion carried. *

2024-217: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction. Motion to accept Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary actions: Public reprimand, suspension indefinitely until the following requirements are met successful completion of a refresher course with in-person clinicals. Upon return to practice, two-year probation; quarterly reports from nurse employer; worksite approval; no home-based care, staffing agency, tele-nursing or tele-health. Investigative cost in the amount of \$920 due within 12 months. Motion carried. *

Dr. James was recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the appearance.

Motion to move into executive session. Motion carried.

Lunch/Executive Session

Motion to move out of executive session and back into closed session. Motion carried.

2030-125, 2020-129, 2021-159: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction. Motion to accept Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions: Public reprimand, suspension for an indefinite period of time until successful completion of terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board. Motion carried. *

Dr. Whitcomb was recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the appearance.

2023-549: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction. Motion to accept Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions: Public reprimand, compliance with terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board, including payment of investigation costs in the amount of \$125 due in 12 months. Motion carried. *

2023-291: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction. Motion to accept Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions: Public reprimand, continued compliance with terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board, investigative costs in the amount of \$100 due in 12 months. Motion carried. *

2023-50: This case was before the Board for a Final Order Hearing. Respondent waived their appearance at the Final Order Hearing. The case was previously before the Board of Nursing Hearing Panel. The Panel adopted the Stipulation of Facts and

found there was a violation of the Practice Act, specifically 40-33-110 (A) (5). The Panel recommended a Letter of Caution with the language, "You are reminded to be mindful to not access medical records of patients outside of your care or that you have received orders that the patient will be returning to your care." The state had no objection to the recommendation of the panel. Motion to accept panel recommendation. Motion carried.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Statistical Report:

For information only: no motion was made.

Motion to adjourn at 5:24 PM

Friday, July 26, 2025

Call to Order:

Ms. Todd called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Ms. Mitcham arrived at 8:49 a.m.

Excused Absence:

Motion to excuse Leslie Lyerly and Lisa James from the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion to approve March meeting minutes (with amendments to correct identification of officers and to correct typos). Motion carried.

Motion to approve May meeting minutes (with corrections of typos). Motion carried.

Office of Investigations and Enforcements:

Motion to close session. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 30 cases for dismissal. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 40 cases for formal complaint. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 10 letters of caution. Motion carried.

Motion to open session. Motion carried.

Education Appearances:

Coker University BSN

Dr. Eileen Klang and Susan Boileau requested their BSN program to go from initial to full approval. Motion to place Coker University BSN on conditional approval and to return to the Board in January for an update. Motion carried. *

The Board also informed the program that the failure to see significant pass rates in the near future may result in Coker University needing to make some difficult decisions on whether to continue your nursing program. Likewise, if the nursing program continues without significant improvement in its pass rates, the Board will also be faced with difficult decisions regarding whether to continue to approve the program, which could result in involuntary closure pursuant to the Nursing Board regulations.

Southern Wesleyan University BSN

Chad Stutz and Marie McCormick requested feasibility study. Motion to approve the

feasibility study and move forward with the program development. Motion carried.

SC Pre-Licensure Survey (ACONE)

Dr. Karen Worthy and Dr. Ruth Henderson presented on behalf of ACONe. The Board stated that it cannot approve the request for a simulation fact sheet due to simulation not being a requirement of nursing programs. *

Discussion of Regulation 91-9.

Discussion that the Board's guidance as to the definition of "substantive change as found in 91.9 has not been updated since 2006. Motion to ask ACONe to work on putting together what they would like the Board to consider, including any updates to the substantive changes. Motion carried. *

Compliance/Application Appearances: Hearings are conducted in closed session to meet the statutory requirement that disciplinary actions remain confidential and to maintain the confidentiality of protected health information.

Auriel S. Johnson: Motion to approve LPN License. Motion carried. *

Lauren Pope, LPN: Motion to move order from public to private. Motion carried. *

2014-49 and 2014-78: Motion to keep the order as public with redactions. Motion carried. *

2014-45: Motion to approve the request to modify Board Order 1 D to remove supervision by an RN and to redact the 2014 order. Motion carried. * Motion to approve site location pursuant to 1 D. Motion carried. *

Practice Consultant Report: Motion to approve Baystate Midwifery Education Program as a refresher. Motion carried.

Board Chairperson Report:

- **Strategic Plan**
- **Nomination Workgroup**

Motion for Christine Cowan to fill Advance Practice Committee (APC)CRNA position. Motion carried.

Motion for Alyssa Ursini to fill APC FNP position. Motion carried.

Motion for Tarek Albitar to fill APC PMHNP position. Motion carried.

Motion for Kimberly Headden to fill the ACONe PN Educator position. Motion carried.

Motion for Tracy Hudgins to fill the ACONe ADN Educator position. Motion carried.
Ms. Todd was recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the vote.

Motion for Victoria Davis to fill the ACONE BSN Educator position. Motion carried.

Motion for Dr. Kimberly Subasic to fill the ACONE Deans and Directors position. Motion carried.

Motion for Kellee Carter to fill the NPSC Pediatric RN position. Motion carried.

Motion for Courtney Erwin to fill the NPSC Critical Care RN position. Motion carried.

Motion for Tracie Thigpen to fill the NPSC Community Health RN position. Motion carried.

Motion for Sidney Kohn to fill the NPSC Acute Care RN position. Motion carried.

Motion for Lucinda Lucy Easler to fill the NPSC PMH RN position. Motion carried.

Motion for Brandy Pearrow to serve on the IRC. Motion carried.
Dr. Enos recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the vote.

Motion to approve Abby DeSesso to serve on a disciplinary hearing panel. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Amy Clinton as Expert Reviewer for FNP Oncology/Hematology. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Robin Mitchell as Expert Reviewer for FNP Urgent Care/ED. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Hannah French as Expert Reviewer for FNP ED. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Lisa Miller as Expert Reviewer for FNP Urgent Care and Education. Motion carried.

Dr. Whitcomb was recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the vote.

Motion to approve April Hutto as Expert Reviewer for PMHNP. Motion carried.

- **Proposed 2026 Committee Meetings**

Motion to approve 2026 ACONE committee meeting dates of February 24, April 21, June 16, August 18, October 20, and December 8. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 2026 NPSC meeting dates of January 8, April 9, July 9, and October 8 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Advice Counsel Report: Update on regulation drafting.

Board Executive Report:

- Statistics Update
- Board Member Update
- Board Staff Update
- NLC Update
- APRN Compact Update
- Forthcoming Meetings
- Travel Forms

Motion to adjourn; meeting ended at 2:04 PM.

**Indicates that the Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel; no official actions were taken while in Executive Session.*