



September 17, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Andrew Mangion
Executive Chairman and CEO
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Re: Accreditation Withdrawn (appealable)
ACCET ID #1104

Dear Mr. Mangion:

On September 17, 2026, at a special meeting of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET), the Commission voted to withdraw accreditation from EC Boston with campuses located in Boston, MA, New York, NY, San Francisco, CA, and Santa Monica, CA.

The decision was based upon the institution's failure to demonstrate compliance with Standard III.A. Financial Stability, which requires an institution to demonstrate "...[a] record of responsible financial management with resources sufficient to provide quality education, training, and student services and to complete the instruction of all enrolled students." Further, the Commission noted the institution's failure to notify ACCET in a timely manner of significant developments affecting its financial condition, operations, and ultimate closure. These developments directly affected currently enrolled students and occurred without a pre-planned transition strategy, teach-out arrangement, or other documented plan to facilitate program completion. The institution's failure to promptly communicate these material developments demonstrates a lack of appropriate oversight and transparency regarding circumstances that significantly affected its ability to fulfill its obligations to students, raising additional concerns regarding compliance with Standard II.A. Governance.

The institution confirmed its precipitous closure of all campuses to ACCET via a Zoom call on September 15, 2026, and then in writing via a follow-up email the same afternoon. Andrew Mangion, Executive Chairman and CEO of EC Boston, confirmed that approximately 195 students are affected by the closure. The email indicated that the last day of school was September 14, 2026, with accommodation available to students through September 19, 2026. However, the institution failed to notify ACCET in advance of the closures and precipitously ceased instruction without providing an adequate teach-out plan or agreement, or other adequate arrangements to minimize the risk and hardship to enrolled students, as required by ACCET Document 32 – Teach-Out/Closure Policy.

ACCET was made aware of the possible closure from other organizations, including an article published September 11, 2026, from The Pie News, indicating that, "EC English halts new student arrivals worldwide this weekend." In a letter dated September 11, 2026, ACCET directed the institution to provide an urgent response by Monday, September 14, 2026, to address whether the published report was accurate and, if so, to describe the circumstances that led to the suspension of new student arrivals. The letter further requested an update on the number of students affected

and the measures being implemented to ensure continuity of instruction, housing, student services, and other institutional commitments.

The institution failed to provide a written response by the September 14 deadline. The September 15, 2026, email from Mr. Mangion confirmed the closure of all EC locations and provided the campus directors' names, but no contact information, for the "Centre Directors in the various cities who will be in the schools this week taking care of students' needs and answering questions as well as trying to help students transition to alternative schools in their cities." However, complaints received by ACCET on September 14 and 15, 2026, alleged that affected students had received limited assistance or information regarding available transition arrangements. Additionally, the institution failed to provide answers regarding student refunds.

The Commission therefore voted to withdraw accreditation, effective September 17, 2026.

Further, as required by ACCET policy, withdrawal of accreditation requires the institution to provide a complete teach-out plan, for which the institution has yet to provide. Therefore, the institution is directed to provide the following information and documentation no later than September 25, 2026:

1. A complete student roster for each ACCET-accredited location, including each student's program, scheduled completion date, remaining instructional obligation, account balance, unearned tuition, refund amount due, and current housing status, as applicable.
2. Documentation of all notices provided to current students, prospective students, sponsors, and agents concerning the closures.
3. The status of each affected student, including any transfer, teach-out, refund, housing, travel, or records arrangements.
4. The location and custodian of all student academic, attendance, financial, and enrollment records, together with instructions for students to obtain those records.
5. Any executed or proposed teach-out or transfer agreements.
6. Documentation concerning available tuition recovery funds, bonds, insurance, insolvency proceeds, or other resources that may be available to satisfy student obligations.
7. Contact information for the individual authorized to coordinate with ACCET, federal agencies, state agencies, students, and receiving institutions.

This information must be uploaded using the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/yx1kb6827dl9euer8hrg>

Withdrawal of Accreditation:

Since withdrawal of accreditation is an adverse action by the Accrediting Commission, it is not a final action, as the institution may appeal the decision. The complete procedures and guidelines for appealing the decision are detailed in ACCET Document 11 – Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission, available on our website at www.accet.org.

