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Advisory Committee for Nursing Education
August 18, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Ryan Crawford, Committee Chair, called the August 18, 2026 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Nursing Education to order at 10:05 a.m. Public notice was properly posted at the Boards Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building office, as well as on its website. A copy was provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and media agencies in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present all times.

Committee Members Present & Voting		
Member	**Nursing Discipline**	**Attendance**
Ryan Crawford, PhD, RN, CNE - **Chair**	BSN Educator	Present
Hope Pigg, MSN, RN **- Vice chair**	ADN Educator	Present
Elizabeth Harmon, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE **- Secretary**	Graduate Educator	Absent
Jo Kuehn, DNP, RN, CNE, CPHQ	BSN Educator	Present
Victoria Davis, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, CNE	BSN Educator	Present
Tracy Hudgins, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CNE	ADN Educator	Absent
Heather Anderson, DNP, MSN, RN	ADN Educator	Absent
Kimberly Headden, MSN, CMS-RN	PN Educator	Absent - Unexcused
Hannah Williams, DNP CNOR, CNE	PN Educator	Absent - Unexcused
Ruth Henderson, MSN, RN, CHSE	PN Educator	Present
Kimberly Subasic, Ph.D., MS, BSN, CNE	Deans and Directors Rep	Present
SCLN is non-active	SC League for Nursing (SCLN) Rep	Vacant
Vacant	Graduate Educator	Vacant
Ex-Officio		
Jada Quinn	SC Nurses Association (SCNA) Rep	Absent
Kelly Russin	Simulation Education Rep	Present
Lisa James	SC Board of Nursing Rep	Present
Vacant	SC Organization of Nurse Leaders (SCONL) Rep	Vacant
LLR Staff Present		
Peter Kubas	BON Nurse Education Consultant	
Megan Flannery	Advice Counsel	
Randall Dong	Advice Counsel	
Whitney Smith	Board Executive	
Valirie Samuel	Administrative Coordinator	
Tina Behles	Court Reporter	

Public Present	
Audra Houser	Frostburg State University
Dr. Kristie Lowry	Strayer University
Dr. Jones	Southeastern College, North Charleston

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

The purpose of this committee is to advise and make recommendations to the South Carolina Board of Nursing regarding nursing education, including articulation and quality, to review according to prescribed guidelines as promulgated in regulation applicant nursing education programs, and to make recommendations to the Board concerning the approval of a program application, and finally, to provide periodic reports on the committee's projects to the Board.

Approval of Absences:

Moved to approve the absences of committee members Kimberly Headden, Hannah Williams, Elizabeth Harmon, Tracy Hudgins and Heather Anderson. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved to amend the agenda by removing Consent Agenda items B, C, and D and approve as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved to approve the April 21, 2026 and the June 9, 2026 ACONE Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved to amend the Consent Agenda by removing Consent Agenda items B, C, and D and approve as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Jo Kuehn requested to have SACSCOC topics not be placed as Consent Agenda items for the committee going forward. Kuehn felt it was important for these proposed changes to be actively discussed by the committee.

Reports of Officers, Standing/Special Committees and Boards

Nurse Education Consultant Report:

Presented by Peter Kubas, Nurse Education Consultant

1. Board update:
    a. Central Carolina Technical College LPN - New Program was granted Full Approval

b. College of Charleston/ Medical University of South Carolina - Feasibility Study was approved for development
c. Southeastern College, Columbia LPN - New Program was granted Initial Approval
d. Southeastern College, Columbia ADN - New Program was granted Conditional Approval due to NCLEX scores
e. Robeson Community College, NC - ADN & PN - Out-of-State Nursing Programs Conducting Clinical Experiences in South Carolina was approved
f. Spartanburg Community College LPN - New Program was granted Conditional Approval due to NCLEX scores
g. ECPI University, Greenville LPN - was granted continued Full Approval

2. Nursing Program Survey Update:
   a. Two programs are scheduled; Chamberlain University, Greenville, BSN - New Program Initial Approval will be surveyed next week and ECPI, Charleston, BSN will be reviewed for full approval on September 10-11, 2026.
   b. We are awaiting Self-Surveys from four programs before scheduling a date for Full Approval.
   c. There are three programs awaiting their first cohort to graduate and sit the NCLEX before seeking Full Approval.

Information only. No motion made.

English Proficiency Exams Score Review - Workgroup:

Presented by Ruth Henderson, ACONE Workgroup Member

ACONE workgroup consisted of Jo Kuehn, Jada Quinn, and Ruth Henderson.

The workgroup reviewed the current South Carolina Board of Nursing English Competency Exams and Scores and compared them with the updated HRSA list of the scores. The workgroup recommends that our scores match those of the updated HRSA scores.

There are three groups that the workgroup no longer recommends, because they are not recommended by HRSA. These are the T-O-E-I-C, the Language Cert Academic and the I-T-E-P, because they are not accepted by HRSA or TruMerit.

Moved to approve the recommendation to edit the scores for the O-E-T, the Michigan English Test, the Pearson P-T-E Academic, and the Cambridge Assessment to match the updated HRSA scores, and recommend for the removal of the T-O-E-I-C, the Language Cert Academic, and the I-T-E-P and send to the Board for final approval. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Frostburg State University, MD - Out-of-State Nursing Programs Conducting Clinical Experiences in South Carolina:

Presented by Audra Houser

Committee reviewed requested additional information from the June ACONE Meeting including how core student learning outcomes would be met, how the program will ensure that the BSN-prepared nurses' function in the preceptor capacity and meet the South Carolina requirements, affiliation agreements and clinical experiences, and NCLEX outcomes. The committee verified the programs full approval and CCNE accreditation status. They also clarified that the request for was the programs LPN to BSN track and verified that the program did not currently have an active affiliation agreement within the state.

Moved to deny the request based on not having affiliation agreements in place in accordance with 91-6(3). The motion was seconded. Motion carried. *

Strayer University, DC - Out-of-State Nursing Programs Conducting Clinical Experiences in South Carolina:

Presented by Dr. Kristie Lowry, DNP, Executive Dean, College of Nursing and Health Professions

Committee reviewed requested additional information from the April ACONE Meeting including curriculum layout/academic course plan, description of student learning outcomes, how the clinical and adjunct faculty preceptor will supervise a student and a CV showing that an individual meets the South Carolina requirements along with clinical hour requirements, clinical experiences offered at each facility, and NCLEX outcomes. The committee verified the programs full approval and ACNE accreditation candidacy status. They also verified that the program did currently have an active affiliation agreement within the state.

Moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Coker University, MEPN – New Program Full Approval:

Hope Pigg recused.

Quorum no longer present. Appearance deferred to October 20, 2026 ACONE Meeting.

Southeastern College, North Charleston LPN – New Program Initial Approval:

Presented by Dr. Jones, DNP, Regional Director of Nursing

Quorum no longer present due to program request for the recusal of committee member, Ruth Henderson. Appearance deferred to October 20, 2026 ACONE Meeting.

Southeastern College, North Charleston ADN – New Program Full Approval:

Presented by Dr. Jones, DNP, Regional Director of Nursing

Quorum no longer present due to program request for the recusal of committee member, Ruth Henderson. Appearance deferred to October 20, 2026 ACONE Meeting.

Approval of Absences:

Move to mark the absences of committee members Kimberly Headden and Hannah Williams as unexcused for today's meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Move to adjourn at 11:19 a.m. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

The next ACONE Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 10 a.m.