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June 16, 2026

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

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Director
Pets Playground Grooming School
1294 N. Federal Hwy.
Pompano Beach, Florida 33062

School #M072429

Dear [REDACTED]

On June 1, 2026, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC” or “the Commission”) issued a letter to Pets Playground Grooming School withdrawing the school’s accreditation and informing the school of their right to appeal that decision. As of the date of this letter, the school has not filed the Letter of Intent to Appeal a Decision as provided in the June 1, 2026 letter from ACCSC. Accordingly, pursuant to *Section VII, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* the Commission’s decision to withdraw the accreditation of Pets Playground Grooming School is final and effective as of **June 11, 2026**.

For additional information or assistance regarding this matter, please contact me directly at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Executive Director



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***School #M072429
Withdrawal of Accreditation***

Dear [Redacted]:

At the May 2026 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (“ACCSC” or “the Commission”) considered its previous decision to place Pets Playground Grooming School located in Pompano Beach, Florida on Probation. Upon review of the Commission’s December 11, 2025 Probation, the school’s continued failure to fully respond to requirements, and the overall history of this matter, the Commission voted to withdraw the school’s accreditation. The history of the Commission’s review and the grounds for the Commission’s decision are set forth below.

History of the Commission’s Review:

February 2020

As part of the Application for a Change of Control-Parts I & II, on February 8, 2020, Cold Brook Investors, LLC, acquired the school and ACCSC approved the transfer of accreditation for the school that resulted from this change of ownership and control. Due to the pandemic, the on-site evaluation with regard to this Change of Control occurred on October 25, 2023.

August 2024 Meeting Review

At the August 2024 meeting, the Commission considered the Application for a Change of Control-Part I & Part II submitted by PPGS. Upon review of the March 18, 2024 Change of Control On-site Evaluation Report (“COC OER”) and the school’s response to that report, the Commission voted to defer final action on the school’s change of control application and to forward the items set forth in the August 13, 2024 Deferral to be further reviewed in conjunction the school’s Renewal of Accreditation On-site Evaluation occurring August 14-15, 2024. The areas to be reviewed included management, management qualifications, student achievement, verification of faculty work experience, advertising, enrollment agreement, disclosures, admissions requirements, and transcripts.

May 2025 Meeting Review

At the May 2025 meeting, the Commission considered the December 12, 2024 Renewal of Accreditation On-site Evaluation Report (“ROA-OER”) and the school’s response. In addition, the Commission considered the Application for a Change of Control-Part I & Part II that were deferred at the August 2024 meeting, reviewing the concordant August 13, 2024 Deferral in conjunction with the Renewal of Accreditation On-site Evaluation. The Commission voted to again defer final action on the Application for Renewal of Accreditation and Application for a Change of Control-Part I & Part II.

November 2025 Meeting Review

At the November 2025 meeting, the Commission considered the Commission’s previous decision to defer final action on the school’s Application for Renewal of Accreditation and Application for a Change of Control-Parts I & II and the school’s response. Upon review of the July 24, 2025 Deferral and the school’s

response, the Commission voted to place Pets Playground Grooming School on Probation with a subsequent review scheduled for ACCSC's February 2026 meeting. The following are the Commission's findings set forth in the December 11, 2025 Probation.

Areas of Non-Compliance with Accrediting Standards

1. Pets Playground Grooming School has failed to demonstrate compliance relative to Ownership, Management, and Administrative Capacity, in the following areas:
 - a. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate that the school has adequate management and administrative capacity in place that includes a demonstrated ability to lead and manage a post-secondary educational institution in compliance with accrediting standards (*Section I (A)(1)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
 - b. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate that the school has adequate management and administrative capacity in place that includes appropriate administrative and operational policies and procedures to which the school adheres, reviews, and updates as needed (*Section I (A)(1)(d), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
2. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate successful student achievement by maintaining acceptable rates of student graduation and graduate employment (*Section VII (B)(2)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
3. Pets Playground Grooming School has failed to demonstrate compliance with accrediting standards related to admissions, in the following areas:
 - a. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate that the school utilizes an enrollment agreement that includes, at a minimum, all required items listed on the ACCSC Enrollment Agreement Checklist and that clearly states the obligations of both the student and school (*Section IV (C)(2)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
 - b. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate that admissions documentation for students from foreign countries is translated and certified to be at least equivalent to the credential required by the school in its admissions criteria (e.g., a U.S. high school diploma) (*Section V (A)(4)(b), Substantive Standards & Appendix V, Standards of Accreditation*).
4. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate that the school maintains indefinitely a permanent official transcript that includes all required items (*Section VI (B)(2), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).

