

MINUTES

Professional Review Committee

January 9, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Video Conference, via Teams

Dr. Mark McCann, Chair

Committee Members Present: Mark McCann, Cathy Scott, Kelly Harrison, Jennifer Wise, Erin Hamel, Julie Fernandez, Lisa Stockdale, James Ritter, and Candice Moore

Committee Members Absent: Chris Burkett, Gretchen Whitman, Marla Sanders, and Stephen Bismarck

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

Office of Educator Services (OES) Staff Present: Jacki Walsh, Russell Clark, 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

Jennifer Wise made a motion to approve the agenda. Cathy Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

e. Approval of the December Meeting Minutes

Julie Fernandez made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Kelly Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

a. On December 15, 2025, the SCDE received the following initial program reports

i. Converse University:

1. BA, Elementary
 2. MAT, Elementary
 3. MAT, Social Studies
 4. MAT, English
 5. M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision
 - ii. College of Charleston
 1. MAT, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- b. On December 15, 2025, the SCDE received Erskine College's Response to Conditions report for their Special Education: Multi-categorical (PK only).

These program reports will be shared with the PRC in January and slated for a decision in March.

- c. At the January 6, 2026, meeting, the State Board of Education affirmed the CAEP accreditation report for North Greenville University, which grants the EPP continued accreditation through Spring 2032.
- d. On January 7, 2026, the SCDE received notification from Clemson University regarding a modification to their BA, Early Childhood Education program, allowing candidates to select a concentration in lieu of enrolling in unspecified electives. The concentration areas include place-based education, elementary education (add-on certification), ESOL (endorsement or add-on certification), or a faculty-approved sequence.

III. 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

IV. 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)

V. New Business

January 22, 2026, CHE will hold a special Academic Affairs meeting.

VI. Good of the Order

Kelly Harrison made the motion. Jennifer Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.