Appeals Request:

To initiate an appeal, the institution must file a written request for an appeal to the Accrediting Commission **within fifteen (15) calendar days** after receipt of this letter. The request for an appeal must include the electronic submission of the following documents: (1) a signed affidavit by an

authorized representative of the institution, indicating that a notice of the withdrawal of accreditation, has been disclosed to all current and prospective students **within seven business days** of receipt of the decision, prominently published on the institution's website, and posted in a conspicuous place at the institution, to include, at minimum, the admission office and the student lounge or comparable location, notifying interested parties of the Commission's adverse action; (2) a teach-out plan in accordance with ACCET Document 32 – Teach-Out/Closure Policy, to ensure that students are afforded an opportunity to successfully complete their training in the event of the institution's closure; and (3) verification that the institution has no outstanding financial obligations owed to ACCET.

The documentation should be compiled as a single .pdf file. Each exhibit should be distinctly labeled, numbered, and sequenced. Please insert bookmarks for each exhibit and ensure that the compiled response is uploaded using the following link:

Appeals Request Upload link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/owwNFFSirPC8ai6OKh25>

Appeals Fee:

Upon receipt of the complete request for an appeal, as described above, an electronic invoice in the amount of \$9,500 will be issued. Payment is due upon receipt to initiate the appeal.

Appeals Brief:

If an appeals request is received, an upload link will be provided for submitting the appeals brief documentation electronically.

In the event of an appeal, a written statement outlining the grounds for the appeal and supporting documentation must be submitted to the ACCET office within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of this letter. The documentation should be compiled as a single .pdf file, beginning with the written rationale, followed by the main narrative update, and then the supporting documentation. Each exhibit should be clearly labeled, numbered, and sequenced. Please include bookmarks for each exhibit. If an appeals request is received, an upload link will be provided for submitting the appeals brief documentation electronically.

The appeal process allows for the institution to provide clarification regarding the conditions at the institution at the time the Accrediting Commission made its decision to withdraw accreditation, which is the last date of the Commission meeting. The appeals panel may only consider whether the Commission's withdrawal of accreditation was supported by the evidence that was before the Commission when it acted. The Panel may not consider evidence that occurred after the date of the Commission action, except as indicated below. The appeal process does not allow for consideration of changes that have been made by or at the institution or new information created or obtained after the Commission's action to withdraw accreditation, except under such circumstances when the Commission's adverse action included a finding of non-compliance with Standard III.A. Financial Stability, whereupon the Appeals Panel may consider, on a one-time basis only, such financial information provided all of the following conditions are met:

- The only remaining deficiency cited by the Commission in support of a final adverse action decision is the institution's failure to meet ACCET Standard III.A. Financial Stability, with the institution's non-compliance with Standard III.A. the sole deficiency warranting a final adverse action.

- The financial information was unavailable to the institution until after the Commission's decision was made and is included in the written statement of the grounds for appeal submitted in accordance with the ACCET appeals process.
- The financial information provided is significant and bears materially on the specified financial deficiencies identified by the Commission.

The Appeals Panel shall apply such criteria of significance and materiality as established by the Commission. Further, any determination made by the Appeals Panel relative to this new financial information shall not constitute a basis for further appeal.

The grounds for appeal shall be that the Commission's adverse decision should be reversed as erroneous on the basis of the record before the Commission at the time of the decision. The appeals process does not allow for consideration of changes to the effective date of the decision to withdraw accreditation. Additional evidence, if any, may be submitted in the appeals brief if the original evidence on the record at the time of the Commission's decision was erroneous. After the submission deadline for the written statements of the grounds for appeal and exhibits, no additional written information and/or exhibits may be provided, unless they are received by ACCET at least two weeks prior to scheduled hearing, and the institution can show, to the satisfaction of the Appeals Panel Chair, that such information was not available before the initial submission date and failure to make a timely submission was beyond the institution's control. An exception may be made for information and/or exhibits pertaining to findings of violation of Standard III.A. Financial Stability.

Questions regarding the required submissions or appeal procedures may be directed to the ACCET office at info@accet.org or 202-955-1113.

Sincerely,



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