

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee

February 6, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference, via Teams

Dr. Mark McCann, Chair

Committee Members Present: Mark McCann, Cathy Scott, Chris Burkett, Gretchen Whitman, Kelly Harrison, Erin Hamel, Marla Sanders, Lisa Stockdale, James Ritter, Candice Moore, Jennifer Wise, and Stephen Bismarck

Committee Members Absent: Julie Fernandez

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member Present: Lishu Yin

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

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Absent: Russell Clark

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

Kelly Harrison made a motion to approve the agenda. Cathy Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the January Meeting Minutes

Chris Burkett made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Marla Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- a.** On January 7, 2026, Clemson University notified the SCDE of curricular changes to the B.A. in Early Childhood Education Program. The previous

version of the program included 15 credit hours of unspecified electives. The EPP replaced the electives with specific concentration options, including acceptable courses to meet current add-on certification requirements for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) or Elementary Education. Additional options include faculty approved sequences that do not lead to add-on certification. *The EPP understands that if the Guidelines and Requirements for Adding Certification Fields and Endorsements document is revised, coursework included may no longer meet the add-on requirements.*

- b. On January 15, 2026, North Greenville University submitted a Statement of Intent to create a post-master's superintendent certification program. Once North Greenville University submits the program proposal, it will undergo the external peer review process, PRC review, and State Board of Education approval.
- c. On January 21, 2026, Teach Charleston notified the SCDE of their decision to offer World Languages: German beginning in the 2026-27 academic year.
- d. On January 23, 2026, Charter Inspire notified the SCDE of their decision to add two charter schools, Compass Collegiate Academy and Youth Leadership Academy, beginning in the 2026-27 academic year.

III. New Program Proposal (March approval item)

- a. Clemson University, BS in Science - Chemistry and BS in Science – Physics

IV. New Alternative Certification Route Program Proposal (March approval item)

- a. Lexington School District Two, Champions Pathway to Alternative Certification for Teachers (CPACT)

V. Initial Reports (March approval items)

- a. College of Charleston
 - i. MAT, Multilingual Learner Program (ESOL)
- b. Converse University
 - i. BA and MAT, Elementary
 - ii. MAT, English
 - iii. MAT, Social Studies
 - iv. M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision

VI. Response to Conditions Report (March approval items)

- a. Clemson University
 - i. BS, BA, MAT, and MAT Teacher Residency, Mathematics
- b. Erskine College

- i. BS, Special Education: Multi-categorical (PK only)

VII. New Business

No new business was mentioned.

VIII. Good of the Order

Chris Burkett made the motion. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.