

Minutes

Professional Review Committee

August 8, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference, via Teams

Dr. Mark McCann, Chair

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

Committee Members Absent: Jerome Davis

Ex-officio, non-voting member Present: Lishu Yin

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

I. Overview

a. Meeting called to order

Mark McCann called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

b. Quorum of members determined

Mark McCann confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.

c. Welcome from the Chair

Mark McCann offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.

d. Approval of the Agenda

Kevin Eakes made a motion to approve the agenda. Reggie Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the June Meeting Minutes

Chris Burkett made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a. On June 12, 2025, Newberry College notified the SCDE of a decision to terminate the B.S. programs in Biology and Chemistry. Currently, there are no students enrolled in the programs.

b. On June 15 the Ed. Prep. Team received the following reports:

i. Initial Program Reports

Allen University, BS Elementary Education

ii. Response to Conditions Reports

Coker University, BS Biology

Francis Marion University, BS Art

Lander University, BS Social Studies

c. On June 31, 2025, Bob Jones University notified the SCDE of the following modifications to their programs:

i. Elementary Education- The EPP removed Ed 333 Practicum: Grades 2-6 (4 credit hours). A practicum was integrated into the current Teaching ELA and Teaching Math courses. This allows candidates to complete two practicums prior to student teaching. Ed 248 Family and Community Engagement (3 credit hours) was also added to the program.

ii. Secondary English- The EPP removed EN 508 History of the English Language (3 credit hours) and EN 516 TESOL Methods (3 credit hours), due to curricular changes. An additional four courses were added to the program to strengthen content area knowledge.

iii. Secondary Mathematics- The EPP removed MA 105 and added PHY 101. The changes were made to strengthen the content knowledge of candidates.

iv. Middle Level Social Studies and Secondary Social Studies- The EPP replaced the World Cultures course based on curricula offerings.

v. Teaching World Languages- The EPP terminated the program at the conclusion of the 2024-25 academic year due to low enrollment. There were no students enrolled in the program.

d. On July 21, 2025, the College of Charleston notified the SCDE of its decision to close the BS in Special Education: Emotional Disabilities program. This decision reflects the EPPs deliberate alignment with current research, evolving philosophical perspectives in the field, and the operational realities of our P12 partner schools. No students are enrolled in this program. The EPP continues to operate a Special Education: Multi-categorical program for current and prospective candidates.

e. On July 24, 2025, Teach Anderson, Oconee, Pickens (TeachAOP) notified the SCDE of revised eligibility and admission criteria to eliminate the Praxis Core program admission requirement for the certification fields of Business and Marketing Education (Grades 9-12), Physical Education (PK-12), Middle-Level Science (Grades 5-8), Secondary Science (Grades 9-12), Middle-Level

Math (Grades 5-8), and Secondary Math (Grades 9-12). The change also updates GPA requirements for these fields which aligns with other alternative certification programs.

f. The State Board of Education met August 5, 2025, and approved of the following:

- i. Retired Educator Certificate Guidelines
- ii. Adoption of a Basic Skills Assessment for Paraeducators
- iii. New Alternative Route Program: Aiken-ALT
- iv. CAEP accreditation decisions for Morris College and the University of South Carolina-Columbia

g. As a reminder, on final state designation reports:

- i. Please mark N/A or none for no response.
- ii. Please indicate the overall decision using the drop-down and placing an x in the appropriate box.
- iii. Delete unused rows corresponding to standards.
- iv. Send the report as a Word document.

III. New Program Approval (September approval item)

- a. Winthrop University's, Special Education Multi-Categorical add-on
The PRC will render a decision in September.

IV. Review of South Carolina Alternative Provider and Program Approval Process and Standards

PRC members will review the standards and form a list of ideas regarding the alternative route standards.

V. Initial Reports (October approval items)

- a. Allen University
 - i. BS, Elementary
- b. College of Charleston
 - i. BS and MAT, Elementary
- c. College of Charleston,
 - i. BS, Social Studies
- d. Furman University,
 - i. MA and Ed.S., in Educational Leadership
- e. South Carolina State University,
 - i. BS, Chemistry
 - ii. BS Middle Level

The PRC will render decisions on these program reports in October.

VI. Response to Conditions Report (October approval item)

- a. Coker University
 - i. BS, Biology
- b. Francis Marion University
 - i. BS, Art
- c. Lander University
 - i. BS, Social Studies
- d. Newberry College
 - i. BS, Mathematics
- e. South Carolina State University
 - i. BS and MAT, Biology
 - ii. BS and MAT, Elementary
 - iii. BS, Physical Education
 - iv. BA and MAT, English
 - v. BS and MAT, Mathematics
 - vi. BS, Social Studies
 - vii. BS SPED Learning Disabilities (K-12)
- f. Winthrop University
 - i. M.Ed. and Ed.S., Educational Leadership
 - ii. MAT, Modern Languages – Spanish
 - iii. MAT, Mathematics

The PRC will render decisions on these program reports in October.

VII. New Business

The PRC is interested in proposing revisions to the Field and Clinical guidelines.

VIII. Good of the Order

Kevin Eakes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.