

Minutes
Professional Review Committee Meeting

Date

Friday, June 14, 2024

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

Video Conference via Teams

Dr. Brian Carruthers, Chair

Committee Members Present: Brian Carruthers, Judy Collazo, Kevin Eakes, Mark McCann, Reginald Williams, Michiko McClary, Tria Grant, Jerome Davis, and Jennifer Wise

Ex officio, non-voting member Present: Lishu Yin

Committee Members Absent: Erin Hamel

Ex officio, non-voting member Absent: Beverly Flythe

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

I. Overview

- A. Meeting Called to Order
Brian Carruthers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- B. Quorum of Members Determined
Brian Carruthers confirmed a quorum of members present for the meeting.
- C. Welcome from the Chair
Brian Carruthers offered a welcome to the group and provided a brief overview of the meeting.
- D. Approval of the Agenda
Judy Collazo made a motion to approve the agenda. Reginald Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- E. Approval of the May Meeting Minutes
Mark McCann made a motion to approve the minutes. Reginald Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. South Carolina Department of Education Information and Update Items

- A. On June 3, Winthrop University notified the SCDE that the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership and the MAT in Spanish programs will move from a national review to a state review due to low enrollment. Additionally, the EPP shared that the MAT in Mathematics program will move from a national review to a state review due to the NCTM's decision to withdraw from the SPA process. Lastly, Winthrop University is in the process of adopting a new program, a BFA in Art Education. The BFA in Art Education will share coursework with the existing BA in Art Education program.

- B. On June 4, Columbia College notified the SCDE that they have established an apprenticeship program for undergraduate teacher candidates. All areas of certification will have the option to choose the apprenticeship pathway or the current model of student teaching. Beginning Spring 2025, candidates will be allowed to choose the apprenticeship option with a fall 2025 implementation date.
- C. Beginning May 10, Winthrop University will add Chemistry as a certification field in the alternative certification pathway, Network for Alternative Preparation in Teaching (NetAPT).
- D. Teachers of Tomorrow is working with the SCDE on a process to streamline their admission requirements.

III. New Program

Francis Marion University, B.S., Special Education: Multi-categorical (Autism concentration)

The PRC considered the new program. After discussion, Reginald Williams made a motion to approve the program. Judy Collazo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Initial Continuing Reports

The PRC considered the following initial continuing reports from the University of South Carolina Aiken. Judy Collazo abstained from the votes. After consideration, the PRC made the following decision:

Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood Education, State Recognized with Conditions
Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education: Mathematics, State Recognized
Bachelor of Science, Secondary Education: Chemistry & Biology, State Recognized
Bachelor of Arts, Secondary Education: English, State Recognized
Bachelor of Arts, Secondary Education: Social Studies, State Recognized with Conditions

V. Response to Conditions Reports

The PRC considered response to conditions reports from the University of South Carolina – Columbia and the University of South Carolina - Upstate. Tria Grant and Jennifer Wise abstained from the University of South Carolina – Columbia vote. After consideration, the PRC made the following decision:

University of South Carolina - Columbia, Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education, State Recognized
University of South Carolina - Upstate, Bachelor of Science, Science (Biology and Chemistry), State Recognized

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Good of the Order

Kevin Eakes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.