



**South Carolina
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Board Meeting Minutes

MAY 28-29, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Bridget Holder, Chairperson of the South Carolina State Board of Nursing, called the May 28, 2026 meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Public notice was properly posed at the Board offices and 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.

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

LLR STAFF PRESENT
Whitney Smith, Board Executive and Program Manager
Maggie Murdock, Program Director POL Medically Related Boards
Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel for the Board of Nursing
Randall Dong, Advice Counsel for the Board of Nursing
Mindy Carithers, Nurse Practice Consultant & Compliance Manager
Tierra Sims, Board of Nursing Compliance



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Valirie Samuel, Board of Nursing Administrative Coordinator
Tina Brown, Chief Disciplinary Counsel
Sherri Butterbaugh, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel
Erica Williams, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel
Stephen Hoage, OIE Lead Investigator
Tina Behles, Court Reporter

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

Excused Absences:

Motion to excuse Lesley Lyerly, Lindsey Mitcham and Bridget Enos. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the March 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Education Appearances:

Southern Wesleyan University: Appeared before the Board to initial program approval for the BSN Program

Presented by Dr. Tiffany Stewart and Dr. Robert McFarland

Motion to grant Southern Wesleyan University BSN Program initial approval. Motion carried.

Whitcomb recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the hearing.



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Legislative Update:

Presented by Virginia Wetzel, LLR Director of Governmental Affairs

No motion made.

Board Chair Report:

Presented by Bridget Holder, Board Chair

- Strategic Plan Midyear Progress Review
- Board Audit for Nursing

Motion to executive session. Motion carried. *

- NPSC Revisions

Motion to executive session. Motion carried. *

Presented. No motion made.

Pettigrew exited the proceedings and returned after executive session.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried.

Office of Investigations and Enforcements (OIE) Investigative Review Report:

Presented by Kevin Pate & Stephen Hoage, OIE Lead Investigators

- Investigation Review Committee (IRC) Report

Motion to approve (33) cases for dismissal. Motion carried.

Motion to approve (29) cases for formal complaint. Motion carried.

Motion to pull (4) cases out of Letter of Caution. Motion carried.



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Motion to approve (19) Letters of Caution. Motion carried.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Statistical Report:

Presented by Kevin Pate & Stephen Hoage, OIE Lead Investigators

Presented. No motion made.

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.

2025-326: This case was before the Board for a Final Order Hearing and was previously before the Board of Nursing Hearing Panel. A report was issued by the Hearing Panel with the recommendations regarding violations of the Nurse Practice Act and disciplinary sanctions. The Board had an opportunity to review the transcript of the full evidentiary hearing as well as the recommendation of the Panel. The Respondent waived their appearance at the Final Order Hearing. Motion to accept panel recommendation. Motion carried.

2025-262: This case was before the Board for a Final Order Hearing and was previously before the Board of Nursing Hearing Panel. A report has been issued by the Hearing Panel with recommendations regarding violations of the Nurse Practice Act and disciplinary sanctions. The Board had an opportunity to review the transcript of the full evidentiary hearing as well as the recommendation of the Panel. The Respondent waived their appearance for the Final Order Hearing. Motion to accept the Letter of Caution. Motion carried.

2025-199: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanctions.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions. Public reprimand. Completion of the Board approved courses: Righting a Wrong-Ethics, Professionalism in



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Nursing and Nursing Ethics Fundamentals courses within the next six months, and must comply with the terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board. Motion carried. *

2024-58: This case was before the Board for a Final Order Hearing and was previously before the Board of Nursing Hearing Panel. A report has been issued by the Hearing Panel with recommendations regarding violations of the Nurse Practice Act and disciplinary sanctions. The Board had an opportunity to review the transcript of the full evidentiary hearing as well as the recommendation of the Panel. The Respondent was not present for the Final Order Hearing. After first determining that proper notice was provided to the Respondent, the Board proceeded with the hearing. Motion to accept panel recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion to enter executive session/lunch. Motion carried.*

Motion to return from executive session/lunch. Motion carried.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried.

Compliance/Applications Appearances:

These hearings were conducted in closed session to maintain the confidentiality of protected health information.

Applicant (1): Respondent was present for the hearing.

Motion to deny the request for modification. Motion carried. *

Applicant (2): Respondent was present for the hearing.

Motion to deny the request for modification. Motion carried. *

Motion to open session. Motion carried.

Susan Spivey: Respondent was present for the hearing.



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Motion to grant the request for modification. Motion carried.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried.

Disciplinary Hearings:

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

2025-215: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanctions.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions. Public reprimand and must comply with the terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board.
Motion carried. *

Holder recused and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the hearing.

Motion to open session. Motion carried.

Compliance/Applications Appearances:

Stephanie Rojas: Respondent was present for the hearing.

Motion to deny the request for modification. Motion carried. *

Nursing Practice & Standards Committee (NPSC) Chair Report:

Presented by Karrie Powell (*WebEx*)

Presented. No motion made.

Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE) Chair Report:



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Presented by Ryan Crawford (*WebEx*)

No motion made.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried.

Disciplinary Hearings:

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

2025-178: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanctions.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions. Public reprimand, indefinite suspension, and the option to reappear before the Board if requesting to have privilege to practice reinstated. Motion carried. *

2024-124: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanctions.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions. Public reprimand, investigative costs in the amount of \$150.00 due within six months, completion of the following Board approved courses within the next six months: Righting a Wrong – Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, Nursing Ethics Fundamentals, Upholding the Standard and Documentation Essentials in Nursing. Motion carried. *

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.



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Friday, May 29, 2026

Call to Order:

Bridget Holder called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Excused Absences:

Motion to excuse Leslie Lyerly, Lindsey Mitcham, Bridget Enos and Lisa James. Motion carried.

Education Appearances:

Galen College of Nursing: Appeared before the Board for initial approval of a new ADN program.

Presented by Stephanie Muminovic

Motion to grant initial approval. Motion carried. *

Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE) Report:

Presented by Peter Kubas, Education Consultant

- Bylaws Revisions

Motion made to allow changes. Motion carried. *

Office of Advice Counsel (OAC) Report:

Presented by Megan Flannery, Esquire and Randall Dong, Esquire

- AO #61

Motion to keep Advisory Opinion 61 as is. Motion carried. *



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Board Executive Report:

Presented by Whitney Smith, Board Executive

- Licensing Update
- Travel Reimbursement/Fiscal Year Reminder

Presented. No motion made.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried. *

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Statistics Report:

Presented by, Tina Brown, ODC Chief Disciplinary Counsel

Presented. No motion made.

Motion to open session. Motion carried.

Board requests to have “open” and “closed” session verbiage added to the agenda.

Committee Nominations:

Presented by, Robert Wolff

One nomination reviewed for the Family Nurse Practitioner position on the Advanced Practice Committee (APC).

Motion made to approve Melissa Felder as the FNP for the APC. Motion carried. *

Motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m.