

Minutes

Professional Review Committee

April 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference, via Teams

Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair

Committee Members Present: Kevin Eakes, Reggie Williams, Chris Burkett, Erin Hamel, Cathy Scott, Mark McCann, Kelly Harrison, Gretchen Whitman, Marla Sanders, and Julie Fernandez

Committee Members Absent: Michiko McClary, Jennifer Wise, and Jerome Davis

Ex officio, non-voting member Present: Lishu Yin

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Present: Jessica McLees

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Absent: Jacki Walsh

I. Overview

- i. Meeting called to order
Kevin Eakes called the meeting to order at 10:0am.
- ii. Quorum of members determined
Kevin Eakes confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.
- iii. Welcome from the Chair
Kevin Eakes offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.
- iv. Approval of the Agenda
Kelly Harrison made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- v. Approval of the March Meeting Minutes
The March meeting minutes were unanimously passed.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

The Following program reports were received after the PRC meeting on 3/14/35

- a. The Citadel MAT, Secondary – English
 - i. The Citadel MAT, Secondary – Mathematics

- ii. The Citadel BS, Secondary – Biology or Chemistry
- iii. The Citadel MAT, Secondary – Biology
- iv. All program reports submitted by 3/15/2025 are available for PRC members to review. Decisions concerning these reports will be made at the June meeting.
- v. The State Board of Education approved of Coastal Carolina University's M.Ed. in School Counseling program at their April 1, 2025, meeting.
- vi. The Office of Educator Preparation hosted a call with the Office of Instructional Supports on Thursday, April 3. This call focused on the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework referenced in the South Carolina Literacy Competencies. A recording of the call, and the slide deck, were emailed to all EPP contacts on Monday, April 7.
- vii. The Office of Educator Preparation hosted an in-person technical assistance meeting with Upstate EPPs on Tuesday, April 15 from 8:00am – 1:00pm at the University Center Greenville. This session allowed EPPs an opportunity to meet and ask questions regarding the updated SC Literacy Competencies and R2S workbooks.
- viii. The Office of Educator Preparation held its monthly office hours Thursday, April 17. Jason Dietrick, ETS Director of Educational Partnerships for South Carolina, provided an overview of new updates with ETS.
- ix. The Office of Educator Preparation held an open call with EPP faculty on April 22 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. This was a time for EPP faculty to drop in with their questions regarding the updated SC Literacy Competencies and R2S Workbooks.
- x. On April 7, the Office of Educator Preparation received Winthrop University's Response to Conditions Report for the MAT in Modern Language Spanish. This report will be presented to PRC in August and slated for a decision in October.

III. New Alternative Certification Preparation Program (May approval item)

- a. Aiken-Alt
 - i. Certification fields of: Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education: Multi-Categorical, Middle Level Social Studies, Middle Level Mathematics, Middle Level Science, Middle Level Social Studies, Secondary English, Secondary Mathematics, Secondary Science, Secondary Social Studies

IV. Existing Alternative Certification Preparation Program (April approval item)

- a. Lowcountry Educator Alternative Pathway (LEAP)
 - i. Additional fields: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education: Multi-Categorical
 - ii. Teach Florence 1
 - iii. Modify admissions criteria for World Language: French and Spanish

After much discussion, the PRC voted to approve of the additional certification fields for Lowcountry Educator Alternative Pathway (LEAP) and the revised admission criteria for Teach Florence 1.

v. Initial Report (June approval items)

- a. Clemson University
 - i. Bachelor of Arts and MAT Teacher Residency, Early Childhood Education
 - ii. Bachelor of Arts and MAT Teacher Residency, Elementary Education
 - iii. Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science, MAT Teacher Residence, and MAT, Secondary – Mathematics
 - iv. Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science, MAT Teacher Residency, and MAT, Secondary – Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
 - v. Bachelor of Arts and MAT Teacher Residence, SPED: Multi-Categorical (PK only)
- b. Coastal Carolina University
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary – Biology
 - ii. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – Chemistry
 - iii. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – English
 - iv. Bachelor of Science, Secondary – Mathematics
 - v. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – Physics
 - vi. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – Social Studies
- c. College of Charleston
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Special Education: Multi-Categorical (PK and K-12)
 - ii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary – Mathematics
- d. The Citadel
 - i. Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with a concentration in Biology or Chemistry; MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in Biology

- ii. Bachelor of Science and MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies
- iii. MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration Mathematics
- iv. MAT in Middle Level
- v. MAT in Secondary Education with a concentration in English
- e. Winthrop University
 - i. Bachelor of Science and MAT in Special Education: Multi-Categorical (PK only)

The PRC will discuss and make recommendation on these reports at their June meeting.

VI. Response to Conditions Reports (June approval items)

- a. Francis Marion University
 - i. Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
 - ii. University of South Carolina-Aiken
 - iii. Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood
 - iv. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary – Social Studies

The PRC will discuss and make recommendations on these reports at their June meeting.

VII. New Business

CHE's Center of Excellence Symposium is May 15, 2025, in Columbia. The PRC discussed the ETS Praxis Bridge Program.

VIII. Good of the Order

Reggie Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.