Other Areas of On-Going Concern

5. Pets Playground Grooming School must demonstrate that the school supports student achievement rates through the school's verifiable records and documentation of initial employment of its graduates (*Section VII (B)(4), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
6. Pets Playground Grooming School must demonstrate compliance with accreditation standards relative to its Leave of Absence policy, in the following areas:
 - a. If the school allows students to take a leave of absence, demonstrate that the school defines and publishes in its catalog the leave of absence policy to include:
 - The process to have a leave of absence approved;

- The acceptable reason(s) why a student can request a leave of absence;
 - The allowable leave of absence period;
 - The consequences of a student's failure to return from an approved leave of absence; and
- b. A notice that the period of the leave of absence may not begin until the student has submitted, and the school has approved a written request for an approved leave of absence except in those cases where unforeseen circumstances would prevent a student from submitting a request in advance (*Section VII (A)(3)(c)(iii), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
- c. If a student does not return following the leave of absence, demonstrate that the school terminates the student and applies the school's refund policy in accordance with applicable and published requirements (*Section VII (A)(3)(c)(iii), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
7. Pets Playground Grooming School must demonstrate that the school's student services program minimally encompasses supervision and monitoring of attendance records (*Section VI (A)(3)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
8. Pets Playground Grooming School must demonstrate that the school's Program Advisory Committee review and comment activities cover the established curriculum of the program and commentary as to the appropriateness and adequacy of the program objectives, program length, curriculum content, learning resources, and the adequacy of facilities and equipment; student graduation, graduate employment, and where required (*Section II (A)(4)(b), Substantive Standards & Appendix III (2)(c), Standards of Accreditation*).
9. Pets Playground Grooming School must demonstrate that written notification of withdrawal from the student is not required for a refund payment (*Section I (D)(3)(b), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
10. Pets Playground Grooming School must demonstrate that the school describes itself and is recognized consistently by each accrediting agency, state agency, and federal agency with regard to programs and keeps each agency apprised of any change in its status (*Section I (D)(2), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).
11. Pets Playground Grooming School must demonstrate that all advertising, promotional materials, statements, and claims are truthful and accurate and avoid leaving any false impressions with respect to the school or its training (*Section IV (B)(1), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).

February 2026 Review Meeting

At the February 2026 meeting, the Commission considered a request from Pets Playground Grooming School's for an extension of time to submit a response to the December 11, 2025 Probation. The Commission voted to grant an extension for the school to submit the response with a revised due date of March 23, 2026 for review at the May 2026 meeting.

May 2026 Meeting Review– Withdrawal of Accreditation

At the May 2026 meeting, the Commission again considered its previous decision to place Pets Playground Grooming School on Probation. Pets Playground Grooming School, however, did not submit a response to the December 11, 2025 Probation despite being given two opportunities to do so. Upon review of the record

in this matter and the school's failure to respond to the Probation, the Commission found that the school has failed to meet the burden of demonstrating continuous compliance with the *Standards of Accreditation* as set forth in the Probation (*Section I (B)(5), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

As such the Commission voted to withdraw the accreditation of Pets Playground Grooming School for the following grounds and areas of non-compliance as set forth in the December 11, 2025 Probation:¹

1. Pets Playground Grooming School has failed to demonstrate compliance relative to Ownership, Management, and Administrative Capacity, in the following areas:
 - a. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate that the school has adequate management and administrative capacity in place that includes a demonstrated ability to lead and manage a post-secondary educational institution in compliance with accrediting standards (*Section I (A)(1)(a), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
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4. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to demonstrate that the school maintains indefinitely a permanent official transcript that includes all required items (*Section VI (B)(2), Substantive Standards, Standards of Accreditation*).
5. Pets Playground Grooming School failed to submit a required response to the December 11, 2025 Probation thereby failing to demonstrate compliance in the foregoing areas (*Sections I (G)(2) & VII (Q)(1)(h), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

Accordingly, the Commission voted to withdraw the accreditation of Pets Playground Grooming School and to remove the school from the ACCSC list of accredited institutions.

¹ See the December 11, 2025 Probation for the specific rationale in each area.

Notification To Students

Within **seven days** of receipt of this letter, the school must:

- a. Inform all currently enrolled and prospective students of the withdrawal decision and indicate where the action can be obtained from the Commission's website;
- b. If the school chooses to appeal a withdrawal of accreditation decision, then the school must inform current and prospective students of the appeal and that the school is on Probation during the appeal process; and
- c. Once a decision to withdraw accreditation is final, the school must within seven days inform current and prospective students that the withdrawal of accreditation action is final. A school must delete all references to and claims of ACCSC accreditation from the school's website, catalog, enrollment agreement, advertising, and promotional materials immediately after withdrawal of accreditation.

Within 10 days the school must upload a copy of the notice provided to students to ACCSC's College 360 Database.

Teach-Out Plan

Pursuant to the Commission's decision, Pets Playground Grooming School must provide an [Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form](#) and as applicable a [Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form](#) (*Section IV (F)(2)(b) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*). In its Teach-out Plan the school must demonstrate how it will ensure the opportunity for students to complete their program of study either by the school or through an agreement with another accredited institution(s) approved to offer a program comparative to the school's (in the latter instance, ensure to submit the Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form). The Teach-out Plan must contemplate the loss of accreditation and any concordant loss of state or federal funding. The school's Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form and as applicable Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form should be submitted **on or before June 11, 2026**.

