

Minutes
Professional Review Committee Meeting

Date

January 17, 2025

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

Video Conference via Teams

Dr. Kevin Eakes, Chair

Dr Mark McCann, Chair-Elect

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

Ex officio, non-voting member Present: Lishu Yin

Committee Members Absent: Kevin Eakes, Reggie Williams, Michiko McClary, and Jerome Davis

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 10:01 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
Chris Burkett made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- E. Approval of the December Meeting Minutes
Erin Hamel made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- A. On January 8, 2025, the Office of Educator Services received a notification from Coastal Carolina University of modifications to the following programs: the BA in Middle Level Education, Mathematics / English to a BA in Middle Level Education English; the BA in Middle Level Education, Mathematics / Science to a BA of Arts in Middle Level Education Mathematics; the BA in Middle Level Education Science / Social Studies to a

BA in Middle Level Education Science; and the BA in Middle Level Education, Social Studies / English to a BA in Middle Level Education Social Studies. These modifications better align Coastal Carolina's programs with similar programs throughout the state.

- B. On January 7, 2025, the State Board of Education approved an update to the Continuing Program Recognition requirement as a part of the Provider Requirements policy of the South Carolina Educator Preparation Guidelines: Standards, Policies, and Procedures. Revisions to this state requirement were put in place to support providers in the quality assurance process by articulating clarified expectations for program reports and potential consequences for non-compliance. This was communicated to EPPs via memo on January 13, 2025.
- C. On January 15, 2025, the Office of Educator Services received notification from Anderson University detailing modifications to the Secondary Math Education program. These changes included decreasing the program hours from 42 to 36 credit hours. This change is to better meet the needs of students and puts the program in similar alignment with other Secondary Math Education programs in the state.
- D. On January 16, 2025, the Office of Educator Services received notification that Francis Marion University was sunseting their M.Ed. in Special Education: Learning Disabilities Program and their MAT in Special Education: Learning Disabilities Program. Both programs will conclude December 2025.
- E. The Special Education PK Standards workgroup has produced a set of standards for use by EPPs. The standards are currently being reviewed by Agency staff and will be shared with the PRC in February.

III. New Educator Preparation Programs (January approval items)

- A. North Greenville University's, Post-Master's in Administration and Supervision
Chris Burkett, Gretchen Whitman, and Marla Sanders abstained from the vote. After much discussion the new program was approved.
- B. University of South Carolina – Aiken's M.Ed. in Educational Leadership
Chris Burkett, Gretchen Whitman, and Marla Sanders abstained from the vote. After much discussion the new program was approved.
- C. Columbia International University's M.Ed. in Educational Leadership
Mark McCann recused himself from the conversation and vote. Chris Burkett, Gretchen Whitman, and Marla Sanders abstained from the vote. After much discussion the new program was approved.

IV. New Educator Preparation Program (February approval item)

- A. Coastal Carolina University, School Counseling
A decision regarding this program will be rendered in February.

V. New Alternative Educator Preparation Programs (February approval items)

- A. Teach Right, USA (TRUSA)
 - i. Additional fields of: Early Childhood, Elementary, and Business and Marketing
- B. Teach Charleston

- i. Additional fields of: Early Childhood and Elementary

Decisions regarding the addition of these certification fields will be rendered in February.

VI. 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 regarding these program reports will be rendered in March.

VII. Continuing Reports (March approval items)

- A. Erskine College
 - i. Bachelor of Science, Musical 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

VIII. New Business

No new business.

IX. Good of the Order

Kelly Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Burkett seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.