

Minutes
Professional Review Committee Meeting

Date

August 16, 2024

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

Video Conference via Teams

Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair

Committee Members Present: Kevin Eakes, Judy Collazo, Erin Hamel, Mark McCann, Michiko McClary, Tria Grant, Jennifer Wise, Jerome Davis, Cathy Scott, and Kelly Harrison

Ex officio, non-voting member Present: Lishu Yin

Committee Members Absent: Reggie Williams, Brian Carruthers

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

I. Overview

A. Meeting Called to Order

Kevin Eakes called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. Quorum of Members Determined

Kevin Eakes confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.

C. Welcome from the Chair

Kevin Eakes offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Mark McCann made a motion to approve the agenda. Tria Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval of the June Meeting Minutes

Unanimous approval of the June meeting minutes.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

III. Item

- A. On June 21, 2024, the SCDE received notification from Converse College regarding a modification to the hours required in the MAT in Early Childhood Education Program. The program previously required 43 credit hours and the program will now require 37 credit hours. The change is to better align with similar programs in the state.
- B. On June 28, 2024, the SCDE received an Alternative Preparation Statement of Intent from the School District of Pickens County. The proposed name of the program is: TeachAOP: Anderson, Oconee, Pickens Alternative Certification Program, and seeks to certify teachers in SPED Multi-categorical, Business and Marketing, PE, Middle Math,

Secondary Math, Middle Science, and Secondary Science. The proposed start date is August 2026.

- C. On June 8, 2024, Teachers of Tomorrow sent a letter of notification to streamline admission requirements for PK-12, Middle Level and High School. Another letter of notification was sent on August 12, 2024, detailing the desire to streamline Elementary, Early Childhood and Special Education fields. All requirements are in alignment with the Alternative Preparation Guidelines.
- D. On July 15, 2024, USC-Columbia notified the SCDE that it terminated several concentrations of the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in Special Education and Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Special Education.
 - i. M.A.T. in Special Education concentrations terminated:
 - a. Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
 - b. Intellectual Disabilities
 - c. Learning Disabilities
 - ii. M.Ed. in Special Education concentrations terminated:
 - a. Early Childhood Special Education
 - b. Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
 - c. Intellectual Disabilities
 - d. Learning Disabilities

There are no enrolled students remaining in these concentrations.

- E. On August 15, 2024, USC submitted a letter updating the names for undergraduate world language teacher certification programs. No content has changed.
- F. On August 13, 2024, the State Board of Education approved Francis Marion University's SPED: Multi-categorical program. During this meeting, the SBE also approved the recommendation of Julie Fernandez to join the PRC.
- G. On August 13, 2024, the State Board of Education voted to move its monthly meeting to the 1st Tuesday of the month. This will not impact the PRC 2024-2025 meeting dates.
- H. On August 15, 2024, The Office of Educator Preparation held its first Office Hours of the 2024-2025 academic year. Topics discussed included:
 - i. Literacy competencies have been published. Information regarding implementation will be coming out soon.
 - ii. The SPED PreK Standards Workgroup will have their first meeting later in August.
 - iii. ETS updates regarding candidates when listing score recipients for ETS exams.
 - iv. Applications for consideration of service on the PRC are being accepted through September 6. New terms will begin in January 2025 and last three years.
 - v. ELA Standards updates which included SCDE colleagues from the Office of Assessment and Standards who discuss resources available to EPPs and teacher candidates when implementing the new standards.
 - vi. New reading assessments will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval in October.
 - vii. The SCDE has a new address, 428 Wholesale Lane | West Columbia, SC 29172
 - viii. At the August 13, 2024, State Board of Education meeting, the Board reviewed the SBE cell phone policy.
 - ix. The Update on Uniform Procedure for Selection or Reconsideration of Instructional Materials (Regulation 43-170) was shared.

- I. The SCDE received Coastal Carolina University's Response to Conditions report for the Social Studies program. This report is located in the Response to Conditions folder, located in the Google Drive, and is set for an October 11, 2024, vote.
- J. The SCDE received Newberry College's Continuing Program Reports for Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Secondary Mathematics. All reports are in the Continuing Reports Folder, located in the Google Drive, and are set for an October 11, 2024, vote.
- K. Assignments for the October reports are found in the PRC Google Drive.

IV. Terminate USC's M.Ed. with concentration in Severe and Multiple Disabilities add-on program

Kevin Eakes presented an overview of the request. Mark McCann made a motion to terminate the program as an approved add-on program. Erin Hamel seconded the motion. Tria Grant and Jennifer wise abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

V. New Alternative Educator Preparation Program

A. Winthrop's NetAPT

- i. Additional fields of Early Childhood and Elementary

The PRC will render a decision on this program at a future meeting.

VI. Initial Continuing Reports

A. Newberry College

- i. Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education
- ii. Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education
- iii. Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education

The PRC will render decisions on these program reports at the October meeting.

VII. Response to Condition Reports

A. Coastal Carolina University

- i. MAT, Social Studies

B. Morris College

- i. Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education
- ii. Bachelor of Arts, English Education
- iii. Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education
- iv. Bachelor of Science, Social Studies Education

The PRC will render decisions on these program reports at the October meeting.

VIII. New Business

Lishu Yin shared the announcement of Dr. Jeff Perez as the new Executive Director of CHE.

IX. Good of the Order

Erin Hamel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.