Appeal Process and Procedure

Pets Playground Grooming School may opt to appeal the Commission's decision to withdraw accreditation or may elect to reapply for accreditation. If Pets Playground Grooming School elects to appeal this decision, the school must:

- Sign and return the enclosed Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision, along with the Appeal Expense Fee of \$8,000.00, **on or before June 11, 2026** and
- Submit the Application for Appeal of a Commission Decision and Grounds for Appeal **on or before July 1, 2026**.

Details regarding the reapplication and appeal procedures are outlined in the *ACCSC Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*.

Non-Appeal Next Steps:

If Pets Playground Grooming School elects **not to appeal** this decision:

- The Commission's decision will become effective **June 11, 2026**;
- Please submit the school's Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form and as applicable a Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form as set forth in the June 1, 2026 withdrawal of accreditation letter;

- The school may submit comments by **June 11, 2026** in accordance with the enclosed Public Comment Disclosure Form. Comments submitted by the school will accompany any public disclosure of a final Commission action pursuant to *Section X (D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*; and
- In accordance with *Section VII (Q)(7) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the school may reapply no sooner than nine months from the date on which the withdrawal of accreditation becomes effective.

For additional information regarding the Commission's decision, please contact me directly

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Executive Director

Encls: Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision
ACCSC Standing Appeals Committee Members
Public Comment Disclosure Form



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LETTER OF INTENT TO APPEAL A COMMISSION DECISION

To Be Submitted No Later Than June 11, 2026

Michale S. McComis, Ed.D.
Executive Director
ACCSC
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Dear Dr. McComis:

This letter serves to provide notice that Pets Playground Grooming School located in Pompano Beach, Florida intends to appeal the June 1, 2026 decision of the Commission to withdraw the school’s accreditation and remove the school from the list of ACCSC-accredited institutions. Included with this Letter of Intent is:

- A check in the amount of \$8,000 as required by accreditation procedures (I understand that this fee is non-refundable);
- The school’s Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form and as applicable a Teach-Out Agreement Approval Form; and
- A copy of the notification being provided to students as set forth in the June 1, 2026 withdrawal of accreditation letter.

I understand that an ACCSC Sitting Appeals Panel will meet to consider the appeal of the school and that I will receive final confirmation of the hearing at a later date. I have reviewed *Section VIII, Rules of Process and Procedure* of the *Standards of Accreditation* pertaining to appeals and noted that I am entitled to a transcript of the proceedings and to have representatives, including legal counsel, present with advance notification to ACCSC.

I understand that it is the right of a school to appeal an adverse accreditation decision taken by the Commission on the grounds that the decision was arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise in disregard of the criteria or procedures of the Commission, or not supported by substantial evidence in the record on which the Commission took the action (*Section VIII (B), Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*). I understand that because the appeal must be based on evidence in the record at the time that the Commission took the adverse action, no new evidence may be submitted during the appeal process, except as allowed for under *Section VIII (C)(2)(c), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*.

I understand that it is the right of a school intending to appeal a Commission decision to indicate whether there is good cause as to why any member of the Commission’s Standing Appeal Panel should not hear the appeal. I have reviewed the list of Standing Appeal Panel members and have included with this notice any objections to any member of the Standing Appeal Panel with the reasons and cause why I believe that member should not hear the school’s appeal. I understand the absence of a submission with this notice indicates my approval to allow any member of the Standing Appeal Panel to sit for the school’s appeal.

I understand that the Application for Appeal of Commission Decision along with the school’s Grounds for Appeal are due to ACCSC **on or before July 1, 2026**, and I agree to submit that material on or before that date. I understand that failure to submit these required documents by the due date could prevent consideration of the school’s appeal.

Signature

Date

Name/Title

Standing Appeals Panel Members

Panel Member	Affiliation	Term Ending
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	■
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	■
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	■
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PUBLIC COMMENT DISCLOSURE FORM

To Be Submitted No Later Than June 11, 2026

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**RE: Pets Playground Grooming School
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 Pompano Beach, Florida 33062**

I understand and agree that the Commission, pursuant to *Section X (C)(4) &(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, will make public the reasons for the decision together with any comments submitted by the school. I further understand that the summary will be accompanied by the attached comments.

I understand and agree that the attached comments constitute School’s public comments on the adverse accreditation action that are to be disseminated with the public notice of the Commission’s adverse accreditation decision including, but not limited to, dissemination to appropriate federal, state and other accrediting agencies and posting to the ACCSC website (*Section X (C)(4)&(D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*).

I understand and agree that the school is not obligated to submit public comments and acknowledge that the attached comments are provided voluntarily.

I understand and agree that the school’s public comments must be in summary format, professional in tone, and free of profanity and calumnious statements and limited to two type written pages. I acknowledge that any comments which do not meet these requirements will not be disseminated or posted along with the summary of the reasons for the adverse accreditation decision.

I understand and agree that the Commission will release the adverse accreditation decision to the public pursuant to *Section X (D)(3), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* and that the school’s written comments will not be added to this disclosure if this form and the comments are not submitted in the required format **on or before June 11, 2026**.

I understand and agree that the Commission has no responsibility for how the school’s comments may be used once put into the public domain.

Signature

Date

Name/Title