

**Minutes  
Professional Review Committee**

**Date**

February 14, 2025

**Time**

10:00 am

**Location**

Video Conference, via Teams  
Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair  
Dr. Mark McCann, Chair-Elect

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Gretchen Whitman, Julie Fernandez, and Jerome Davis

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

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

**Visitors:** Tracey Williams and Tammy White from Teach Right, USA.

**I. Overview**

**A. Meeting called to order**

Kevin Eakes called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**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. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**E. Approval of the January Meeting Minutes**

The January meeting minutes were unanimously passed.

**II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items**

- A. On January 17, 2025, the Office of Educator Services received notification from North Greenville University noting the move of EDSE 2330 Planning and Assessment

from the Education Department to the Physical Education Department. This change is to better assist candidates.

- B. On February 3, 2025, the Office of Educator Services received the following initial program reports from Coastal Carolina University: BS in Social Studies, BS in Biology, BA in Physics, and BA in Chemistry. A decision regarding these reports will be made in June.
- C. On February 5, 2025, Furman University notified the SCDE they are terminating their Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT program) after the 2024-2025 cohort graduates in May 2025. Terminated fields include:
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - English
  - French
  - Mathematics
  - Physics
  - Social Studies
  - Spanish
- D. On February 13, 2025, Charter Inspire notified the SCDE they will add the certification field of Business and Marketing Education to the program. Additionally, the Polaris Technical Charter School will be added as an approved site for the program.

**III. South Carolina Special Education Pre-K Program Approval Standards** (March approval item)

The PRC will review and vote on the South Carolina Special Education Pre-K Program Approval Standards at the March meeting.

**IV. New Alternative Certification Preparation Program** (March approval item)

- A. Teach AOP (Anderson, Oconee, Pickens)
  - i. Certification fields: Business and Marketing, Middle Level Mathematics, Middle Level Science, Physical Education, Secondary Mathematics, Secondary Science, and Special Education: Multi-Categorical

The PRC will vote on this new alternative certification preparation program at the March meeting.

**V. New Educator Preparation Program** (February approval items)

- A. Coastal Carolina University, School Counseling

After much discussion a motion was made to approve Coastal Carolina University's School Counseling program. The motion carried.

**VI. New Alternative Certification Preparation Programs** (February approval items)

- A. Teach Right, USA (TRUSA)

- i. Additional fields of: Early Childhood, Elementary, and Business and Marketing

After much discussion a motion was made to approve the additional certification fields of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Business and Marketing Education. The motion carried.

B. Teach Charleston

- i. Additional fields: Early Childhood and Elementary

After much discussion a motion was made to approve the additional certification fields of Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. The motion carried.

**VII. Initial Report** (March approval items)

A. Coker University

- i. Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood
- ii. Bachelor of Arts, Elementary
- iii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Biology

B. Erskine College

- i. Bachelor of Arts, Secondary English
- ii. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies

C. Newberry College

- i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Social Studies

Decisions concerning these program reports will be rendered in March.

**VIII. Continuing Reports** (March approval items)

A. Erskine College

- i. Bachelor of Science, Music Education
- ii. Bachelor of Science, Physical Education
- iii. Bachelor of Science, SPED: Multi-categorical (PK only)

B. Newberry College

- i. Bachelor of Science, Secondary Mathematics

C. North Greenville University

- i. Elementary Education, certification-only

Decisions concerning these program reports will be rendered in March.

**IX. New Business**

Reggie Williams shared South Carolina State University was recently designated as a Research-2 Institution. Kevin Eakes reminded all members to review the Alternative Route Provider and Program Approval Process and Standards in preparation for the March meeting.

**X. Good of the Order**

Reggie Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erin Hamel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.